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THE CHURCH BELLS OF OXFORDSHIRE

NO county in Great Britain, we can assert with confidence, has a better record of its bells than Oxfordshire. Last month the final volume of 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, was published. The six volumes have been written by one who is an antiquarian as well as a practical ringer, and the assembled datum of founders that accompanies the last volume is of great interest. 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire' is a reprint of Volume xxxiv. of the Oxfordshire Record Society's Publications, and this Society was able to publish the work through the generosity of the British Council of Archæology.

The compilation of the work has extended over 30 years, judging from the footnotes denoting the dates of the author's visits. No fewer than 297 parish churches and chapels have been described. An account has been given of the bells of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Oxford, and of those in 22 Oxford colleges. Details are also given of the secular bells at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Carfax Tower, The Clarendon Press and The Bodleian Library, Oxford.

The 1,423 bells in Oxfordshire are classified by the author as follows:—

1 ring of 12 bells	12
3 rings of 10 bells	30
31 rings of 8 bells	248
68 rings of 6 bells	408
28 rings of 5 bells	140
6 rings of 4 bells	24
33 rings of 3 bells	99
18 churches with two bells hung for ringing	36
41 chimes, containing a total of single bells, service bells, clock bells, disused bells, secular and miscellaneous bells	161
Saunce bells	125
Tubular and hemispherical bells	28
Total	1,423

The bells have been classified chronologically as follows:

Thirteenth century bells	6
Mediæval bells (1300–1540)	56
Transitional bells (1540–1600)	26
Seventeenth century bells	289
Eighteenth century bells	382
Nineteenth century bells	414
Modern bells	212
Bells of uncertain age	23
Unexamined bells	15
Total	1,423

Attention is called by Mr. Sharpe that 62 pre-Reformation bells constituting almost 4½ per cent. of the total is a lower percentage than the average for the English counties whose campanological history has so far been written. In these the average number of mediæval bells is about 6 per cent. of the total.

The oldest bells in the county are the early 13th century inscribed bell at Caversfield, uninscribed bells of the same period at Kelmscot and Shifford, and later 13th century bells at Hampton Gay, St. Clement's, Oxford and Goring-on-Thames. Interesting examples of 14th century bell-founding are at Adwell, Alkerton, Ambrosden, Broughton Poggs, Burford, Dorchester, Idbury, Newton Purcell, Stoke Talmage and Swyncombe. The best toned mediæval bells are those at Burford, Dorchester and Christ Church Cathedral.

An unusual feature is the high proportion of saunce bells, which total a little over 42 per cent., in proportion to the number of churches.

The largest bell is Great Tom of Oxford, which was recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and weighs 6 tons 4½ cwt. Christ Church, Oxford, has the largest tenor bell with a weight of approximately 30 cwt. and is closely followed by those at Bloxham and Merton College 28 cwt., St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Oxford, 27 cwt., Bampton 25 cwt., and Adderbury and Watlington 24 cwt.

As to the foundries which supplied the bells, Mr. Sharpe states that the majority of the mediæval bells in the county came from the foundries at Wokingham, Reading, Buckingham and London. The Exeter, Gloucester, Toddington and Worcester foundries are also represented.

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In the 17th century most of the bells in the north of the county came from the foundry of the Bagleys at Chacombe; the Keenes of Woodstock monopolised the centre; and the Knights of Reading supplied most of the bells in the south. The Neales of Burford were active in the west, but did less work than the others. During the Commonwealth, Michael Darbie set up furnaces in Oxford and cast many bells for local churches.

With the exception of the Bagleys all the above-mentioned foundries had disappeared by the 18th century, during which time the chief founders at work in the county were the Rudhalls of Gloucester and the Wells of Aldbourne.

In the first quarter of the 19th century the Oxford foundry was established by members of the Taylor family, one of whom afterwards removed to Loughborough, where he built the foundry which has subsequently become world famous. Over 150 bells have been made for Oxfordshire churches by the Taylors. The equally famous Whitechapel Foundry, established in 1575 or a few years earlier, has supplied over 300 bells to churches in the county. Some 50 bells have been supplied by the Croydon foundry and a similar number by the Cripplegate foundry. The only bell foundry in Oxfordshire in recent years was that of the Bonds of Burford, established just after the middle of the last century and finally closed on the death of Thomas Bond in 1947.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe has enhanced the value of these volumes by the splendid collection of photographs of old bells and other interesting features. To the student of old bells and founders' marks these volumes will make a strong appeal.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
BASIL JONES	2	EDWARD JENKINS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	JOHN WORTH	8
JAMES FERNLEY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	9
PETER LAFLIN	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal in the method to Royal.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Laflin, 64 years old, Mr. A. Barnes, 85 years old, and Mr. W. Gayes, 80 years old.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
*MURIEL REAY	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	JOHN PINFOLD	9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5	THOMAS W. ABBOTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 200th peal together.
Rung following a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the spire and north wall of the church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES	*Treble*	F. CECIL MOGFORD	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	FRANK HANSFORD	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	8
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	5	ALAN A. HILLIAR	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
A compliment to the conductor on his 75th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	RICHARD E. PRICE	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ROBERT H. BEGRIE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
The tenor man has now rung peals in 50 different Surprise methods, all on working bells.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

JAMES H. MUSSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH A. FENTON	5
*†CECIL WADE	2	*JAMES W. HAW	6
MRS. P. A. CORBY	3	*†ALBERT E. SCOTT	7
WILLIAM A. HOLMES	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal together. Mr. A. E. Scott's 100th peal.
Rung in memoriam Joseph W. Musson, father of the treble ringer, who died on November 23rd, 1953, aged 81.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	TERENCE A. THORNBER	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	5
WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	2	†PETER J. COLES	6
*ANNE E. SALTER	3	GEORGE A. SPENCER	7
†MARY LAWRENCE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
*HARRY POYNER	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH
* 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*LESLEY ROBERTS	*Treble*	†ALFRED K. STREET	5
*ERNEST H. SMITH	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
DAVID BEACHAM	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
†ROY D. TOMLIN	4	†JESSE SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal. † First peal in method.
Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Induction of the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Menin.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	*Treble*	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
*ENID SOFTLEY	2	†THOMAS W. CROWE	6
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	††J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.
* First peal in method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal for Association. First peal in method as conductor.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*ERNEST A. SHIPP	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
TOM GREENACRE	2	LESLIE HOUGHTON	6
EDWARD BARKER	3	WILLIAM ROSE	7
ERNEST H. MASTIN	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal on eight bells.
Arranged as a welcome to the Rev. W. A. Aitken, M.A., who was inducted Vicar of St. Margaret's the same day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	*JOHN E. COOKE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
*MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Major in the method.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 720 changes of Crayford Little and 1,440 each of Little Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob; 449 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

*EDWARD G. CURSON	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	*JOHN MOORE	7
*DAVID HEIGHTON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Spliced Major.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

PATRICIA SMEE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
C. RONALD SMITH	2	FRANK V. GANT	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	JOHN F. GROVE	7
CHARLES A. HUGHES	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morss.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	BRIAN BUSWELL	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
GEORGE H. CLIFT	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	*ALAN SHAKESPEARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal. First peal on the eight bells, recently augmented from six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 840 each of Grandsire, Double Grandsire, Oxford and Double Court, and 420 each of St. Clement's, College, Hereward and London, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
FREDERICK JUKES	2	BERNARD LAWTON	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
ARTHUR PEAKMAN	4	STEPHEN MALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal of Spliced Triples in eight methods.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Irregular Five-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ANN MILES	*Treble*	*JOHN W. EUSTON	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	*EDWARD G. TALBOT	6
*LENA SKEET	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
*AUDREY M. TROTT	4	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

George Kenward	*Treble*	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Robert Collins	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Benjamin F. Baker	3	Doris E. Colgate	7
Reginald E. Lambert	4	Robert T. Lambert	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook (C.C.C. No. 23).
Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat.. Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Claude Snowden	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Frank V. Gant	2	Charles E. Willmington	6
Hilda G. Snowden	3	*Harry J. Millatt	7
Ronald Suckling	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by J. H. Crampion.
* First peal of Bristol.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe	*Treble*	George A. Fleming	5
George W. Pipe	2	James Bennett	6
*Roderick W. Pipe	3	Albert E. Whiting	7
Charles J. Sedgley	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of London. First peal of London as conductor and 50th peal of Surprise.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Thomas E. Roberts	*Treble*	Cyril W. Kinch	5
Frederick C. Case	2	Frederick Vickers	6
Douglas O. Wilks	3	William A. Yates	7
William J. Chester	4	George W. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George W. Holland.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

William F. Woodward	*Treble*	David A. Carpenter	5
Francis R. Lowe	2	John W. T. Taylor	6
Ernest W. Beadsmoore	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
W. Rodney Harrison	4	Fredk. E. Wilshaw	*Tenor*

Arranged by Fredk. W. Grocott. Conducted by Fredk. E. Wilshaw.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Peter F. Borer	*Treble*	Thomas E. Taylor	5
Ralph Bird	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	George J. Butcher	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	Kenneth H. J. Dyke	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
Rung to celebrate 25 years' service in this tower by the ringers of the fifth and seventh, who both graduated to the belfry from the choir.

RUSHDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

*A. J. Wilson	*Treble*	J. Skerritt	5
A. Gibbs	2	*L. Groome	6
W. J. Whitmore	3	E. E. Whitmore	7
H. J. Richardson	4	P. I. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by E. E. Whitmore.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells since the recent augmentation.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. E. Green upon his appointment as Canon.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

W. Allan Richardson	*Treble*	Maurice Bennett	5
Stanley E. Bennett	2	Frank Taylor	6
John G. Ames	3	Aubrey D. Mills	7
Gwen I. Rusby	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*Ann M. Cox	*Treble*	†James F. Dodson	5
†Ronald I. Shepherd	2	†E. John Wells	6
William Birmingham	3	†Roy Collins	7
†Roland W. Morant	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.
A wedding peal for Edith Hudson and Michael Jones, married same day at All Souls', Langham Place, W.1.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Margaret Softley	*Treble*	*J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Roland Park	2	*Kenneth Arthur	6
Charles McGuiness	3	W. Norman Park	7
Arnold Brunton	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* 25th peal together.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB TRIPLES
C.C.C. Triples Methods, Peal No. 1. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

George F. Sperring	*Treble*	John W. Best	5
John W. Griffiths	2	†Denis H. B. Millward	6
*J. Benjamin Budd	3	Percy Swindley	7
*Robert W. Hinde	4	R. Gordon Corby	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Herbert Baber	*Treble*	Victor G. Roberts	5
Percival H. Hull	2	Gwilym G. Salmon	6
Joseph T. Dyke	3	Harry Smith	7
*Eunice M. Overend	4	John H. Chilcott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.
* First peal on eight bells.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 20, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS ..	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
PETER N. BOND	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 21, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD ..	*Treble*	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	JOHN WHITING	6
MARY BLISS	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
RONALD FORSTER	4	HARRY NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ..	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
GLENYS R. BODYCOTE ..	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
G. HARRY BRAY	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN FOSDICK. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas. A. & M., patron saint of this church; also for the wedding of the Rev. D. O. Forshaw (curate of this church) to Miss Jean Carpenter, which took place earlier in the day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of College, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

P. JOHN WILKIN	*Treble*	JOHN E. FOX	4
JOHN R. G. SPICER	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ..	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

WARBOYS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Rev. E. Bankes James' 'Original.' Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK WARRINGTON ..	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
E. JACK PARISH	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
NORMAN MALLETT	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
First peal of Minor on bells recently augmented.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Mallett.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

SAM MOORE	*Treble*	*FREDERICK WOOD	4
RALPH PERKS	2	EDWARD MOORE	5
RALPH HARRIS	3	ERIC COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.
* First peal.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, 4 callings, 26 extents of Grandsire, 10 callings, and two Morris' 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT BARRATT	*Treble*	BERNARD J. ONGLEY	4
WILLIAM McDOWELL	2	ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
LEONARD COPNALL	3	SYDNEY SAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

First peal of Doubles on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the opening of the bells after being rehung. The 2nd and 3rd ringers are the first local ringers to ring a peal on the bells.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 13, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*BRIAN ATKINSON	*Treble*	*J. KATHERINE BARRETT	4
*PETER S. BARRETT	2	WM. RUFUS COWELL	5
*OLIVE W. BARRETT	3	BERNARD H. HALL	*Tenor*

Joint Conductors: OLIVE W. BARRETT and WM. RUFUS COWELL.

* First peal. First peal by a band of all local Sunday service ringers.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. N. H. Fogg, B.A., on his retirement.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Dec. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 4 lb.

CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	4
BRIAN PIDGEON	2	JOHN CARTER	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First in the method for all and for the Guild.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, 2 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*MERVYN LATTER	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	4
LUTHER HONESS	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. First peal in five Doubles methods by all.

Rung for the second anniversary of the Induction of the Rev. F. J. Law.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	DOUGLAS WILKS	4
*HORACE MAIR	2	TONY OTTER	5
†MALCOLM CLOKE	3	TOM SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM CLOKE.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Tony Otter.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	*DIANA M. MATTHEW	4
FRANK RUFFLES	2	ALBERT E. WHITING	5
WALTER W. MILLER	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal on a working bell.

DUNS TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; 480 changes of Grandsire; 360 changes each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, St. Nicholas, and Winchendon Place; and 240 changes of Stedman. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	*Treble*	EDMUND E. PEARSON	3
†GEORGE F. BURTON	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	4
ALAN R. PINK			*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal in ten Doubles methods 'inside.' The first peal on the bells, recently restored by R. White and Son.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

ARTHUR YOUNG	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	4
*FRED BISHOP	2	*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS	5
*RHODA BROWN	3	JOHN R. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RHODA BROWN.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

KENNETH F. MEDWAY	*Treble*	LEONARD DERRICK	4
RICHARD J. BOWDON	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	HERBERT HARDRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

First peal in the method by all the band. The ringer of the 4th has now completed the 'circle' in this, his own tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of College, two extents of St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	1—2	ALAN E. PEDLAR	3—4
		DAVID J. MARSHALL	5—6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

First peal in three methods 'in hand' by all, and for the Society.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
PHILIP BARNES	3—4	C. AUBREY HARRISON	7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

HAMPTON WICK, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT 3, STATION ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in D.

ANNE B. SPEED	1—2	FRANCES A. THRELFALL	5—6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	3—4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 300th peal.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pilgrim 1, Arthur Ling 2, R. Peck 3, O. Newson 4, P. Bedford 5, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung at the wedding of Mr. Ralph Thornton and Miss Patricia Acheson.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY. — On Dec. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. P. Cannon 1, T. Bird 2, W. G. Paternoster 3, F. Bird 4, C. J. Champion 5, L. A. Tidy 6, J. W. Knight 7, G. Olliver (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 3 and 4.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Samuel (first quarter of Major) 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, L. Squires 3, R. Woods 4, W. Dale 5, H. Squires 6, G. Creasey (cond.) 7, A. Ward 8.

BOURNEMOUTH. — On Dec. 13th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Parker (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, D. Laker 3, A. Rose 4, A. Laker 5, J. Daniels (cond.) 6, F. Price 7, W. Miller 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Vera Coote and Mr. R. G. Pavey.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Dec. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Schofield 1, D. Ackroyd (first quarter) 2, Miss A. Laycock 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, D. R. Lenton 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss A. Laycock, a Sunday service ringer at the Cathedral, to Mr. D. Horsman.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jones 1, Miss B. Griffiths 2, H. O. Baker 3, F. R. Evans 4, H. Thomas 5, S. Jones, jun. 6, J. W. Clarke (cond.) 7, G. Pugh 8. Rung for the 85th birthday of Mr. S. Jones.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, R. Laming 2, T. White 3, Miss M. Prockson 4, W. Prockson 5, W. Daynes 6, G. Ashdown (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: John Hadfield 1, Robin Trebilcock 2, Brian Bladon 3, Tony Otter 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, Reg Brown 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Day (first quarter) 1, B. Elvin 2, S. Barker 3, E. Bracey 4, H. Tooke 5, R. Lofty 6, C. H. Moore 7, W. Clover (cond.) 8.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Savage 1, V. Crabb 2, G. Hartland 3, B. Pidgeon 4, L. White (first quarter) 5, E. White 6, J. T. Locke (cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells for Confirmation service.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Doubles (120's of Reversed Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicolas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Southrepps, April Day, Grandsire and 300 Plain Bob): Miss P. Sprackling 1, D. H. J. Body 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. First quarter in nine methods by all the band. Rung to mark the patronal festival.—Also on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss P. Sprackling (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. Rung in memory of Mr. Edward Mills, former bell-ringer and churchwarden at St. Nicolas', Itchingfield.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Grace 1, A. Rothery 2, F. Linfoot 3, D. Kaye 4, S. A. Jaine 5, A. W. Bond 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, W. Hanson 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Daphne Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, E. L. Taylor 4, G. Whitemore 5, G. S. Morris 6, Roger Keeley (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury (first quarter) 8.

MALDON, ESSEX. — On Dec. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. South 1, A. Hubble 2, S. Linnett 3, F. White 4, E. Richardson 5, S. Easter 6, A. Appleton 7, H. Mansfield (cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. J. Iorns, inducted at this church Dec. 10th.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Key 1, L. Beal 2, B. C. Sadler 3, F. C. May 4, J. Belcham 5, B. Cook 6, P. A. Sadler 7, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 8, C. R. Chambers 9. Rung for the youth carol service.—Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. C. Sadler 1, A. Reeves 2, E. Furbank 3, J. Belcham 4, D. Coombes 5, P. A. Sadler 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, C. R. Chambers 8.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. B. Lufkin 1, B. C. Sadler 2, L. Beal 3, J. Belcham 4, P. A. Sadler 5, P. King 6, D. Coombes (cond.) 7, J. Binks 8. Both the above rung for the Nativity play, 'The Christmas Mystery.'

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Brown 1, Gillian Brown 2, Patricia Gaunt 3, R. Christopher 4, R. W. Rex (cond.) 5, R. Rivers 6. Ad gloriam Deo.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,280 Aldenham Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, D. K. Adkins 2, J. Schofield 3, R. Rowley 4, W. Wenban 5, S. Hoare 6, J. Mayne (cond.) 7, G. Seaman 8. First in method for all except 6 and 8.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Burnett 1, J. L. S. Glanvill 2, R. Cork 3, F. Wreford 4, W. Theobald 5, A. Tapley 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, C. Sandford 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringing friends of Cyril Deem, of Littleham, Exmouth, Devon, will be sorry to hear that he has met with an accident while motor-cycling to work, and was seriously injured. He was taken to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, and at the time of writing is still 'very ill.'

Congratulations to Mr. R. F. B. Speed on ringing his 300th peal.

A truly ringing occasion was the party after a quarter peal at Wickwar for Jo. Barbrook's 21st birthday. Bells on the cake and all round the table, handbell ringing after an excellent tea, and much talk on ringing until a late hour.

The peal attempt at Eccleston, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 12th, for the 85th birthday of Mr. Sam Jones, unfortunately came to grief after about an hour's ringing Mr. Jones was ringing the treble. An excellent quarter peal followed after which Mr. Jones entertained the band to tea.

Although it is acknowledged that Mr. C. Edward Jeffries is a brilliant conductor it becomes increasingly apparent that one doesn't have to know much about spelling to be able to sell cabbages successfully. The ringer of the fourth to a peal of seven minor methods rung at Goldington on November 19th was Bryan S. Cope. and not as published.

After the joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on December 5th. a silk scarf was left in the belfry of St. Margaret's. Would the owner please communicate with Mr. W. H. Hewett, 119, Coleman Road, S.E.5. Mr. Hewett has now been 48 years at St. Margaret's and has received the Coronation medal for ringing for three Coronations. This is rather exceptional as it is usually only given to those who ring the Abbey bells.

Although the final details have not yet been settled, the bells of Wadhurst, Sussex, are to be retuned and rehung in an eight-bell frame with complete new fittings. If enough money can be raised two bells will be added. These are rather doubtful at the moment as £2,000 has to be found to repair damage by death watch beetle. Any contributions will be gratefully acknowledged by the treasurer of the fund, Miss H. M. Leigh, Vicarage Flat, Wadhurst, Sussex.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. J. A. Corby and Mr. Joseph A. Fenton travelled from Leicestershire to Edenham, Lincolnshire, to ring in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. The local ringers appreciated the visit very much. The peal was Mr. A. E. Scott's century.

The peal at Solihull, Warwickshire, on December 12th. reported in this issue, was rung on the 55th wedding anniversary day of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker. The new Rector of Solihull (the Rev. H. Hartley) and his wife are both ringers and, whenever possible, join their ringers on practice nights and services.

In extending the season's greetings to all readers, Mr. James F. Laker, of Box 729, Defiance Lane, Orleans, Mass., writes that 40 years ago he went to the United States, having been a member of the band at Tunbridge Wells. The only peal ringing he had had since then has been on visits to England in 1922 and 1949.

The 50th peal of London Surprise for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was rung at Sunderland on December 19th, just a week before the 50th anniversary of the first peal. In those far-off days two rival bands were competing eagerly to achieve that feat, and on Boxing Day, 1903, both scored a peal of London. The first peal at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, then only a six-bell tower, was scored about that time.

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Many Young Ringers at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Staffs Change Ringers' Association was held at Stoke on December 5th and was attended by 52 ringers from the following towers:—Broughton, Bucknall, Leek, Norton, Newcastle, Longton, Uttoxeter, Biddulph, Stoke, Allesley (Coventry), Lawton, Brown Edge, Wolstanton.

The bells of Stoke Parish Church were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, a good variety of methods being successfully accomplished. It was incidental that the bells were rung on a Saturday when the Stoke football team happened to win their match with Bristol.

The ringers were entertained by the Archdeacon, the Venerable P. Hartill, Rector of Stoke, who welcomed the ringers and stated how pleased he was to invite them and to see so many young ringers present. This was a good sign for change ringing in the area. He told the gathering that the Bishop of Lichfield had accepted the invitation to become a patron of the Association.

The minutes of the annual committee meeting held at Bucknall on November 11th were read by the secretary, and stated that 11 meethave been held during the year, two at ten-bell towers, five at eight-bell towers and four at six-bell towers, with an average attendance of 39 per meeting. Four non-resident life members and 19 resident ringing members have been elected.

Twenty-five peals have been rung, 19 on tower bells and six on handbells. Tower bell peals consist of: Major 7, Triples 3, Minor 7, Doubles 2. Handbell peals: Major 1, Triples 1, Minor 4.

The conductors were: F. W. Grocott 7, M. O. Slaney 5, F. E. Wilshaw 3, D. Mottershead 2, C. S. Ryles 2, and the following one each—D. Bourne, R. Barlow, W. Hazledene, C. H. Page, D. R. Whalley and W. P. Whitehead. The accounts showed a balance of £70 4s. 3½d.

The officers elected for 1954 were as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; secretary, Mr. W. Carnwell; assistant secretary, Mr. W. Edwards; Ringing Masters—eight bells, Mr. A. Moore; six bells, Mr. W. Hazledine.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in replying to the Archdeacon, said that he wished to thank the Archdeacon for the use of the bells and for the tea which he had provided. This showed his continued interest in the Association. He informed the company that the bells from St. Giles', Newcastle, had now been taken to the works of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and he hoped that the rehanging of the bells would be done as soon as the repair of the fabric of the tower had been completed.

Two non-resident ringers and three ringing members were elected. D. R. W.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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CHIME EFFECTS ON THE PIANO

Many ringers have attempted to reproduce on the piano the five notes of a bell. Miss Peggy Spencer Palmer, B.Mus. (London), in the 'Pianist's Book of Chimes' (price 3s. 6d., Ricordi), has provided a book of chime effects for the piano which we are sure will be received with much appreciation by all pianist ringers.

From her childhood days Miss Spencer Palmer has been exploring chime effects in trying to imitate on the keyboard the sounds of the pealing of bells and the chiming of clocks.

This interest developed in an unexpected manner. After having accompanied the singing in a 'Sunday Half-Hour' broadcast from Bristol, the B.B.C. officials asked Miss Spencer Palmer to 'play them out' at the end. In the course of her concluding voluntary on the piano —an ordinary upright one—she introduced some 'chimes' into an extemporisation on hymns and carols which lasted, to her surprise, four and a half minutes, instead of the few seconds she had anticipated. The sequel was a number of letters from strangers asking for 'the title, composer and publisher of the piece(!) played at the end,' and several inquiring also what instrument was used for the bells.

The practical way of producing bell effects on the piano is to use a chord of five notes. The right hand is always played two octaves higher. The damper (loud) pedal must be depressed throughout the whole of the piece so that the chords vibrate against each other as long as possible, as do the bells in a belfry. In the music the strike notes are shown in larger type, and these are to be emphasised slightly.

Music is contained in 'The Pianist's Book of Chimes' for rounds on six, eight or ten bells, Queen's, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples. There are some 34 hymns, carols and national community songs and also a nursery rhyme section.

HIS CHRISTMAS GREETING

On entering the office this morning, writes a West Country ringer, I found the Christmas decorations were up and a large paper bell suspended over my desk with the following verse attached:—

This bell we know, though upside down,
Would Joyous Christmas' ring.
But 'Peace on Earth' will be assured
'Cos bloomin' bell won't ring.!

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SYNTHETIC BELLS

Correspondence in a National Newspaper

Synthetic and recorded bells have been the subject matter of correspondence in the columns of 'The Daily Telegraph.' Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, contributed the following letter:—

'Sir,—I do not think the Rev. Barnard Croft is quite right in implying that there are fewer ringers in the country as a whole than there were years ago.

'It is unfortunately true that not every church with bells has the ringers to man them, but this has always been the case, as the membership records of any territorial bell-ringing association would show. Nor is the presence of women in the belfry an innovation—indeed, there has been a Ladies' Guild in existence for the past 40 years.

'Nevertheless, I join with Mr. Croft in regretting that the Church Assembly did not even vote on the motion deprecating the introduction of synthetic and recorded bells. Where a church already possesses both bells and ringers, the idea of installing recorded bells becomes ridiculous. Yet an application of this nature is shortly to come before the Chancellor of Wells.

'This is the kind of thing which, if continued, can only lead to the silencing of real bells and the extinction of what the Dean of St. Paul's once called "one of the few surviving folk-arts," that of change-ringing in the English style—something which is unknown outside English-speaking countries.

'The case against synthetic and recorded bells was well put a few months ago by the chairman of the Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee. "If mechanical bell-ringing," he asked, "why not mechanical choir-recording, or indeed mechanical worship altogether? To hear a 'ring' of bells from an obvious one-bell turret strikes any thoughtful person as an imposture, unworthy of a church which stands for truth."'

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DEDICATION

SANDY, BEDS

The six bells of St. Swithun's Church, Sandy, Beds, which have been retuned and fitted with new fittings and hung on ball bearings, were rededicated on Saturday, December 19th, by the Rev. N. E. S. Johnson, Rural Dean of Biggleswade, assisted by the Vicar of Sandy, the Rev. L. G. Coll. After the dedication the bells were rung to a course of Bob Minor by the local band.

For his text the Rev. N. E. S. Johnson took St. Luke II., verse 18: 'And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host.'

Referring to the ringers he commented that he had often heard it said that ringers were out of sight and out of mind. 'Don't believe it,' he said, 'because I know that when the bells are not rung for a service the question is often asked "Why are not the bells ringing?"'

He assured the ringers that their work was appreciated and that at Christmas they would be joining the company of the heavenly host by ringing the bells heralding the birth of Christ.

After the service the bells were kept going until 8.15 p.m. Among the many ringers present was Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were entrusted with carrying out the restoration. All present agreed they they had done an excellent job.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A Note of Optimism From Exeter Branch

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at St. Mark's, Exeter, on December 12th. A good company of members and visitors joined in the Guild's Order of Service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Poulton), who gave a very hearty welcome and an inspiring as well as an interesting address.

Tea was next on the programme at the Manston Road Hall, followed by the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, supported by the President (Preb. E. V. Cox), the General Secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor) and Revs. C. J. Poulton and F. G. Rice.

Apologies for absence were received from the Very Rev. the Dean of Exeter and Chancellor D. McLaren, vice-presidents. The Chairman welcomed the visitors.

The annual report, presented by the Hon. Secretary, struck a more optimistic note than for some years past, Exeter Branch affairs having taken a decided turn for the better in 1953. Membership increased by 11 and cash balances by over £4. Meetings and practices were well supported. Her Majesty's Coronation was well and truly celebrated by most of the bells being rung and four peals scored in which members took part. Much satisfaction was felt at the restart of the St. David's (Exeter) band, and it was hoped the efforts in instruction there would be a success.

Summing up 1953, it could be said there was a marked movement in the branch for the advancement of Guild ideals, and members were urged to produce and encourage recruits and to assist in instruction when required. The report was adopted.

The financial statement was submitted and adopted.

The officers for 1954 were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. J. G. M. Scott; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Wreford; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Wills: ringing master, Mr. E. W. Biffin; assistant ringing master, Mr. F. Wills; three representatives on General Committee, Messrs. E. W. Biffin, H. J. Cory and H. W. Butt.

Meetings for 1954 were fixed as follows:—February 13th, June 12th, September 11th and December 11th.

It was decided that the places visited should be confined to only one church and not to apply for another tower, as had been the arrangement in the past.

A proposal by Mr. W. H. Howe that the assistant ringing master automatically assumed the senior office the following year was rejected, it being thought that such a decision should not be adopted until due notice and consideration had been given.

It was decided unanimously that the name of Mr. W. S. Lethbridge be submitted to the General Committee for application to be added to the roll of life members.

The following new members were elected:—

Performing members: Miss Sylvia Fry, Messrs. G. Miller, C. W. Hyder, R. Tanner, Rev. F. G. Rice, J. Woods, B. Stevens and A. Tavener, Miss P. Vicary and Miss V. Williams.

Non-resident life members: Messrs. J. R. Mayne, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, T. A. Thornber, J. R. Bennett, G. Care, S. Burton and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Rev. C. J. Poulton, the organist, and to all assisting in arrangements for the meeting.

Under 'Any Other Business' ringing for service at St. David's (Exeter) until the new band was proficient was discussed. It was decided that Mr. F. Wills should endeavour to fix ringing whenever possible.

This concluded the meeting. The afternoon's programme continued with ringing at the Cathedral, Heavitree and St. David's.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Swindon Branch

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Dec. 12th with an excellent attendance, 58 being present, including visitors from Bristol, Burford, Canterbury, Chippenham, Fairford, Harrow Weald, Melksham, Nailsea, Oxford, Shrivenham and Wootton Bassett. Good use was made of the ten bells during the afternoon, and the Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Thomas).

Those present were entertained to tea by Christ Church ringers, and a collection for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund realised £2 9s.

At the business meeting the retiring chairman (Mr. W. H. Trueman), who had held the office for 20 years, stated he wished to relinquish the post, and Mr. W. Sidwell was elected in his stead.

The secretary (Mr. W. B. Kynaston) and branch representative (Mr. W. W. T. Daniell) were re-elected, and Mr. Trueman was elected Branch Ringing Master. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Trueman for his services to the branch for over the past 20 years. It was suggested that meetings be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Stratton-St.-Margaret and Highworth during the next three months. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The Western District held their last meeting of the year on December 19th at St. Mary's, Hunslet. Last-minute Christmas shopping or the warmth of the fireside on this cold December day were possible rivals and may have been responsible for the disappointing number of members present. Fifteen towers were, however, represented by the faithful few, who enjoyed ringing in a variety of methods throughout the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in the nearby schoolrooms at 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting, the chair being taken by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson. Mr. W. Barton, in proposing a vote of thanks to the church authorities, mentioned a well-known past member of the Hunslet company, Mr. J. Kemp, and his struggle to form and maintain a good ringing band at Hunslet on the then almost unringable bells. It is unfortunate that now that the bells are in good order there is no regular team to ring them.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in supporting the vote of thanks to the local company for their arrangements, reminded those present of less austere times when it was the hosts' duty to provide a meat tea for a charge of sixpence per head. He well remembered carving up 97 lbs. of meat at the presentation meeting following William Snowdon's retirement from office.

Seasonal greetings from the vice-president brought the meeting to a close and members returned to the tower for further ringing.

A. E. M.

5,077 STEDMAN CATERS

By Edgar C. Shepherd

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214365		—		2

A = 1, S, 2, 6, 9, 10, 16, 17.
B = 2, 9, S, 16.

First rung at Solihull December 12th, 1953. Conducted by A. Walker.

QUARTER PEALS

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS. — On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Gillian Smith (first quarter) 1, W. A. Yates (cond.) 2, G. W. Holland 3, T. E. Roberts 4, J. Knibbs (first quarter 'inside') 5.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS. — On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, A. Payne 2, G. E. Crisp 3, G. A. Lucas 4, I. Smith 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. First quarter peal by 4 and 5.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Lancaster Priory (8 bells) on Jan. 9th. Ringing 2.30–8.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to R. F. Eccles. Branch Sec., 28, Cromwell Road, Lancaster. 3736

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30–8 p.m. (except for a short service at 7 p.m.). No arrangement for tea. Cafes close by.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3737

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the schoolroom. Those requiring tea must send their names in before Wednesday, Jan. 6th, to Mr. C. Byard, 40, Oxford Road, Bootle, Liverpool 20. 3738

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of Coronation peal board. Sandwich tea 5 p.m. Moderate charge.—F. Pritchard. 3733

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Annual meeting. Desborough, Jan. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea Tuesday previous to B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 3732

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Preliminary notice. Saturday, Jan. 30th, annual meeting, followed by social evening. Make this your Guild Christmas party. Details to be announced later. 3735

LETTERS

ANOTHER ELECTRICAL RECORDING FOR SWANSEA AND BRECON

Dear Sir,—With all this vigorous protests by ringers of synthetic bells, we seem to get nowhere.

On Sunday, December 13th, another of these artificial aids to bell ringing was dedicated by Canon J. J. Hughes at Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod Wells. It is an electrical recording of St. Mary-le-Bow, London. It was given in memory of Mr. John Anthony Norton and family by Mr. Tom Norton, ex-High Sheriff of Radnorshire.—Yours sincerely,

J. ARTHUR HOARE.

Swansea.

A WOODFORD GOLDEN WEDDING

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' extend hearty congratulations to Mr. Charles R. Morss on the occasion of his golden wedding anniversary. Although never in the limelight, in his 59 years as a member of St. Mary's, Woodford, tower, he has taught more boys and girls than he can remember to handle a bell, and in 1953 alone he has had 20 under his wing. I well remember my first months at Woodford and have much to thank him for in those early days.

I am sure I speak for all those who have passed through his capable hands when I say 'Thank you, and may you and your dear lady be blessed with many more years of happiness together.'—Yours faithfully,

J. H. CRAMPION.

Chadwell Heath, Essex.

HIGHER MATHEMATICS IN NORTH HERTS

Dear Sir,—Us folks, as live arewnd these 'ere parts ain't bin to Grammer Schools like clever young Masters Moreton and Twyman, as 'ave bin a-writin' to yew these 'ere larst weeks, and us can't see what them that don't know their twalve times tables is going t' do with all them blessed figures they've bin a-serving-up. And why bring in these Hun blokes? They baysn't ringers!

Master Twyman's stuff ain't much yewse besides, as nowt stays reglar in the old bells we tries to ring, 'cos you see, them as should know reckons the old big bell be about fifteen, but she goes up to nineteen when old 'erbert's lumbago stops 'im goin' up with the grease, and when me paw ow'd Dad yewsed to drum, it got betimes to be twenty-eight hundredweight!

Yew see, master, yew can't be shore.

Yew can't be shore 'ow many bells there's ringing neither-like, 'cos George nips off in the middle to stoke the boiler afore service, then where are you?

Yew can't be shore, master, yew can't be shore. That's how 'tis.

Yew can't be shore 'ow many changes is rung when yer Parson gets fed up with the row and the stay-bendin' and starts service early afore everybody tries to git out of the place, 'cept old Ma Smith as is stone-deaf.

No, master, yew can't be shore, that yew can't.

Meself-like, I figgers yew gits how many yew've rung by stacking the boards up in the middle of the belfry, countin' up how many changes on each, dividin' by how many bells yew've rung, counting the boards as should be there, takin' orf the one old George yewsed to git the boiler goin' when the wood was left out one wet night, then doin' a kind of sum in yer paw owd 'ead . . . one orf eight times twenty-tew . . . . makes forty . . . . um . . . fourteen . . . . take orf one . . . . no, master, yew can't be shore, master, in a tower like our'n, yew can't be shore, so wot's the yewse? That's 'ow t'is.—Yorn faithful-like,

'NORTH. HERTS. LOCAL.'

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 2nd, 1914

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20th, 1913, in 2 hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES,

5,040 CHANGES

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 8 cwt.

Charles J. Sedgley	Treble
Rev. William C. Pearson ..	2
William Motts	3
Robert H. Brundle	4
William P. Garrett	5
Charles A. Catchpole ..	6
James Motts	7
Charles A. Ward	Tenor

Conducted by James Motts.

This was the Vicar's 100th peal on the bells of his own church, the only other incumbent who has accomplished this being the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

(Mr. Pearson, who died in 1942 at the age of 82, was the founder of the Cambridge University Guild. He rang altogether about 150 peals on the bells of Henley Church, of which he was Vicar for 47 years.)

PEAL RINGING IN 1953.

Will those ringers who have rung 40 *or more peals during* 1953 *please supply the following details to the Editor:—Name, town, tower bell peals total, in brackets conducted, handbell peals total, in brackets conducted.*

MR. SAM QUINTRELL'S 98th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Sam Quintrell, who is still recognised as captain of the tower at St. Columb Major, Cornwall, was 98 on December 13th. This being a Sunday, the Rector, the Rev. A. Gordon Cooke, made special reference to the notable occasion at the services, and the local ringers rang a special 'peal' after evensong. On the afternoon before, eight members of the Truro Diocesan Guild attempted a birthday peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately this year the peal came to an abrupt end just after halfway.

Mr. Quintrell rang last for the Coronation, and he would still be able to lead a good 'peal' up and down if he could get into the ringing chamber, but the stairs beat him at the moment. He is still active, and this grand old man of ringing in Cornwall has followed the progress of ringing so closely that he appreciates good ringing whatever it may be—stoney or scientific.

LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Portishead on December 12th. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, and though the gentlemen outnumbered the ladies by about two to one, members of the Guild were able to enjoy a wide variety of methods from rounds to Cambridge Major.

During the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Gill, a peal board was dedicated to commemorate a peal rung as a tribute to the work of Mrs. E. E. Edwards.

OBITUARY

MR. RANDALL G. PORT

Ringers in East Kent will learn with regret the sudden death of Mr. Randall G. Port, of Canterbury, which occurred on December 18th. Mr. Port, who was 68, had been a member of the Kent County Association for a number of years, and during the years 1945-50 occupied the position of Ringing Master in the Canterbury District, and became very popular during this time. He had been a member of the Cathedral band since 1944, and was instrumental in forming the band at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, after the war.

Probably the first to acknowledge his limits as a ringer, he was a master of chess. He joined the Canterbury Club in 1908, and was one of the strongest players in the club. He was secretary of the club from 1926 to 1946, and in 1950 was elected a life member. He helped the club to win the county championship on three occasions, and had also played for his county on many occasions.

The funeral took place at St. Stephen's, and ringers were present from both St. Dunstan's and the Cathedral. During the evening the bells at the Cathedral and St. Dunstan's were rung half-muffled to his memory. B. J. L.

MRS. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

Mrs. Wolstencroft, wife of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, died on December 21st at the age of 81 years, and on Wednesday afternoon, December 23rd, she was interred in the peaceful old churchyard at Stoke Poges, which she had come to love in her later years.

The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Bryant-Bevan, who in a few words of comfort to the mourners referred to her lifetime of work for the Church which she had served so faithfully in so many ways, including singing in the choir, teaching in Sunday School, Moral Welfare work, the Mothers' Union, the Girls' Friendly Society and ringing. Among those attending were Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (widower), Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hawkins (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. A. D. Barker (representing the Ladies' Guild) and a number of ringers from local towers. The traditional last honours to a Church bellringer were given by the ringing of a course of Triples at the graveside by Mrs. A. D. Barker 1-2, Mr. W. Welling 3-4, Mr. W. E. Judd 5-6, Mr. R. I. Shepherd 7-8.

After the service an impressive quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung on the half-muffled tower bells by the following:—F. R. Scott 1, W. E. Judd 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, W. Welling 4, R. I. Shepherd 5, W. Birmingham (conductor) 6.

Mrs. Wolstencroft's ringing career began in 1914 when she became one of the band of ladies who took over the ringing at St Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, throughout World War I, under the leadership of Mr. Wolstencroft. She took part in the ringing by an all-ladies' band for the Armistice on November 11th, 1918, and continued as a regular service ringer until 1942, when age and infirmity intervened. She did, however, summon sufficient strength to ring on VE Day and VJ Day, at the age of 73.

During her active ringing period she took part in nine peals in which she rang the treble steadily and reliably. One of these was rung for her own silver wedding, when she took the place of an absentee at a moment's notice.

At the formation of the North-Western Branch of the Ladies' Guild she was elected the first chairman, and when this Branch later became part of the Northern District she was invited to be president, but had to decline on account of her removal to the South. She was also a member of the Lancashire Association, the Chester Guild and the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF UNION SCHOLARS

We present some extracts of the manuscripts relating to the Union Scholars, established 1713, *together with a number of early peals. Reference was made to the records of the Society on page* 562 *of the issue of August* 28*th*, 1953.

ORDERS TO BE OBSERVED BY THE SOCIETY OF UNION SCHOLARS.

IMPRIMIS. *It is Order'd,*

That on the first Monday in May yearly (being the year's peal) election be made of three members, one of whom to serve the office of Master and the other two the office of Stewards for the year ensuing, and upon refusal of such persons so elected they shall forfeit five shillings to the use of the Company. N.B.—That election be made of a member to serve the office of Master according to his seniority.

Order'd:—

That the two persons so elected to officiate as Stewards together with the Master, determine such matters or things as shall be for the good and credit of the Company.

That no man be admitted except he is a civil man and a sufficient ringer. For approbation, he shall ring a bell with the Company, and if approved of, on his paying one shilling at his entry to the Warner shall be admitted by the Master at a publick meeting of the Company.

Order'd:—

That on the first Monday in May. yearly and every year, the Company meet together at such convenient time and in such place (within the City of London) as to them shall seem most proper, the Stewards to provide a Dinner, and in order to defray the charge of this Dinner, the Stewards shall receive of each member two shillings and sixpence, and for the better hindrance of excess it is further ordered that the year's forfeits be disbursed towards the overplus (if any such there be) of this expense. The Stewards to expend no more than any other member and—

It was unanimously agreed,

That a weekly peal be kept on every Monday, the time appointed for meeting is precisely at 7 o'clock in the winter and at 8 o'clock in the summer. N.B.—The place of meeting not to be out of the City aforesaid.

Order'd:—

That at all such weekly meetings, each member expend sixpence and if the reckoning amounts to more the Stewards shall pay it.

That, if any of this Society being timely warned at any extraordinary meeting shall fail in his appearance, for such neglect shall pay sixpence, save on a very emergent occasion.

That as Gaming is considered a growing evil and tends manifestly to the Prejudice not only of this but of all other Societies—

Resolv'd therefore:—

Whosoever shall be found guilty thereof shall forfeit for the first offence one shilling, and if afterwards the Person so found guilty commits the same fault, he shall be expell'd the Society.

Order'd:—

That since no Society, whether for Gain or Pleasure can well last without having due respect to the Divine Being, whereby 'tis presumed things may be better regulated for the reputation of this fraternity, it is

Resolv'd—

That if any Member at any Meeting of Ringing or other assembly shall curse, swear, or vainly utter the name of God whether it is owing to his Ebriety or any other unseemly Quality, for every such Fault shall pay twopence, and if by too frequent a practice of the same shall be deem'd a Corrupter and Expell'd the Society.

Order'd—

That the Stewards shall keep a brief Abstract of all Forfeits to the end, that they may be capable to Inform any one of his offence if Scrupled or Denied.

That the Company shall Elect a carefull honest Man to be their Warner, who, upon the Instructions given him by the Master or Stewards, shall give notice to such part of the Society so intended to meet, for the Execution of which office the Stewards shall collect one shilling per man throughout the Society, to be paid him on every Feast Day yearly.

That these Orders be in the Custody of the Master and shall be Read by him or his Order at the Entrance of any New Member, whereof, if he fail he shall pay one shilling.

And lastly, it is further *order'd, agreed and concluded upon,*

That if any Dispute should arise, touching or concerning these Orders or Rules or anything Therein contained, the matter so in dispute shall be referr'd to the Master and Stewards who shall Decide the same, and the person or persons concern'd not submitting to their Determination shall be Expell'd the Society."

The following are
THE ORIGINAL PEALS
rung by the
SOCIETY OF UNION SCHOLARS,
Established the 1*st of* May, 1713.

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*No. 1. *September* 12*th*, 1718.

This Society rang at ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST the first true and compleat peal of

5040 HICK TREBLES.

Wm. Hodges	1	Richd. Oswald	5
Robt. French	2	Thos. Goodridge	6
Wm. Freeborn	3	Robt. Balding	7
Jn. Medley	4	Wm. Balding	8

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*No. 2. *December* 27*th*, 1718.

This Society rang at ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST the first true and compleat peal of

5150 UNION BOB.

Jn. Medley	1	Richd. Oswald	5
Robt. French	2	Thos. Perrin	6
Wm. Freeborn	3	Robt. Bawld'g	7
Edwd. Franks	4	Wm. Balding	8

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*No. 3. *February* 11*th*, 1736.

This Society rang at ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS the first true and compleat peal of

5040 TEN IN.

Call'd by Jno. Denmead.

Danl. Biggsby	1	Jos. Brown	6
Ed. Underwood	2	‡*Jno. Denmead*	7
Sam. Vaughan	3	Thos. Barrett	8
Thos. Palmer	4	Fra. Popham	9
Ralph Hill	5	Sam. Walton	10

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*No. 4. *Thursday, February* 24*th*, 1736.

This Society rang on the eight smallest bells at ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS the first compleat peal of

5040 GRANDS'R TREBLES.

Prick't and call'd by Jno. Denmead.
Performed in 3 hours and 10 minutes, by

Edw. Underwood	Treble
Sam. Vaughan	2
Ralph Hill	3
Geo. Lawrence	4
Tho. Weatherly	5
Jno. Dunmead	6
Tho. Barrett	7
Sam. Walton	Tenor

* See Appendix.

‡ The name of the Conductor, here given in italics, is printed in red in the original.

No. 5. *March the* XX., MDCCXXXVI.

The Society rang at ST. GILES'S-IN-THE-FEILDS the first true and compleat peal of

5040 BOB MAJOR.

ever performed on those bells, and performed in 3 hours 22 mins.

Call'd by Jno. Denmead.

W. Scarsbrook	Treble
L. Underwood	2
S. Vaughan	3
T. Weatherly	4
R. Hill	5
T. Barratt	6
J. Denmead	7
Jos. Brown	Tenor

FROM THE APPENDIX.

Mr. Osborne having at length described the doings of this Society, we purpose therefore only to make mention of such points of interest as may suggest themselves in connection with the different ringing performances of the Union Scholars.

No. 1. In the note book of Benjamin Annable, now in the possession of one of the writers, there is a method called "Gawthorne's Hic Triples," which is Grandsire with third and fifth place bobs, the "Hic" being used to denote the latter call. We therefore consider that there can be little doubt that this was a Grandsire peal of this description; whether however it was Garthon's original peal there is no means of ascertaining, still we think the evidence points to this conclusion. In Annable's book the ordinary method of Union Triples is given under the heading of "Baldwin's Union Triples," this gives strong confirmation to the Hick Triples being Grandsire with fifth place bobs, as in all probability the author of "Union Triples" was the same Robert Baldwin who rang the seventh in this and the following peal, and from his presumed abilities and his station at the seventh we may not be considered rash if we point to the probability of his having conducted both peals.

No. 2. Although the calling of this peal is not given in the peal book, it has been handed down to us and so far back as 1788, it is stated in *the Clavis* that the annexed peal is the one here recorded. Perhaps however the most curious fact is the statement of the authors of *the Clavis* that it was not until fifty years after the time when this peal was rung that the discovery was made of the necessity of further proof than the truth of the treble leads in this method, which it is perhaps hardly necessary to state is that now known as Oxford Treble Bob Major.

5120	B.	W.	H.
35264	-		
56342	-		
64523	-		
36245	-	2	2

No. 3. As the first peal of Bob Royal was the one rung by the College Youths at St. Bride's, on November 22nd, 1725, it is probable that the real meaning of this very decided claim to the *first* peal is only to be taken to signify that this was the first on the bells or by the Society. All these ancient records are very indefinite in such matters.

No. 4. This is one of the unexplained mysteries connected with the statement so tenaciously adhered to by some persons that the first peal of Grandsire Triples was not performed until 1751.

(To be continued)

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye (8) on Jan. 2nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Curtis, 7, Church Street, Wye, Kent. 3660

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Lincoln Diocesan annual meeting, St. Giles', Lincoln, Jan. 9th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3699

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify by January 7th. All ringers welcome.—B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. 3680

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thame, Oxon, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by Jan. 4th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 3702

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting, Uppingham (8), January 9th. Names for tea by January 8th. — E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Estean, Market Overton, Rutland. 3674

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 9th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) available from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.15. Plenty of cafes for own tea arrangements. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 3686

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Annual District meeting, Sudbury, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. All Saints' 2.30: St. Gregory's after tea. Tea 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. A. J. Haynes, 68, Queen's Road, Sudbury. —L. D. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3714

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice, Amberley (5), 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9th. Names for tea, please, by 5th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3720

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THE YOUNG CONDUCTOR

WITH the arrival of the New Year and the resumption or intensifying of the weekly practices there will be in many towers learners in various stages of efficiency. There will be those who have learned to handle a bell and now wish to learn to ring rounds; there will be those who have approached the study of change ringing and desire to practise hunting; some, more advanced, will be anxious to push on to inside work; and, in addition, it may be that someone will wish to try his hand at conducting. This latter person is one of the most interesting and important of all the learners.

In days gone by there were towers in which one man kept all the conducting in his own hands and gave to the aspirant no opportunity to assist or supersede him. Such towers may or may not have been so common as we have been led to suppose, but they did indeed exist, and it may be that they can still be found. But in most belfries to-day a more enlightened view is taken. The wise leader of a band is always on the look out for anyone showing interest in bob calling, knowing full well that one more conductor usually means one more safe ringer. He knows, too, that it is not good for the band to have to rely on the constant presence of one man in order to be able to ring the Sunday service touches. Where conducting in a tower to-day remains in the hands of the leader, it is likely to be because nobody has troubled to study the art of calling, or else it is because a youngster attracted by the idea feels too timid to venture to navigate upon what appear to be such perilous seas.

To the beginner the case presents considerable difficulty. How can he know that he will ring the method correctly when he is calling? Suppose he makes himself look foolish by putting a call in the wrong place? Suppose the bells get displaced, what then? And how can he venture to correct one of these old and experienced ringers should a mistake be made? These are real problems, and any one of these considerations may be enough to cause a young conductor to shrink from putting himself forward, keen as he may be to practise this fascinating art.

The matter calls, of course, for great tolerance and forbearance on the part of the band, and much quiet encouragement and unobtrusive supervision by the leader. The band should be prepared to place itself under the guidance of the new conductor without quibble, without patronising, and ringing in its very best form in order to give the caller every possible assistance. Some leaders will prefer to know the touch beforehand and to correct any mistake made in the calling; others take the view that the novice is best left to himself. The latter course has much to commend it, seeing that it gives to the conductor complete responsibility right from the start and provides its own lesson if a call should be missed or misplaced.

Where a young conductor shows promise and is clearly keen to pursue the study of conducting, what it may be asked, is the next step? What should we do for him next and how should we advise him to follow up his investigations? Much depends, as is usual in all the arts, upon the natural ability of the student. Some will need little or no direct assistance; they will have seen straight away the line they ought to take and the essentials that must be mastered. For others it may be valuable to indicate to them lines of study at home and points for observation in the belfry.

Paper work is, of course, absolutely essential. The conductor must be able to prick changes, first in full, then by lead ends, then by course ends. By the use of scales of bobs and singles he should lose no opportunity of constructing touches (whether original or not is of no consequence): he should acquire some knowledge of the meaning of the In and Out of Course of changes, so that he is clear in his own mind upon certain elementary facts, such as why no 120 of pure Doubles can be obtained with bobs only, or why Grandsire Triples cannot be brought round at handstroke without an odd number of singles. Then, one may perhaps reasonably suggest, he should study the simple principles of calling bells into rounds, taking for study not the long course Major methods but Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, the figures of which lend themselves admirably to manipulation. In this study there is no need to burden the mind with lists of rules for bringing the bells round. Some of these lists and instructions are so involved that they completely defeat their end. The basis of the whole thing may be studied with interest and profit in the very simple rules for bringing 5, 6, 7 together in Grandsire Triples and 5, 6 together in Bob Minor.

In the tower the results of the above study should be apparent. Here the beginner should lose no opportunity of studying calling, whether he is actually ringing or not. He may with profit stand behind the experienced conductor and imagine himself to be calling; he may occa-

sionally inquire what touch the leader is to call, so that he himself may follow the working out of the changes. For his practical work one important suggestion may here be offered. As soon as possible let him practise calling from a non-observation bell. Let the touch be short and let the fundamentals of the touch be simple, and no great harm is then done if it comes to grief. If the method is Grandsire Triples much valuable experience may easily be gained in calling bells Before, In and Out of the Hunt, Home, and so on, without committing the band to any very lengthy touches.

So let our budding conductor appear in the tower, eager to learn, bringing with him his scrap of paper on which he has worked out the touch he wishes to call. We must not make fun of his piece of paper. It is a most healthy sign, an indication that he has given thought to his essay and has spent time in getting ready for this moment. Let us assist him all we can, not grudgingly nor patronisingly, knowing that his progress in the art will be our gain, and looking for the day when he shall be able to rule us with authority and with the confidence of one who knows his job.

There are many text books for the beginner in the art of ringing; for the conductor there is none. Articles on the subject have been written and still appear. What would be of interest and great value would be a graded course of study, both theoretical and practical, written specially for young bob callers. Our greatest conductors rise to such heights of genius as we can never hope to reach, and no text book will bring a conductor to such brilliant efficiency. But the genius needs no such book; the course of study suggested here would indicate, and instruct in, certain simple fundamentals, presented in logical order, from which a very ordinary ringer could, with patience and enthusiasm, gain a working knowledge of conducting. How far he advanced beyond that stage would depend on his natural ability and opportunity for practice.

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MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	RICHARD GRANT	10
WINIFRED M. BURTON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
PETER J. STANIFORTH	6	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	*RICHARD M. CURRIE	6
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	*PETER BORDER	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
*GEOFFREY K. DODD	5	G. RALPH EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

*PATRICIA BOURNE	*Treble*	†ROGER LEIGH	6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	2	‡JACK CLEGG	7
†THOMAS BARKER	3	‡E. ROGER MARTIN	8
CHARLES CLEGG	4	†ERNEST J. GOWER	9
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	5	†ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Royal 'inside.' First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Canon W. G. Fallows, M.A., on his appointment as a Chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	†JOHN M. ELLWOOD	6
WILLIAM WELLING	2	*BRIAN T. LISTER	7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	3	‡DEREK M. STONE	8
*BRIAN L. TAYLOR	4	*§ALLEN D. RIVERS	9
*FREDERICK SCOTT	5	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First peal 'inside'. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells. The conductor's first peal of Royal as such. He has now rung each bell in this, his home tower, to a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*HOWARD SCOTT	3	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of 6-Spliced Surprise methods.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

EDWARD C. LEIGH	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	7
JOHN T. MEDHURST	4	WILLIAM MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

To commemorate the record number of 21st birthdays in Edenbridge during 1953.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*MICHAEL J. DAY	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
CHARLES H. MOORE	2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN	6
HENRY TOOKE	3	JOHN MOORE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* First peal (age 15 years).
Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. R. G. Heawood, Rector of Hethersett.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

*ROY BENTLEY	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	5
ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	2	†IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	6
*ROY JOSLIN	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
PETER J. CHILDS	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal in method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
HAROLD MARCON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS	4	*WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal in the method.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

DAVID W. BEARD	*Treble*	LEONARD E. LAST	5
DONALD M. SALISBURY	2	SIDNEY PENFOLD	6
JOAN M. PEACOCK	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
ANDREW J. SALISBURY	4	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
The first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band with the exception of the ringer of the 5th.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

GERALD BOWEN	*Treble*	†DAVID BEACHAM	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
*ALLEN MORGAN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

*JOY WORTHINGTON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
*ROBERT W. COLE	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
BRENDA M. SMITH	4	†GORDON A. CROPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Savory (parents of the 6th ringer) on their silver wedding anniversary.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	†EDWARD C. BARTON	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	‡ERIC NAYLOR	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	PETER F. BORER	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ 100th peal.
A birthday compliment to Eileen S. Wyles and Eric Naylor.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. A. Lambert's Variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*BETTY TESTER	*Treble*	†PERCY REEVES	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE	7
*COLIN A. TESTER	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN.
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
CHARLES H. HARDING	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	7
DENIS KNOX	4	C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.
Rung in honour of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Patricia Gilbert, late of Bromham, to Mr. Douglas Johnstone on December 28th.

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CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

MARIE K. ROBERTS	*Treble*	HARRY L. MARTIN	5
PHILIP A. F. CHALK	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	MANSFIELD GINN	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Graham John Gipson and Joan Elizabeth Cook, which took place at Newton earlier in the day.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WATERMAN	*Treble*	OWEN BALLARD	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	6
REG. RIPPINGALE	3	*THOMAS BIRD	7
PETER MAYLE	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ROSEMARY SEABROOK.
* 100th peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

ALBERT C. WENBAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
MARGARET D. WOOLLEY	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
REGINALD ROWLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
First peal in the method as conductor.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

JOHN W. GIBSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*HOWARD SCOTT	2	*GORDON BENFIELD	6
ARTHUR FIRTH	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	4	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 25th anniversary of the induction of The Right Rev. Mgr. Canon J. Dunn, D.D., Ph.D., V.F., V.G.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANCIS G. WILTON	*Treble*	VICTOR GRIFFIN	5
ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	6
PAULINE MANNING	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
JOHN E. MANNERS	4	ROBERT J. STOKES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. BARKER. Conducted by ENID LLOYD ROBERTS.
The first peal in the method by all the band.
Rung on the Feast of St. Stephen, and as a compliment to Miss Pauline Manning and Mr Francis Wilton on their engagement.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	E. ALAN JACQUES	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
This method is E. W. Tipler's B9/1 and is now rung for the first time.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THOMAS E. ROBERTS	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE	5
*ALBERT H. HINTON	2	FREDERICK VICKERS	6
WILLIAM A. YATES	3	†GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
K. MARY COWLEY	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec 28, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	FRANCIS KIRK	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

SIDNEY H. JONES	*Treble*	JOSEPH H. BRITTAN	5
AUDREY S. NOBLE	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
MRS. S. H. JONES	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
RHODA HEMMINGS	4	WILLIAM E. MINOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	TERENCE A. THORNBER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*ERNEST H. DURRANT	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
*JOHN SCHOFIELD	2	WALTER AYRE	6
D. KAY ADKINS	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
REGINALD ROWLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in method on the bells and by all except ringers of 6th and 7th. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents differently called. Tenor 8 cwt.

*KENNETH GRAHAM	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
†ROYSTON WILMORE	2	ROGER G. W. SOARS	5
‡HUGH MATTHEWMAN	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 7, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

RICHARD G. MORRIS ..	*Treble*	*JAMES CORBETT	4
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	†H. ERIC JOHNSON	5
MURIEL REAY	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

STOCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE ..	*Treble*	ALBERT W. DYER	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	WILLIAM E. TURNER ..	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	3	*CYRIL F. JOYCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.
* First peal, a member of the local band. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents from C.C.C. Nos. 55, 59, 67, 68, 69, 73, 74.
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	*BARRIE SYDENHAM	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	2	†JOHN WEST	5
†IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	3	PETER J. CAME	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. John West and Miss Yvonne Drewe on their engagement.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLODOCK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

DEREK CLARKE	*Treble*	LESLIE W. COLCOMBE ..	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	*AUBREY J. PROBERT ..	5
REGINALD G. POWELL ..	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
* First peal 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells after being recast and restored by John Taylor and Co.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	ALAN SYDER	4
†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	TERRY EARLE	5
*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one 720 of Double Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

LAURENCE H. W. BUSBY..	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
*LINDA R. BINNINGTON ..	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ..	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in more than one Minor method 'inside.'
Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores, 10 callings, Grandsire, and 12 six-scores, four callings, Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Emily B. P. Walker	*Treble*	George A. Naylor	4
Edward C. Barton	2	George Kenward	5
Francis J. Cheal	3	Charles Gransden	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to William J. Walker, of Upchurch, father of the treble ringer.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

William Bains	*Treble*	C. Aubrey Harrison	4
Harold Morwood	2	Jack Bray	5
George E. Feirn	3	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Feirn.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Alnwick and Newcastle, (3) Chester and Munden, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Robert T. Simpson	*Treble*	Thomas Cooke	4
Frederick W. Cooke	2	W. Norman Park	5
Richard Busby	3	Roland Park	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Park.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

Reginald T. Jones	*Treble*	*Philip G. Morgan	4
Mollie Tilbury	2	Josephine Green	5
*Anthony P. Morris	3	F. Eric Roberts	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

* First peal.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Kenneth G. Brown	*Treble*	*George E. Catton	4
John S. Wybrew	2	Leonard Sharpe	5
Alan G. Fever	3	David Brand	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Patricia Clarke.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of four extents of Plain Bob and an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, the Plain Bob being rung in the odd extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

Margaret Gibson	*Treble*	*Kenneth Arthur	4
M. Ann Softley	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Stephen Thompson	3	*†Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

* 25th peal together † 50th peal.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Julian,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 22½ cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	*Treble*	Victor Savage	4
George W. Massey	2	A. George Clare	5
David Hoare	3	Edward J. Chivers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, one 240 of Morris's Variation, and 30 extents of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*Colin Goodwin	*Treble*	†Arthur Williams	4
Mrs. E. Chandler	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
†John Hope	3	†John Goodwin	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (i) Chester, (ii) Lightfoot, (iii) Netherseale, (iv) Norwich, (v) Cambridge, (vi) York, (vii) London. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Terence G. Morton	*Treble*	Walter Ayre	4
*Edwin H. Lewis	2	William C. Hughes	5
Augustin V. Good	3	Christopher W. Woolley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* Has now rung 1,000 720's.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 15, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 25 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents.

F. Kevon Thompson	1—2	B. Stedman Payne	3—4
		Royston Wilmore	5—6

Conducted by Royston Wilmore.

A birthday peal to Miss Mary A. Carpenter.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Patrick I. Chapman	1—2	John King	5—6
Robin G. Turner	3—4	Malcolm King	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

A birthday compliment to Mr. John R. Main, of Finedon.

WITNESHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Residence of G. A. Fleming.
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

George A. Fleming	1—2	William Wightman	5—6
*Frank L. Fisher	3—4	Willoughby E. Maulden	7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by George A. Fleming.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'in hand.' First first as conductor 'in hand.'

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At Sunny View,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 19 in F.

J. Reginald Heath	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
*Albert E. Austin	3—4	Thomas F. Varney	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.

* 200th peal.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, one of Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob, one of Fulbeck and Double Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

*Patrick I. Chapman	1—2	Robin G. Turner	3—4
*John King			5—6

Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

* First handbell peal in six methods. The first handbell peal in six methods for the Guild.

MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke, of Harwell, Bucks, re muffled ringing ('Ringing World,' November 20th, page 759). In my book, 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' pages 506-9, I deal with the history of this side of our art which seems to have been practised in the late 17th and early 18th centuries, and I there quote the rules of the London Scholars (1702) on this subject. The first muffled peal of 5,000 changes was rung at Bromley, Kent, in 1817. ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

Dear Sir,—In a Beccles (Suffolk) ringer's diary commencing January 1st, 1781, in which the weather for each day is recorded (also other local news) are the following entries:—

December 26th, 1781.—Mrs. Margerom buried, bumbled the bells.

June 10th, 1782.—Cuddon married, wrung dum peal. (Did the ringers play Mr Cuddon a joke?)

August 25th, 1782.—Miss Carter married, 3 Guineas for wringing. (Large sum in those days.)

June 27th, 1784.—Bells bumbled, Mrs. Murrell buried.

June 21st, 1788.—Mrs. Lillistone buried, wrung the mourning peal £1 11s. 6d.

December 12th, 1789.—Mrs. Crowfoot buried by torches, the bells bumbled began at 4 ceased at 9. 2 Guineas for ringing.

By the foregoing it would appear the muffled ringing was practised prior to 1781.

This manuscript book was the property of Mr. Henry Hopson, instigator of rehanging Beccles bells, who died early in this century. His father, Mr. William Hopson, rang a peal of Bob Royal at Beccles in 1836.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

LETTERS

THE FALSE PEAL AT BULWELL

Dear Sir,—Will all those who took part in the peal of Treble Bob Major at Bulwell in April last kindly accept my greatest apology for the error made in the composition of the peal, the falseness being pointed out by Mr. J. Seagar.—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

Ilkeston, Derbys.

MATHEMATICAL APPROACH TO EXTENDED GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—With reference to my letter which you kindly included in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' (page 839), I am sorry to trouble you again in this matter, but a slight misprint has occurred in the sign between 'Coefficient of Performance' and the next phrase. It should be a 'plus/minus' sign, not an 'equals' sign.—Again yours helpfully,

Stourbridge. BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

RINGERS' VINTAGE CARS

Dear Sir,—The reference in Belfry Gossip to the ringer with the 1926 Bentley car is perhaps indicative of the peculiar ways of those who practise the art of ringing. A member of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers has acquired an equally ancient London taxicab, driven it home 164 miles with a leaking radiator and crankcase, devoted many hours to the engine, chassis and body, and now contemplates returning to the seat of learning in a manner which will excite the envy, admiration, respect and gratitude of his fellow ringers. —Yours in amazement,

ARTHUR M. MORRIS.

Wrexham.

'CHURCH BELLS—AS HEARD BY THE POETS'

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the article 'Church Bells—as heard by the Poets' in this journal of December 24th. No reference was made, however, to 'On hearing the full peal of ten bells from Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts,' by John Betjeman. This must be one of the very few poems by a recognised poet dedicated to a particular ring of bells. I am enclosing a copy which I trust you will be able to publish in full.

While those residing on villa'd hill are not unanimous with John Betjeman in his opinions, any ringer pausing awhile on a Sunday evening while Stedman Caters is pouring forth from this tower must agree that there is some truth in what he has to say.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. STOKES.

Swindon.

'ON HEARING THE FULL PEAL OF TEN BELLS FROM CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS'

By John Betjeman

Your peal of ten ring over then this town,
Ring on my men nor ever ring them down.
This winter chill, let sunset spill cold fire
On villa'd hill and on St. Gibert's spire,
So new, so high, so pure, so broach'd, so tall,
Long run the thunder of the bells through all!
Oh still white headstones on these fields of sound,
Hear you the wedding joybells wheeling round?
Oh brick-built breeding boxes of new souls,
Hear how the pealing through the louvres rolls!
Now birth and death-reminding bells ring clear,
Loud under 'planes and over changing gear.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal rung at Herne (Kent) is of special significance. Thomas Hollis, who was saved from death in Blean Forest by the sound of the bells of St. Martin's, Herne, bequeathed a gold noble to be paid to the ringers for ringing the bells on St. Thomas' night. The Charity Commissioners have now fixed the payment at 3s. 4d.

We regret to hear that Mr. J. T. Dyke is in bed again with gout as a makeweight. The Exercise wishes him a speedy recovery.

A reader is anxious for particulars of the peal of 10,080 Grandsire Bob rung at Gislingham (Suffolk) in 1822. Was this Grandsire on five bells with the tenor behind, of Bob Minor? he asks.

A reader has to dispose of his unbound copies of 'The Ringing World' from 1944 to June 29th, 1951. Will anyone who can provide a 'good home' for them please communicate with the Editor.

The calling of the peal of Doubles at Ticehurst, Sussex, on December 15th, 1953, should read eight extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day and Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.

Mr. Roger Coles, who for nearly ten years has been a regular ringer at St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, was married on Boxing Day. He received a barometer from the ringers and servers of the church as a wedding present.

One of Mr. Ernest Morris' many correspondents is Fr. Dunstan Massey, O.S.B., of The Benedictines of Westminster Abbey, Vancouver, B.C. They are planning to build a tower and look forward to the time when their chimes will be swinging bells. In preparation for this great day the monks have been supplied by Mr. Morris with ringing literature and they have already mastered Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

Mr. Harold N. Pitstow's name appeared in the New Year Honours List. He has been appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire for his services as conductor and secretary of the bell ringers of Westminster Abbey. The Exercise will join with us in sending him our warmest congratulations.

The peal at Upchurch (Kent) on December 22nd was followed by a tea party, the hosts being the Misses Walker. The hospitality is gratefully acknowledged in our columns.

Mr. Fred Price, of Bournemouth, has been visiting old friends at Longdon, Worcestershire. He was not permitted to depart without ringing a quarter peal on the Parish Church bells.

It was unfortunate that the peal attempt in honour of Mr. George Preston's 84th birthday at his own tower, Christchurch Priory, was unsuccessful. Honour was paid by a quarter peal of Stedman Triples.

The Peals Analysis Committee cannot complete their onerous task without all the material at their disposal. Will conductors please note that the issue of February 26th is the latest date that peals can be included in the 1953 Analysis.

Members of the Ladies' Guild doubtless noticed the splendid performance of Mrs. H. J. Poole recorded in last week's issue of three peals in a day on December 12th. These were rung at Quorn, Shepshed and the Loughborough Bell foundry.

Among the towers whose bells rang early on Christmas morning was Somerton, Somerset. A quarter peal was planned for the 7 a.m. Communion service, but ten minutes before the end, at 6.45 a.m., there was an electricity breakdown, plunging the tower into complete darkness. Candles were lit and ringing was continued till service time.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION NEW YEAR REUNION

PROBLEM OF FINDING RINGERS FOR CITY CHURCHES — DR. HATCHER REVIEWS SEVEN YEARS' PROGRESS — MR. BRIAN D. THRELFALL THE NEW SECRETARY — CANNED BELLS: AN ANIMATED DISCUSSION

THE tenth annual dinner of the Universities Association, held on Jan. 1st at the Victoria Hotel, London, marked the end of an era in the history of the Association. It was the last function that Dr. John Hatcher attended as hon. secretary and treasurer, a post he had held for seven years. A company of 50 was present with the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, as a genial chairman.

At the annual meeting, which followed the dinner, an animated discussion took place on canned bells, which was introduced by Mr. Charles McGuiness, who mentioned the concern in the North of England over the matter.

Following the toast of 'The Queen' the president acknowledged with gratitude the gift of a gavel to the Society made with the head in the form of a bell. It is carved in walnut wood and was presented by Inst.- Lieut. T. Watt, R.N.

The toast of 'The Church' was presented by Mr. F. E. Haynes, who said during the years he had been ringing he had met many different ringers and among them many different attitudes towards the Church. When he first went to Birmingham he stood outside a church admiring the sound of the bells and commented upon their excellent quality to a very good ringer. His comment was 'There is only one thing wrong with those bells; they are hung in a church tower.' He thought the parson must have dropped him on the floor at his baptism (laughter).

On another occasion, about 20 years ago, he was standing outside St. Martin's, Birmingham, listening to a peal of Stedman Cinques. A well-known ringer and a distinguished citizen of Birmingham asked him how long they had to go. He told him and his friend then remarked, 'The public would never stand for it but for one thing. They ask "What are they ringing for?" and receive the reply "Something for the Church," and they are quite content with that.'

Most of them took the view that it was a very fortunate thing that more than 90 per cent. of their bells were hung in church towers. They realised their responsibilities and were proud of the fact that they were servants of the Church, and he liked to think that ringers and bells exercised an influence for good.

'NOT WHEN THE CHURCH BELLS RING'

On a practice night a ringer arrived late and went to one of those establishments often found near a church. As he was being served a person on his right whispered something in the ear of the barmaid and she replied, 'Oh no, sir, not when the church bells are ringing' (laughter). The bells certainly influenced actions.

He had indicated in 'The Ringing World' that it was rather difficult for them to preserve a proper sense of values. They were interested in the progress and advancement of their art of change ringing. As the result of that they tried to ring as good as possible and to ring peals. In consequence some of them tended to forget that they were servants of the Church and it was a difficult thing to keep a proper balance. Sometimes their clergy did recognise that difficulty.

There were in the past a number of famous ringing clergymen but their number was steadily dwindling; in fact it would not surprise him that in a few years' time instead of proposing the toast of 'The Church' it would be that of 'The Minister of Education.' In coupling the name of the Rev. R. S. Hooke, Vicar of St. Luke's, Chelsea, with the toast, he thanked him for letting the Society use his bells and for taking the service.

The Rev. R. S. Hooke, in his reply, confessed that he had not much to do with ringing until he came to Chelsea 18 months ago. In his former church there were five bells rung by callow youths. Their ringing alternated between 'Now the day is over' and 'Fight the good fight.' They always played the latter for a wedding (laughter). He was most fortunate in his present ringers, who were very keen.

When he was at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, he was taken to Selwyn College to ring handbells, but he must admit that he made little progress. Outside Selwyn there was some Greek which freely translated was 'Quit you like men.' The great advantage of Selwyn was its proximity to Newnham College (laughter).

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who deputised for the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. John Chilcott), proposed the toast of 'The Universities Association.' He said he was most happy to propose the toast as he knew of the good job of work the Association was doing—both on the practical and theoretical side.

ON CONDUCTING

In response to the many requests made to the Editor, we present to our readers this week the first of a series of articles dealing with conducting.

Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson, the author, has written these in a simple style, the aim being that they can be readily assimilated by those who desire to master this essential side of change ringing.

We are indebted to Mr. Wilson for the many hours of labour involved in compiling such a valuable series of notes. His immediate co-operation when the Editor suggested the articles is much appreciated.

LONDON'S SHORTAGE OF RINGERS

As they all knew, they had not enough ringers to man the bells and there was a very big need of pupils and teachers and it was on the teaching side that their Association could shine very strongly. In the City of London there was a big dearth of ringers. New rings of bells were being installed and bells restored but unfortunately there were not sufficient ringers coming forward. He was wondering of members of their Association living in London could help. At Stepney there was Tom Fox with a young band, and if anybody had any time on a Wednesday evening he would be glad of their help.

At St. Olave's, Hart Street, he had the greatest difficulty in persuading the Rector to hang the bells for ringing instead of their being stationary. He said, 'Why should I spend this extra money? I shall never get any ringers.' Fortunately, with the great help of their Master and Mr. Herbert Langdon, a good band was assembled there on Christmas morning. The Rector had some young people coming forward and he (Mr. Hughes) had offered to help in teaching them. He hoped those members in London would devote their energies far more to teaching than peal ringing. He was of the opinion that there was too much peal ringing.

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, who replied, said seven years ago he was elected to the office of secretary, an unexpected and unlooked-for honour. John Spice, through whose enthusism and energy the Universities Association had less than four years earlier come into being, had quite suddenly found it necessary to hand over his charge.

WEEKS RECALLED

There was no ringing week in 1947 but in 1948 they went to Chester and on that occasion he put his complete trust in the advice of members of the Chester Guild and of the Lancashire Association. Exeter was the rendezvous for 1949, where they indulged in luxury accommodation at Thomas Hall. Their taste of Devonshire was much to their liking.

Lincoln was an amazing week organised for them by Mr. John Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; 1951 was distinguished in another way, for at Bristol their hosts were, for the first time, a University Society. They remembered Chewton Mendip, Wells, Evercreech, Queen Camel, Sherborne and Ditcheat, all bagged in one day.

In the Nottingham week, in 1952, they compressed into a week many notable occasions. This was really a three counties tour—Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire—and for this complex co-ordinated programme they had the genius of Mr. Clement Glenn.

The success of the 1953 week at Oxford, where the Universities Association was formed in 1943, which was organised by Miss Marie Cross, was never in doubt. Among the party of over 40, as representative as it could possibly be, were several of John Spice's Oxford contemporaries and they found it good to be back.

'We may, I think, just say that the Universities Association has completed a second phase of its life and it is a good thing that it is to enjoy the freshness and vigour of new custodians. In some respects the Universities Association has quite grown up, but in doing so it is making increasing demands on enterprise and initiative. Personally, I shall follow its subsequent career with great interest knowing that it will continue to fulfil the hopes of those who brought it into being.'

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting followed at which the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, took the chair. The retiring secretary, Dr. Hatcher, announced an apology from Mr. Yorke-Bramble.

The financial statement showed that the year started with a balance of £12 9s. 10d. and ended with £13 5s. 4d. being carried forward. There was a profit on the Oxford week of £4 6s. 6d. and a loss on the dinner of £3 9s.

The following new members were elected:—Brian A. Tomlinson, Nancy B. Hopkinson, W. Alan Cooper, C. Anne Muirhead, Ruth M. Jackson, Daniel T. Robinson (Manchester University), E. Margaret Mitchell (London), N. J. Diserens (London), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (Oxford), Angela Faulkner (Bristol), Brian Perrett (Bristol), W. T. Cook (Cambridge).

Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president, and in thanking the members for the confidence they had placed in him told them that they must look out for a new president.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was elected vice-president, and Mr. Brian D. Threlfall as hon. secretary and treasurer in succession to Dr. Hatcher. Miss Marie Cross was re-elected representative to the Central Council.

The president moved that the Association recorded it sincere thanks to Dr. Hatcher for his work as secretary during the last seven years. The resolution was carried with acclamation.

The ringing week for 1954 would be at Hereford from August 13th to August 20th, and Dr. Hatcher reported that arrangements

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were well in hand and more advanced than any other week.

The president said that there was one thing that struck him about the last two tours. With the large numbers attending, the time at each tower was very small and some of the beginners had not time to settle down to the beat before the touch came to an end. He suggested that fewer towers should be included in the day's programme and longer time spent at each tower so as to give beginners a chance to ring 200 changes and get the rhythm of the bells.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow suggested that it might be possible to have two towers open at the same time.

Mr. C. McGuiness said he gathered from Mr. Wilfred Morton that he might have difficuty in getting as many towers in the Hereford area as in previous tours and consequently there would be longer time for ringing.

It was decided to hold the 11th annual dinner on Friday, January 7th, 1955, at the Victoria Hotel.

CANNED BELLS — CENTRAL COUNCIL MOTION WANTED

Mr. C. McGuiness said he would like to raise a matter which was of vital concern to ringers in the North. They had had a newspaper controversy over canned bells, and in their neighbourhood they were asking their Central Council representative to propose a motion at the next Central Council meeting recommending ringers not to make records of bell recordings. They felt that if there were no records it would affect this canned bell business.

There was a strong feeling in York that if they had known, they would not have made the record they did, and there was no doubt that St. Margaret's, Westminster, felt the same. They thought the correct method would be not to make any more records.

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall said he felt that the suggestion sounded very much like restrictive practices of trade unions. Some recordings were of very great value, such as that of Bow bells.

Mr. McGuiness replied that any band of ringers who permitted their ringing to be recorded should stipulate that the records should not be used for broadcasting from church towers.

Mr. E. J. Lindley said there was the question of copyright. The only way a band that had such a copyright could retain it was by prosecuting the offenders. He could not see Mr. McGuiness travelling up and down the country taking such action. He also doubted whether they could expect a band of ringers to take much notice of such a recommendation.

PREFERENCE FOR REAL BELLS

Mr. T. Watt said in his own parish they had recorded bells. They heard rings of ten, eight and six bells, all in different keys. The locals had, however, expressed the opinion that it would be much nicer to have real bells sounding from their tower, which was strong enough to take a ring of bells. The general public disliked this recording of bells as much as the ringers.

Mr. F. Haynes said the recording of bells was something artificial and not real and English people did not like unreal things. He thought the whole thing would die down and it was best to take no notice of it.

Mrs. Dodds said she knew the church at Earsdon. There were three bells which were cracked and the clock struck on these bells. She must agree that a record sounded better than these cracked bells.

Dr. Hatcher said there were two sides of the question. There were two classes of churches. One was where there was a tower strong enough to take a ring of bells but there were the newer towers in the new housing areas which were not designed to take bells. What had been said was relevant to towers that could take bells, but there still remained the

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DEDICATION

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS

On Saturday afternoon, December 12th, two new trebles to make a ring of eight at Totternhoe, Bedfordshire, were dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Ll. Jones, B.A.).

The inscription on each bell reads:—

'In grateful memory of Edith Muckleston, faithful benefactress of this church, 1952. "Glory to God in the highest."'

During the singing of the second hymn the Vicar went in procession to the tower and, after the dedication prayers, the bells were rung in rounds by members of the local band. The Vicar prefaced his address with a warm welcome to visiting ringers.

As the congregation left the church a selected band rang the opening touch of Stedman Triples. Further ringing continued until 5 o'clock, when the company assembled at the Church Hall for tea. This was a grand meal provided by the ringers' wives and friends and was appreciated by all. Miss Evelyn Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, proposing a vote of thanks to the ladies, commented on the high standard of teas provided at District meetings held in the village.

Ringing was afterwards continued until 8 o'clock in various methods.

Ringers were present from Biddenham, Cardington, Clifton, Dunstable, Henlow, Kempston, Luton, Linslade, Maulden, Barking, Leatherhead, Loughton, Riseley and Woodford.

THE BELLS

Following a fire that destroyed the frame in 1923, the five bells were quarter-turned and rehung in a new wooden frame on ball bearings. In 1930 a new treble was added to make a ring of six, and now two more trebles have completed the octave. All this work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were represented by Mr. W. A. Hughes. All present were full of praise for such a 'good splice.' The new bells blend perfectly with the older ones and reflect great credit on the founders. A special word of praise is also due to the bellhanger, Tom Lawrence, whose conscientious work helped in no small way to make this augmentation such a success. This will provide Bedfordshire with another very nice light eight (tenor approximately 9 cwt. in F sharp).

INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—'In grateful memory of Edith Muckleston, faithful benefactress of this church, 1952. "Glory to God in the highest." Mears and Stainbank, 1953.'

Second.—Ditto.

Third.—'Erected by the ringers, 1930. Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London.'

Fourth.—'Chandler Made Me. 1655.'

Fifth.—'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London. 1865.'

Sixth.—'Chandler Made Me. 1654.'

Seventh.—'Chandler Made Me. 1654.'

Tenor.—'Chandler Made Me. 1654. Recast by John Warner and Sons Ltd., London. 1892.'

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question of the churches where they could not take bells.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow called attention to the tower at Acle, Norfolk, where there was a ring of bells but the tower did not support the bells. He suggested that where a tower could not take bells, handbells should be rung and amplified. It would be a piece of teamwork and skilled work and not a mechanical thing.

Mr. Lindley moved that the discussion be adjourned and that the Central Council representative be given a free hand in the light of the discussion. This was agreed to.

Ringing took place during the day at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, St. Stephen's, Clapham, St. Mary's, Battersea, and St. Luke's, Chelsea. The service was held at St. Luke's, Chelsea.

KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE

A Warm Welcome

Boxing Day seems to be an annual event in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milner, of Kirklington — at least, that is what the writer found out when, for the first time, he had the pleasure of joining in this very happy hospitality. After five weddings, one after another, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, Ernest M. was collected in the famous green van and—after a run round the city looking for the elusive 'Tony'—we set off at a spanking pace to Kirklington, where Mr. and Mrs. President awaited to guide us to Southwell. Here, after the long ascent of the spiral stairway, thence along the narrow passage above the triforium looking down on the transept floor far below, one enters the unique ringing gallery. The ropes hang ten feet apart, two on either side of this huge, square tower, with a great yawning 'hole' in the middle. It is a great experience to ring here and it needs a team of experts to get the best results from this grand octave (tenor 28 cwt.). In addition to the difficulties of sight through the wire mesh which rises above the rail around the gallery, the bells run the wrong way round (anti-clockwise).

After the usual preliminaries a start was made for the new method, Kirklington, and after the first course, getting used to the 'blue line,' we settled down to a good beat and went along merrily till just 'before the Before' the conductor was seen to be in difficulties (not with the bell, but with his scanty wearing apparel). We had seen quite a good bit of his middle torso for some time, but when his outer nether garments slid down it caused a flutter of amusement! Fortunately, his underwear decided to 'stay out' and the peal came round beautifully in 3 hours 20 minutes, much to the gratification of mine host, who naively remarked, 'It's better to lose one's trousers than to lose the peal'!!

Then the best part of the evening's activity took place. A quick run to Kirklington revealed a most sumptuous meal awaiting us. This was followed by a 'warming up' with a huge log fire. Ernest M. (not to be confused with Ernest W. R.) was forced to remove his coat, then his jumper. Tony and Alan also experienced this 'warming' business but seemed to bear up better. Anyway, Ernest's rheumatics in his right foot disappeared and came out in his left elbow! Midnight came all too soon, and the Leicester party, having been safely tucked away in the van, left on their long journey home, arriving at 1.30 a.m., tired out but with happy memories of Mr. and Mrs. Milner, to whom all thanks are due. M.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty-two members attended the monthly meeting at St. Mary's Church, Beverley, on December 12th. Standard methods were rung on six, eight and ten to suit all standards of accomplishment and some good ringing was enjoyed once the members had become acquainted with the heavy bells.

A service was held in St. Mary's Church conducted by the Vicar (Canon T. H. Tardrew). The Vicar's sermon was one of encouragement to the regular service ringers who continue to work hard to overcome the difficulties caused through bad attendance and slackness of their fellow-members at services and practices for the instruction of learners. It was an excellent sermon to those who heard it although it would have caused a few red faces to the absentees if it could have been broadcast.

A very good tea was served in the King's Head Hotel, followed by the business meeting. The annual dinner was discussed and fixed for the fourth Saturday in January to avoid clashing with the Selby and York dinners.

Further ringing took place after the meeting.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

I. INTRODUCTION

ONE of the first things we found out when we started to learn change ringing was that there was no finality to it—no time when we could say we had learnt all there was to know. There are always more and more intricate methods, more compositions, more difficult bells to ring. And there are always more people to teach if our art is to prosper. We can, however, only teach properly and with understanding if we are masters of our subject.

Many of us reach a stage sooner or later where we can call touches and peals—often in quite difficult methods—but somehow we just can't see how it is that old so-and-so knows just where all the bells should be at any time a trip occurs. We ourselves have to wait until the next observation place is reached to be sure whether the bells are right. And, of course, if the trip be a bad one we can't wait so we lose the peal.

These notes, which the Editor has done me the honour to invite, are designed to help ringers over this hurdle and to enable them to advance from what I will call the 'bob caller' stage and to become what I will call a. 'real' conductor. They will be written in language as simple as I can find to explain what to a beginner must be a very complicated subject. Not being a mathematician I hope to use only expressions which will be known to any ringer who has reached the bob calling stage.

Right at the start I should like to make the following preliminary remarks. There are many ringers, already real conductors, who have much greater experience than I and who have proved this in the tower through hundreds of peals. To them I would say that I, as well as my readers, would welcome both criticism of these notes and any helpful hints or short cuts which their experience has proved to be useful.

Various touches and peals will be given in these notes, but they are only as examples. Except for this I make no attempt to give compositions for you to call. Plenty of those can be obtained from other publications. That is why I have not dealt with Minor and Doubles. You can find out how to 'call' these from any text book. But once you have learnt how to 'conduct' any of the methods which will be dealt with in these articles, you will find no difficulty in applying your knowledge to other methods and on other numbers of bells.

These notes will not at present be of help to the real novice at change ringing. But if they persevere, many beginners will reach a stage when advice on these lines will, I hope. make their progress easier.

When I write of 'bob callers' and of trying to show them how to become 'real' conductors, I do not mean in any way to belittle the former. If the Exercise had no bob callers. then ringing in most towers would be confined to plain courses. And not all of those would come round. Many ringers are perfectly content to ring one bell and leave to others the task of learning and calling touches and peals. And they are often more reliable ringers for that. They certainly do not go wrong themselves while telling someone else what to do.

Fortunately, however, for the health of the Exercise, certain ringers are always willing and even eager to take charge of the ringing. Their satisfaction and the willingness of the remainder of the band to ring under their leadership will be the greater the more they prove themselves masters of the art of conducting.

To the young ringer who wants to conduct I would also say this. Don't be discouraged or despondent if you have made a mistake and feel you have let a band down. If you have honestly done your best to learn and to call a touch or peal, then no decent band will blame you. The ringer who never calls a touch can never miss a bob and, conversely, the one who calls most will miss most—at first, anyway.

Here I would like to pay a tribute to those members of the Lancashire Association who were responsible for the publication 'Instructions and Diagrams for Beginners.' If you are fortunate enough to have a copy of this and can understand and put into practice the chapter on 'The Elements of Conducting,' then you will not need notes of mine to become an expert conductor.

I would also like, without in any way evading responsibility, to thank three prominent members of the Exercise—from Cheshire, Kent and Surrey—who have been so kind as to help me with understanding criticism and many valuable suggestions.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Affiliation Fees

Association secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees to the Central Council (ten shillings per member) are now due. Will secretaries please certify membership in accordance with Rule 4, when forwarding the fees (i.e., the total of honorary, ringing and resident life members).

It would also be appreciated if those associations who wish to subscribe towards the cost of a case to contain the two Rolls of Honour, and who have not yet done so, would forward their contributions as soon as possible.

E. A. BARNETT.
Hon Sec. and Treasurer.

Cambridge Ringing Master Married

The marriage took place on Saturday, Dec. 26th, at St. Margaret's, Newton, Cambridge, of Mr. John Graham Gipson, of Meldreth, and Miss Joan Elizabeth Cook, of Newton.

The bridegroom is the Cambridge District Ringing Master and is well known among ringers in the Cambridge area. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Charles W. Cook, for some years Branch secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association.

As there are only three bells at Newton the following ringers rang handbells in the churchyard as the couple left the church:—Messrs. T. R. Dennis, E. G. Hibbens, F. Haynes, J. W. R. Quinney, W. J. Ridgman, P. Border.

A TOAST TO YORKE-BRAMBLE

During Christmas five ringers got together in 'the local' in the Midlands. Asked one of the others, 'What do you think to all this business about the grid analysis?'

Replied No. 1: 'I'd sooner have a piece of toast done under the grid.'

No. 2: 'I know more about a manhole grid outside my front door.'

No 3 (in a more serious vein): 'I don't profess to understand it, but after all, you must recognise one thing, and that is—we have recently had a war to preserve the privileges of a free Press, and unless you intend to destroy that, these men, whether we be interested or not, have every right to free speech.'

No 4 added: 'Only by free expressions of opinion can the unintelligent ever be made intelligent.'

In the end all concurred and finished with a 'toast to Mr. Yorke-Bramble.' P. A.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER & SON

Congratulations to Sam Martin and his son Brian on ringing their first peal on 12 bells. They have joined the Leicester Cathedral band and are making good progress. Sam will be remembered as a member of the Leicester Guild multi-minor methods band. Although not a domino expert he is enjoying his experiences on the 'double-six.'

SUFFOLK GUILD PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—I was glad Mr. Les Brett has backed up the proposal made at Halesworth, but he has written as one who is in easy reach of Ipswich and possesses his own transport.

My previous letter on the subject was a summary of conversations at meetings, practices, etc., during the past few years. The report stated that a number of Districts are without secretaries; this is more or less due to lack of support at Saturday meetings and the work involved in collecting the 2s. 6d. subscriptions of those members who are not deeply interested in the Guild.

We must ask ourselves, 'Why are there approximately 60 who can manage to ring Plain Minor in an East Suffolk District who have left ringing?' Three of the main reasons are temperament, health and wives but there must be others.

Anyone taking the trouble would be surprised at the number who are unable to attend meetings on Saturday afternoons whereas 99 per cent. have Bank Holidays off. West Suffolk has as much right to attend the annual meetings as East Suffolk, which means you must catch the 1.20 or the 2 o'clock to get to Ipswich, and leave again just after tea. Many of our keen members rely on the football excursions on Easter Monday mornings. Concerning the matter of spending all day at a ringing meeting, I will point out that half the day is spent travelling.

Let us also consider the public. Is it fair to shopkeepers to have the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower going when they are trying to serve customers, whereas on Bank Holidays the town centre is deserted?

I must resent the remark that some of our District members lack Christianity and are too mean to pay 4s. per annum. These people keep the Sunday service ringing going and their 2s. 6d. more than covers their share in the expenses. But why should they subsidise the people who are out to obtain personal peal totals, or even be asked to pay another 6d. if they ring a peal for a special occasion? We must also think of the youngsters who are not earning, and those living on pension

A study of your paper will reveal that many Associations and Guilds are troubled with this problem, and some issue a report every two years.

'The Ringing World' suffers in the same manner, and any genius who could come forward with a proposal to solve these problems should be awarded a medal.—Yours sincerely,

Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE D. MILLS.

P.S.—On Easter Monday, 1949, the attendance was between 150 and 200.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' January 9th, 1914

ROMFORD, ESSEX

The Middlesex County Association

On Wednesday, December 31st, 1913, in 3 hours and 4 minutes

At the Church of St. Edward

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

5,024 CHANGES

Tenor 17 cwt.

Wesley Watson	Treble
*Leonard A. Pye	2
George R. Pye	3
Charles T. Coles	4
William Billenness	5
Alfred Pye	6
Ernest Pye	7
William Pye	Tenor

Composed by B. Lindoff. Conducted by W. Pye.

* First peal in the method. L. A. Pye, who is 14 years and 10 months old, is the youngest ringer to accomplish a peal in this method.

[He was the son of the ringer of the 6th and nephew of the ringers of 3, 7 and tenor.]

NEWSPAPER MAN CAPTURES SPIRIT OF THE BELFRY

A Pen Picture That Will Enthral the Exercise

A great service to ringing has been performed by 'The Manchester Guardian.' In the Christmas Eve issue of the journal appeared an article by Normal Shrapnel entitled 'They ring to make our Christmas complete.' The writer captures the spirit of the belfry in a wonderful way, and below a layman tells a story that all ringers will delight to read:—

The Christmas bells, though they may seem the most disembodied of all seasonable sounds, are the product of a high alliance of sweat and skill. They are carried sweetly across the frosted fields or streets by the man-handling of tons of metal. They cannot speak without the aid of men in their shirt-sleeves, doing strenuous permutations. Only in churches which use recorded chimes is the music truly disembodied, and you would have to travel far among the bell-towers of the 5,439 ringing churches of Britain to find anything but scorn for those.

The ringers are friendly men, but of all the private world theirs must be among the most exclusive. Their ancient art grows steadily more complicated; they are silver-tongued mathematicians, their script being of numbers but their spoken language as sonorous as the bells themselves, so that they speak familiarly of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Sextuples, Plain Bob Royal or Bristol Surprise Major. They tend to live for their art and its terms. 'You must have known so-and-so,' one will say to another; 'he used to do a lot of ringing in the South.' Or, 'Nice chaps, but they're not what you'd call Stedman Cinques men.' The bell itself, in their terminology, doesn't ring. Its clapper is a tongue, and it speaks.

In the tower of an ancient Cheshire church the ringers are gathering. It is a famous ringing county, and holds a record of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major changes achieved two years ago at Over in two minutes under thirteen hours. What strikes you at once is the variety of these voluntary prisoners in their stone tower. The oldest has been ringing for close on sixty years; the youngest is a National Service boy in uniform who was captured by the bells through living under them. One man has travelled all the way from Coventry 'just for a ring'; another is a teacher of mathematics who took to the complicated game as a scientist might take to heavy water.

WOMEN, ALSO

Two are women, who are increasingly succumbing to the bell-ringing urge; recently it was announced that the lady ringers of Bedfordshire had already scored quarter peals and hoped to achieve a full peal soon. And a letter in 'The Ringing World.' that unequalled source of esoteric information, reveals that a rector's daughter helped to break the war-time bell-silence during the invasion scare of 1940. 'She rang the sixth on that never-to-be-forgotten night.' She rang, and they were scattered.

That was comparatively silent war. Here is peace, tumultuous peace. 'Look to—treble's going,' warns the sixty-year ringer. 'She's gone!' Up and down go the ropes, controlled by the pumping arms, and the tower shakes and thunders with the music of the bells. It's more a knack than brute strength, you are assured, and remembering those record-breaking thirteen hours you believe it. Why were they not back-breaking, too? 'Always ring your bell, never let your bell ring you,' is a saying of the craft. It is easy to see the wisdom of this, especially when you discover the peril of mishandling a rope to a 'set' bell; this can fling you belfry-wards like a stone from a catapult, and the records say that men have died from time to time. But nowadays the hazards are not considered great; a toss taken here, a broken collar-bone there, is the extent of the damage. The novices are more sensible, and the old hands more sober. The old bell-tower fines for drinking, swearing, fighting or ringing with hat or spurs on have lapsed long since.

One rule, from Scotland, that 'the feelings and wishes of any sick person in the neighbourhood must be tenderly considered,' might still find support. The friends of synthetic bells argue that by eliminating practices they spare the public possible annoyance; the ringers reply that they find little evidence of such annoyance. Since a speaker at the Church Assembly called the use of recorded bells 'fraudulent,' the ringing world has been going at this issue with all clappers. They seem to be taking on in spite of the scorn of the 'live' ringers, who regard it as the last word in pretentiousness and vulgarity to install synthetic cathedral chimes in a village or small-town church.

RINGERS' ANXIETY

Some fear that before long only five-star rings and virtuoso ringing will be tolerated, under this demand for nothing but the best, even if canned. Anxiety is also being voiced about what might happen if a few competitive firms, pushing their synthetic bell apparatus, got busy with sales talk; it appears that faith in the proper response of incumbents and church councils is not universal. The ringers' official journal admits, all the same, that a good deal of blame rests on the ringers themselves in not ensuring that all bells are properly rung for services, and making insufficient effort to fill the gaps in their ranks. Another aspect is legal. Bells—even by those who may dislike them—are commonly accepted as a privileged form of praise. Have recordings the same immunity from legal process as a public nuisance?

In their Cheshire tower these things may well be in the ringers' minds as they draw to the end of their peal. Though nurtured on four famous stanzas of Tennyson, they must be having second thoughts about the line, 'Ring out the old, ring in the new.' More reassurance, perhaps, in the time-honoured closing call: 'That's all—stand.'

OBITUARY

MR. N. R. SUMMERS

On December 16th, 1953, there died a ringer of Tanworth-in-Arden Church whose skill and personality will be greatly missed from the tower.

Norman Robert Summers was born in Tanworth 61 years ago, a member of a family of engineers and wheelwrights resident in the parish for 150 years. He was a first-class engineer who specialised in the motor car, and in 1919 his garage in Tanworth became his life's work.

From the age of eight years he rang the bells which were used in those days to signify the time, and sang solos in the choir as a boy. In 1931 he installed electricity in the church and recently electric heating in the chancel He and his father maintained the bells and bell frame up to the restoration in 1949 and his family had always wound the church clock which his grandfather installed in 1873.

Mr. Summers removed the clock to the floor above the ringing room, where it now keeps time to within 15 seconds a month, though he was unable to complete this work due to ill-health.

On the evening of his funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a tribute to one who used his craftsmanship to the benefit of all with whom he came in contact, by L. Mole 1, Miss E. Boffey 2, J. H. Jones 3, J. W. Jones 4, J. Corbett (conductor) 5, A. J. Collins 6.

MR. FREDERICK G. SPRINGHAM

It is with sincere regret that we record the death on December 19th of Mr. Frederick Springham, Ringing Master at Much Hadham, at the age of 56 years after a painful illness.

Mr. Springham learned to handle a bell at Broxbourne, Herts. Later he joined the band at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, where his father and brother were also ringers and where he rang for over 30 years. After the lifting of the ban he assisted the local band at Much Hadham and when the bells were augmented to eight in 1950 became Ringing Master.

Although he rang few peals he was a devoted service ringer and a keen churchman. During the time he held the office of Ringing Master at Much Hadham his valuable work as an instructor resulted in the building up of a strong Sunday service band. He will be greatly missed by the local ringers and by his many ringing friends.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from his fellow ringers at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, and at Much Hadham. Half-muffled quarter peals were rung to his memory by the local company and by a representative band from the surrounding towers.

Mr. Springham leaves a widow to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. P. A. F. C.

MRS. WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT

An Appreciation

By the death of Mrs. Wolstencroft, those who knew her feel they have lost a friend, and many more than a friend. The Ringing Exercise, too, has lost a patron in more ways than one. As a ringer's wife she was an outstanding example by her support and encouragement. When there was a shortage of ringers during the first world war she took up ringing seriously at her home tower of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire. Although she was not a prolific peal ringer she nevertheless followed the peal ringing activities of her husband and friends with a keen interest. 103, Victoria Street, Ashton, was an address that was stamped indelibly on many ringers' minds, for there there was always a welcome, and those who had the pleasure of experiencing her hospitality never forgot her kind and genial disposition —nothing was too much trouble to make the visitor feel 'at home.' Who can forget those teas she organised on the occasion of Branch meetings or those small special gatherings at 103 which invariably followed a peal attempt, successful or otherwise, gatherings which taxed the accommodation at 103 to its utmost limit? It was a sad day when indisposition, caused by an accident in 1946, prevented her taking further part in the non-ringing activities of her ringing friends. For the past seven years both she and Mr. Wolstencroft had been living with their daughter Ida at Stoke Poges, and there they enjoyed a well-earned retirement. Our sympathies go out to her husband and daughter, and may they be happy in the knowledge that she was one of the best.

J. P. F.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

A number of members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held a successful half-day outing on Boxing Day, when a few towers in the Mid-Devon area were visited. The first tower was Chudleigh, where a pleasant hour was spent, after which visits were paid to Bovey Tracey, Dean Prior and Beckington, and in the first three places the ringers were welcomed by the respective vicars.

The visitors were subsequently entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, of Perry Farm, Highweek, Newton Abbot, after which handbell ringing was indulged in.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Lilley for their very kind hospitality.

A. L. M.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, D. H. Paine 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung for the festival of Christmas.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Stanier 1, J. N. Diserens 2, Miss S. Jackson 3, G. Bowen 4, D. Beacham (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A birthday compliment to J. J. Stanier.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor (on the back six): S. Kimber 1, Mary Fuller 2, J. Cannel 3, F. Jennings 4, R. Bird 5, F. Darby (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Douglas (first quarter) 1, G. Winter 2, W. Mortimer 3, J. Romain 4, S. Grant (cond.) 5, D. Beresford 6, F. Hale 7, G. Oram 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baldock (first quarter) 1, H. Payne 2, H. Baker 3, L. Payne 4, G. Waters (cond.) 5, R. Watts 6, V. Paine 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,272 Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): E. Rouse 1, D. L. M. Bigmore 2, E. G. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung before the midnight service.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Dec. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, H. Everett 2, C. Stannard 3, W. Goodship 4, A. Gillings 5, J. Kerrey 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. Before divine service.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales (first quarter) 1, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 2, A. Daniels 3, A. W. Dillow 4, A. Hurst 5, J. Dillow (first quarter) 6. Rung for midnight Communion.

CARDIFF.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. Oatway 1, Jean Powell 2, R. Lucas 3, T. Yeoman 4, F. Rowsell 5, W. Oatway 6, R. Davies (cond.) 7, W. Dare 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Gray 1, H. Mitchell 2, M. Best 3, J. Daniels 4, F. Price (cond.) 5, D. Reed 6, J. Hartless 7, E. Doel 8. Rung after an unsuccesstul attempt for a peal in honour of the 84th birthday of George Preston, still active ringing master after nearly 70 years.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Airey 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss M. Reed 3, R. Busby 4, R. James (first of Major) 5, D. R. Airey 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

DEAL, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Baxter (cond.) 1, Miss J. Milner (first 'inside') 2, Miss G. Rich 3, W. Rich 4, R. Rees 5, M. Milner 6. First quarter peal by a local band.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—At St. Alkmund's Parish Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss R. Carr (first on changing bell) 1, G. Bradley 2, D. Gebbett 3, J. MacArthur 4, M. Hatch (cond.) 5, Miss V. Horton (first quarter) 6, F. Stone 7, Rev. G. Hatch 8. Rung for the feast of St. Stephen. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob. 360 April Day), 4, 6, 8 covering: J. MacArthur 1, D. Gebbett 2, Miss E. Foulke 3, Miss B. Nelson (first quarter) 4, F. Stone 5, Miss R. Carr 6, M. Hatch (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. Miss Nelson (12) is the youngest lady ever to ring a quarter peal at Duffield.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Craig 1, Miss E. McLean 2, Miss K. Branson 3, J. Moss (first quarter 'inside') 4, W. H. Pickett 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, Rev. C. Preston Thomas 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung before the carol service.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, last quarter of Holt's Original: G. Hurrell 1, Miss M. Ashdown 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Hurrell 4, G. Ashdown 5, J. Richardson 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, P. Sherman 8. Rung for Evensong.

ENFIELD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. D. Duggan (first quarter) 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, Miss M. Smith 3, J. Towers 4, S. Scott 5, G. Russell 6, D. Towers 7, J. W. Dyer 8.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Susan Harrop 2, A. H. Hawcroft 3, Sylvia Iredale 4, J. M. Harrop 5, J. J. Taylor 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, H. Drake 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Philip Robert Shaw and Miss Marlene Whiteley.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, K. Timbury (first 'inside') 2, J. Church 3, W. Todd 4, G. Cherry 5, P. Croft 6.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Whiting 1, A. J. Wilson 2, C. Palmer 3, J. Clarke (first on 'inside' bell) 4, C. Underwood 5, G. D. Deighton 6, W. Wilby (cond.) 7, R. Blackwell 8. Rung prior to the 11 o'clock Sung Eucharist.

HILLESDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Townsend 1, C. Gough 2, J. Knibbs 3, F. Vickers 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, F. Pateman 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: M. Collings (first of Surprise Major) 1, M. Orme (16) 2, W. Hitch 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, H. Werrett 5, C. V. Hare (75) 6, P. Mehew 7, D. Jones (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 'inside' by 2 and 3. First of Superlative 'inside' by 5 and 7.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Worboys 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. V. Gant 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Tester (first quarter) 1, R. E. Lambert 2, C. A. Tester (first of Minor) 3, H. J. Hammond 4, E. Bromley 5, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey M. Trott 1, E. R. Rapley 2, Nan Ickeringill 3, E. Fosberry 4, J. Smart 5, S. A. Paice 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lynor 1, Audrey M. Trott 2, I. Windwood 3, E. Fosberry 4, J. Smart 5, E. R. Rapley 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Button 1, J. Papworth 2, C. Burton 3, J. Elliott 4, R. Pye (cond.) 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the great New Zealand railway accident on Christmas Eve.

LONGDON, WORCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lawrence 1, C. Young 2, H. Price 3, G. Camm (cond.) 4, F. Price 5, L. Dovey 6. Rung for Evensong, and to enable Mr. F. Price (Bournemouth) to ring again with his 'very old' friends.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Christmas Eve, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters: J. Scott 1, A. Burton 2, June Gladman 3, J. Herbert 4, Enid Preston 5, W. Bottrill 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire, 300 Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, J. Bentley 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the twins (Gillian and Mary Flitton).

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lee (first quarter) 1, W. Moore 2, R. Shire (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, P. Holway 6. Rung as a compliment to P. Holway, tower-keeper and ringer, for his birthday.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Mayers 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, C. S. Hoad 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood (first quarter) 6, A. T. Shelton 7, M. A. Northover 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: Miss K. Softley 1, Miss E. Softley 2, Miss M. Softley 3, Miss B. Softley 4, B. Bovill 5, R. Bell 6, C. N. Lea 7, Mrs. N. I. Lea (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lea.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung for midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss G. L. Friswell and Mr. D. Neal, both of the local band.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary, Liscard, on Dec. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. L. Gray 1, Miss J. M. Webster 2, Miss M. E. Webster 3, C. B. Pemberton 4, S. D. Sutton (first quarter of Surprise Major) 5, T. Rogers 6, A. J. Martin (cond.) 7, J. Ridyard 8. Rung to mark the dedication by the Bishop of Chester of a tablet to the memory of Canon A. E. Simpson (father of the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson).

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Bugby 1, Mrs. G. Roome 2, F. Rollings 3, G. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss S. J. Law to Mr. R. H. Luck, both of Weston Favell. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Parker 1, Mrs. G. Roome 2, B. Linnell (first quarter 'inside') 3, P. Amos 4, G. Roome (cond.) 5. For the Christmas festival. Miss Parker was on a visit from Bournemouth, Hants.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ranger (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Hancock 2, K. Vaughan 3, D. Walton 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5. First quarter by Sunday service band. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ranger 1, Dorothy Hancock 2, D. Walton 3, B. Collins (cond.) 4, K. Vaughan 5. Rung for the midnight service.

THOMAS EAYRE, of KETTERING (1691—1757)

Although remembered principally as a bell-founder of no mean ability, Thomas Eayre was a remarkable man in several other ways. Perhaps the first occupation he knew was that of blacksmith, the trade of his father. In a copyhold admission of October, 1726, he is described as clockmaker, and was commissioned by the Vestry of All Saints,' Northampton, in 1727, to keep the clock and chimes in good repair. He was employed by George, third Earl of Cardigan, in cleaning and winding the clocks at Deene Hall, and in keeping the jacks and other machinery in good order. Similarly he was employed by the Marquess of Rockingham to look after the great clock at Great Hawarden between 1748 and 1756.

That he was also a surveyor we gather from the fact that surveying articles are included in the list of property advertised as for sale by auction in 1762, which were left to his son, Thomas III., in his will of December 24th, 1757. He was clearly very interested in antiquarian subjects, as we may gather from a letter to Sir Edmund Isham, of Lamport, dated March 24th, 1738-9, in which he describes in detail a large tesselated Roman pavement discovered three weeks before in a field at Weldon, and appeals to the baronet to try to persuade Lord Hatton to take steps to preserve it.

Eayre was one of several topographical artists commissioned by John Bridges to make drawings for his great 'History of Northamptonshire,' which contains some of his work including one in ink of the portico of All Saints', Northampton. Among the other drawings are a plan of the Roman remains at Castor: 'The North East Prospect of Higham Ferrers,' a plan of Peterborough and a sectional view of the Cathedral from the south side. Eayre's greater and by far his most important work was his map of the county of Northants, which is deservedly well known in that it was the first of the county on a large scale (one mile to one inch).

These accomplishments, however, did not afford Eayre his living completely. His main means of livelihood was his bell foundry, which appears to have come into being in about 1717, when we find bells at Cranford and Yelden. He was a great admirer of Hugh Watts' bells, and when he recast the sixth at St. Margaret's, Leicester, he put this inscription on it:—'Hugh Watts, of Leicester, the foremost in his art, cast the 6 largest bells 1633. T. Eayre, Kett: Recast this 1739. Morte Beata Nihil Beatius.'

Watts' inscriptions were very often used by Eayre, for instance, 'I.H.S. Nazarenus Rex Judeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei' appears on the 9th at Kettering and in many other places, including Bringhurst, Humberstone, Lubenham, etc. About 200 bells cast by Eavre are extant, in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire, Warwickshire, Rutland, Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire, by far the greater number in Northamptonshire and Leicestershire (approximately 70 each). We can get some idea of prices of those days by considering those at Daventry in 1738, for recasting five old bells and increasing them to eight—£209 14s. In 1752, for recasting and augmenting the ring at Grantham to eight, £516 0s. 2d. In 1754 the ring of six at Loughborough were recast at a cost of about £119.

Thomas Eayre was buried at Kettering on January 3rd, 1758, and though the location of his grave is now lost, his name will be remembered as long as his bells remain to bear witness to the craft of a versatile and brilliant man.

P. I. C.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Dando (first in the method) 1, F. N. Lane 2, A. D. Tremeer 3, E. M. Lane 4, G. Allen 5, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 6, F. W. Mansbridge 7.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

Mr. Ernest Morris has received the following appreciation of his articles from Mr. Frank Huckle, of Swanage, Dorset:—

'I have found your records of the above, published in "The Ringing World," very interesting and have ventured to compile a few verses using some of these old rules. I take the liberty in sending you a copy.'

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S

If a ringer you wish to be,
Come then to Swanage by the sea.
For at St. Mary's you will find
The finest eight bells of their kind.

We ringers here are no one's foes,
But those who want too much repose.
For there's no music, played or sung,
Like unto bells when they're well rung.

If you've a mind to be enrolled.
Then to these orders you must hold.
It's not good to hear men wrangle,
And much worse to hear bells jangle.

That every change be true and clear,
You must ring well with hand and ear.
List'ning too for Bob or Single,
With an eye upon the treble.

If any should our church neglect,
Or Captain's orders disrespect.
It is a rule of old most clear,
That such a one cannot stay here.

One night each week we all do meet,
To practise and to records beat.
On Sunday twice a day we're there,
Calling both good and bad to prayer.

If to our laws you do consent,
Then take a bell we are content.
He that in ringing takes delight,
Will never lack for friends aright.

Now comes the Captain's final call,
And so to rounds and that-is-all.
Ring down the bells so ringers keen,
God bless the Church, God save the Queen.

5,056 SUPERLATIVE, YORKSHIRE AND NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

By WILLIAM THORNLEY

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Combined annual meeting and social, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells open: Christ Church (10) 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's (12) 3 p.m.-5.15 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Bells at St. Peter's (8) will be available from 5.45-6.45 p.m. for visitors. Hot-pot supper and social in the Beehive Restaurant at 7 p.m. 3628

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting at Ripley (8) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 3 p.m. Please note: No tea arrangements; cafes nearby. 3731

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Coleman's Hatch (8) Jan. 9th.—C. A. Bassett. 3722

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), Jan. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3741

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. 3707

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Wrotham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. 3728

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, at South Wigston (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 3715

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn District.—**Correction:** Annual Branch meeting, Whalley, Jan. 9th (not Jan. 2nd). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3709

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Annual branch meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, Preston Parish Church. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley. 3747

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the schoolroom. 3738

LEEDS AND DISTRICT. — Meeting at Wakefield Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available 4 p.m. Business meeting in tower at 7 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 3708

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Loughborough Parish Church, Jan. 9th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Fearon Hall, 5. Evening, Bell Foundry. 3691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Lincoln Diocesan annual meeting, St. Giles', Lincoln Jan. 9th. 3699

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley (near Finchley Central Underground Station) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 3 p.m. No service, no tea arrangements. Business 4 p.m. District annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Feb. 13th.—T. J. Lock. 3713

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. 3680

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Quarterly, Adderbury (8), January 9th. Service 4 p.m. Subscriptions due.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 3679

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thame, Oxon, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 3702

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Annual meeting, Desborough, Jan. 9th, 2.30 p.m. 3732

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Annual District meeting, Sudbury, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. All Saints' 2.30; St. Gregory's after tea. Tea 5 o'clock.—L. D. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3714

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Committee meeting Heston Vicarage, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Annual meeting, Heston, Jan. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room (names, please). St. Mary's, Norwood Green (6), 2.30–3.30; Heston (8) from 3.30. 1954 subscriptions now due.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039). 3748

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 3719

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Stoke, Jan. 16th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3753

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by Tuesday, 12th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3756

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Annual meeting, Dunstable, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.15 p.m. —Dennis Knox. 3755

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by Jan. 13th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 3762

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham (6), Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided free ONLY for those notifying by 12th. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3774

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Nuneaton, Jan. 16th. Bells of St. Nicolas' (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in vestry at 6 p.m. followed by ringing until 9 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 3767

DEVON GUILD. — South-West Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Plympton St. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 11th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3742

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Shirland, Jan. 16th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Mason, Town End, Shirland, Derbyshire, by Wednesday, 13th.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3746

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Annual meeting at Huntingdon on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (6) 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at All Saints' Hall. Both towers available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3751

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Annual meeting, Bocking, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 3725

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 13th to G. Billinness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 3744

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Jan. 16th. Ringing, St. Michael's (8) 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.. St. Albans Abbey (12) 6.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, Jan. 14th, to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 3763

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting at Rawtenstall, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Make own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 3772

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness. 3779

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Annual district meeting. Saturday, Jan. 16th, in Leicester. Ringing, Cathedral (12) 2.30–3.30, St. John-the-Divine's 3–4.30 and in evening. Service, St. John's, 4.30. Tea 5. St. John's Schoolroom. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 12th, to S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3704

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual district meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m. Provide own tea. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3765

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting at Melton Mowbray (10), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30, 6.15 to 8.15. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names MUST be sent by the 14th to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road. 3768

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Syston, Jan. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics. 3775

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3769

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting, Rumney, Jan. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by Jan. 12th, to Mr. Ronald Lucas, 1, Castle Avenue, Rumney.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 3721

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual general meeting, Jan. 16th, St. George's, Camberwell (Wells Way) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall. Evening ringing to be announced.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 3777

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip (6), Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 3770

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle (8), Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 11th Jan. to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 3739

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. —Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Names to Mr. J. Smith, 147, Damers Road, Dorchester, by Jan. 13th, please.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury. 3745

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Sutton-on-Trent (8), Jan. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service. Tea in Church Hall. Notify, by Tuesday previous, Miss Burchnall, Sutton.—P. N. White. 3716

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting at Horley, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea by Jan. 14th to A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley. 3771

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Uckfield, Jan. 16th. Look up Oxford Bob Triples. Tower open 3 o'clock. Please notify for tea by Jan. 13th to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3781

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. O. G. Smart, 28, The Drove, Andover. 3743

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual district meeting, Fareham, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. H. Sturgess, 40, Osborne Road, Fareham. —S. K. M. Knight. 3778

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brierley Hill, Sat., Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3727

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3–8. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in St. Nicholas' Hall. Please send numbers for tea by Jan. 20th to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 3754

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Annual district meeting at Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea not later than Jan. 20th to H. J. Millatt, 46, Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester. 3758

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Queen's Head.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Great Waltham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting and election of officers for 1954 after tea. 3734

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea is by kind invitation, but numbers for tea must reach Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Thursday, Jan. 21st, and this is definite, no names, no tea. —B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 19th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3760

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at the Town Hall (entrance Lloyd Street) Jan 23rd, 3 p.m. Nearby cafes. All welcome. Note change of date.—R. Benson. 3752

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting, Wrangle, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Angel Inn at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 18th. — W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3757

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Towcester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Please notify Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester, for tea by Tuesday previous. Service 3.30 p.m.—W. A. Yates, Branch Sec. 3750

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 23rd. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Bells available: St. Martin's 3.15 and after meeting, St. Paul's 2.15 and 8, St. Thomas' 6.30–8. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3780

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, St. Mary's, Stafford, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Choral Service 4 o'clock, with address by the Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to Mr. R. J. Warrilow, 197, Tixall Road, Stafford. 3773

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Jan. 23rd, Shoreditch, 2.30, St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Jan. 20th. —Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 3766

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Ropley, Jan. 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3759

ANNUAL EAST HARLING DINNER MARDLE.—To Norwich Area and all Norfolk Associations.—Saturday, Feb. 6th, Swan Inn, East Harling, 7 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, limited to 50. Bells available: Quidenham (8), North Lopham (8), East Harling (6), Bur Street bell (1) and handbells. Please book early from Dr. P. Jonason, White House, East Harling, Norwich. 3726

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The annual lunch will be held on Feb. 6th at the George Restaurant, Oxford. Will old members interested please contact Miss P. Holborn, 130, Hady Hill, Chesterfield, for further details and ringing arrangements. 3696

READING, BERKS. — At St. Mary's on Dec. 20th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3, R. D. Tomlin (first in method) 4, A. H. Hinton 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. H. Paine (first of Minor) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, H. W. Brown 3, E. E. Trusler (first of Plain Bob Minor 'inside') 4, Valdrie Mepham (first of Plain Bob Minor 'inside') 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Dec. 20th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, W. G. Cook 2, Sgt. L. Dixon, R.A.F. 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, F. J. Lewis, jun. 7, W. H. Hayward 8. Rung for the Confirmation service and also as a farewell to Sgt. Dixon, who has been posted overseas.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral on Dec. 11th, 1,289 Stedman Caters: S. Walklate 1, G. A. Halls 2, J. A. Constant 3, C. Glenn (cond.) 4, P. H. Whitaker 5, A. E. Thompson 6, H. Taylor 7, D. R. Carlisle 8, F. R. Lowe 9, J. B. Stennit 10. A welcome to the Rev. Ronald Alfred Beddoes, M.A., instituted this day as incumbent and Provost of Derby Cathedral. —Also at St. Andrew's Church on December 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Whitaker 1, C. Walklate 2, H. Letts 3, George Freebrey (cond.) 4, D. Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, H. Taylor 7, R. A. Scott 8. First of Stedman for 5 and 8. A 72nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

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THE EXPERT

IN the world of change ringing the lot of the expert is not entirely a happy one, nor can it be said that his work always receives the recognition due to it. His position as an authority on some branch of ringing, be it archæological, historical, mathematical or mechanical, is reached after long years of patient study, experiment, self-criticism and self-adjustment, with frequent periods of doubt and heartbreaking disappointment. At last his writings and observations may show his judgment and knowledge to be mature, and it comes to be recognised that his word on certain matters is to be treated with respect and used for guidance.

But, having reached this position of authority, he finds that much is expected of him. How frequently is the expert composer called upon for special compositions, to pronounce opinions on peal qualities or, what is often a task of dreary drudgery, to verify and prove the figures of peals? To this question Mr. C. W. Roberts or Mr. Pitman might provide the answer. How often are the students of method construction called upon for heavy labours and careful, considered opinions on the tabulation and systematisation of methods? Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. Felstead, and others, will be able to judge; for were the full tale of their investigations made clear to us, doubtless we should be astonished at the magnitude of the labours involved.

It was Jasper Snowdon who deplored the fact that so much of the work of the old composers and theorists was lost. 'Of what use,' he writes in 'A Treatise on Treble Bob,' are the costly and carefully kept books of such Societies as the College and Cumberland Youths when they do not even attempt to preserve from oblivion the only particulars of permanent interest connected with the performances they record? Were all these bygone performances true and thus worthy of record? If so, surely the men who spent their time and wearied their brains over their production should have had their work preserved from such ignominious extinction!' Snowdon was thinking primarily of the preservation of the actual figures of peals, but we cannot help feeling that he had in mind also the ignominious extinction of a vast amount of experimental and exploratory work of the men of old, and of the loss of papers that might give us clues to their methods of working, thus enabling us to pay a more adequate tribute to their powers and to their work for posterity.

It is true, of course, that few of the experts of old, even the brilliant ones, kept any clear record of the process by which they worked; some of them, indeed, seem to have been incapable of explaining how their results were obtained. Nothing that Holt left behind tells us how he produced the Original; Thurstans and Lates give us no clue to their mental reasoning; that brilliant genius, John Carter, was, to use Trollope's word, inarticulate, and in his writings had no power to make himself entirely understood. But his results are unsurpassed and the sureness of his touch is uncanny. Of recent years our experts have been able, through the ringing Press, to lay before us, not only their results, but also their methods, and the writings of Heywood, Parker, Trollope, Davies and others have enabled us to appraise more fully the knowledge of the theorists and to pay tribute to the rich gifts they have given us.

With all this, there is an impish desire in the hearts of most of us to poke fun at our experts, and to use whatever opportunity may arise to have our laugh at them and their methods. The lighthearted contributions that have recently appeared in 'The Ringing World' are innocent and entertaining, and are examples of that boyish exuberance by which the Englishman so often attempts to disclaim all desire to take himself too seriously. Some years ago, during the controversy over the publication of Dr. Slack's two-part peal of Stedman Triples, one solemn humorist declared that it had afforded him some delight to find the experts for once confounded.

Such sly digs may without much trouble be taken good humouredly, for they serve as a simple foil to the expert who does, occasionally, by his dogmatism or assurance of superiority, cause us to feel that he is imposing upon us some fad of his own or attempting to force us into a line of action to which we object. We owe too much to our experts to wish to ridicule their work or belittle their contribution to our art. We cannot always agree with them, and sometimes we actively oppose them, but we recollect that their labours have no material reward and no recompense save that of knowing that they contribute to knowledge and progress; and every practical ringer acknowledges that they are indispensable. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	†Harry Poyner	7
Frank E. Pervin	2	Colin E. Walker	8
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	Terry A. Thornber	9
S. Antony Jesson	4	†John A. L. Thompson	10
Paul K. Williamson	5	Leonard Trevor	11
*Hubert E. Ashley	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble*	Walter Allman	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Edward Jenkins	7
Wilfred Stevenson	3	Peter Laflin	8
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Royal in the Tittums.
Rung to commemorate the 15,480 Cambridge Royal rung on December 15th, 1951.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Mary,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt.

Wilfred Newman	*Treble*	Peter Baker	6
*Jessie Newbury	2	George Kilmister	7
Edwin T. Newbury	3	†Leslie Aston	8
*Michael Clifford	4	Leslie Barry	9
Geoffrey Hemming	5	Thomas Boreham	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'
The ringer of the 7th has now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Marshall, churchwarden and generous donor to the fund for rehanging the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

*Audrey S. Noble	*Treble*	†George L. Roobottom	6
†Mrs. S. H. Jones	2	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Barnabas G. Key	3	Edward J. White	8
William J. Leach	4	Sydney H. Jones	9
‡Dorothy T. Gardner	5	Leonard Chamberlain	*Tenor*

Composed by George Hayward. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'
‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung to welcome the New Year.

APPLETON. BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Richard White	*Treble*	Ronald F. Diserens	6
John Chilcott	2	Cyril E. Lewington	7
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	George Holifield	8
Mrs. Pat Lewington	4	William Hibbert	9
Cyril J. Hibbert	5	Frank White	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Chilcott.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4½ cwt.

Edwin G. Moore	*Treble*	Malcolm S. Cloke	5
William H. B. Wilkins	2	Edgar J. Smith	6
Charles Coles	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
Philip Walker	4	Walter F. Judge	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburg,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

Walter F. Judge	*Treble*	Edgar J. Smith	5
Richard White	2	Cyril Kinch	6
Charles Coles	3	Francis A. White	7
Edmund E. Pearson	4	Harry Hatfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

BRECON, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Jack R. Worrall	5
Jacqueline S. Evans	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Wilfrid F. Moreton	3	Roger O. Fry	7
David J. King	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Major on the bells.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 EARDISLAND DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Frederick R. Harris	*Treble*	F. Eric Roberts	5
George Davis	2	Leslie Evans	6
John D. Rock	3	Austin T. Wingate	7
Michael P. Moreton	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
First peal in the method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Barry Cook	*Treble*	Frank C. May	5
*William S. May	2	Brian J. Howard	6
*Donald Coombes	3	Gerald Frost	7
*Lawrence J. Beal	4	Frank B. Lufkin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Vernon Bottomley	*Treble*	Harry Wild	5
*Patricia Lord	2	Sam Blundell	6
Geoffrey Ingham	3	Geoffrey Bryant	7
Derrick Taylor	4	Sam Longbottom	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Sam Longbottom.
* First peal.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	JACK BAILEY	5
*A. MARY HOBBS	2	†WALTER STEEN	6
GORDON HALLS	3	*BEN BARKER	7
*JAMES MOULD	4	WILLIAM LANCASTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES	*Treble*	*FRANK V. GANT	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	JOHN F. GROVE	6
C. RONALD SMITH	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
*DAVID W. BEARD	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal in the method for the Association.
Rung for the Watchnight Service.

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
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Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*THOMAS RIDGMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
†STANLEY J. SHARLAND	2	*W. GEORGE WHIDDON	6
GEORGE SKINNER	3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	7
‡EDWARD G. CORK	4	*JOHN T. LEACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside. ‡ First peal of Triples.
First peal on the bells since augmented from six to eight.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
*ROGER BALDWIN	2	*ROBIN G. LEALE	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	4	†RICHARD H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.
Rung with half-muffled clappers for the Watchnight Service.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FRANK E. WALKER	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*JOHN E. CANNELL	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies'. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	JAMES METCALF	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
BRIAN TOMLINSON	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
STANLEY ANDERTON	4	RICHARD DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tompkins and Mr. John Hamer, of Deane, Lancashire

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ARTHUR SAYER	*Treble*	PERCY PAGE	5
†MRS. N. BRIDGES	2	JOHN RUSSELL	6
†HERBERT LUCK	3	†ARCHIE HINKLEY	7
†EDWARD MILSTED	4	LESLIE EVEREST	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by LESLIE EVEREST.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Luck; also the engagement of Miss E. Reid to Captain Arthur Sayer (R.A.O.C.), both members of the local band.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 FARNDON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK R. EVANS	*Treble*	ROGER B. MORRIS	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 226).
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. G. Lloyd, M.A., following his induction as Vicar of Farndon; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lewis (nee Richards—a former ringer at this church) and a grand-daughter to Mr. A. E. Richards, local tower captain and organist.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*†PETER BALDWIN	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
†ANTHONY E. COX	2	WALTER LEE	6
†DOREEN COKER	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
†ARTHUR NEWTON	4	†JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major.

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LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	†THOMAS W. HESKETH	5
THOMAS C. LARKEY	2	†EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
ALAN R. CAVE	3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	THOMAS ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal together.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID J. KING	*Treble*	*THOMAS YEOMANS	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
ROBERT E. COLES	3	*JACK R. WORRALL	7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	4	JOHN E. MORGAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* 25th peal together.
Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Jacqueline S. Evans.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	MAURICE BENNETT	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON	6
W. ALLEN RICHARDSON	3	AUBREY D. MILLS	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. Harold Whitton, a member of the local band, to Miss Olive M. Jones at Isleworth on December 19th, 1953; also for the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Bennett.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
J. W. Washbrook's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER	*Treble*	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
MRS. EDNA KANSY	3	WILLIAM R. MANSER	7
*LUTHER J. HONESS	4	*REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* 25th peal together.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Frank Wright and Miss Daphne Jordan.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of eight extents or Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN F. MURFIN (aged 12)	*Treble*	SAMPSON WALKLATE	4
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	KENNETH TUNNICLIFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles for all except the 3rd. First peal on the bells since their rehanging.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Soar.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's (1), Double Court (2), Oxford Bob (3), Cambridge (4), Oxford Treble Bob (5), Kent Treble Bob (6), Plain Bob (7). Tenor 18 cwt.

GRAHAM PRATT	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	4
HORACE WERRETT	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
JOHN CHURCH	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 six scores (four callings). Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	ELSIE F. FELTWELL	3
*ROSEMARY J. PARSLOE	2	†JOHN A. HOWARD	4
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal at first attempt.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. BAILEY	4
*JOHN E. MORGAN	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Minor.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID BANKS	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND	4
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	*KENNETH PARK	5
DAVID CUBITT	3	JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSIHRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: one each of Lightfoot, Beverley, York, Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
CECIL WADE	2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH	5
JAMES H. MUSSON	3	*JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* 25th peal of Surprise.
Rung with the best wishes of his ringing friends in Bourne and district, to the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, of Exeter, upon his recent engagement.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES
Being two extents of St. Simon; four of Reverse Canterbury; six of Kennington; eight of Plain Bob; four each of Old. Norfolk, Southrepps, April Day; and eight of Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. KINCHIN	*Treble*	DONALD S. PAYNE	3
DAWN V. ELSON	2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	4
MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.
Rung to celebrate Christmas.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge, three of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

L. RODMELL	*Treble*	J. A. BROUGHTON	4
G. F. WILLIAMS	2	P. SPECK	5
H. RODMELL	3	C. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. RODMELL.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich and Cambridge Spliced, London, Norwich and Ipswich, and 2,160 changes of Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALLEN W. CANSDALE ..	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS ..	4
ANN V. LEWIS	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
First peal in four Surprise Minor methods by all and on the bells.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*MRS. R. PEARSON	*Treble*	†BRIAN W. HALL	4
*HUGH FALKNER	2	†WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	5
†RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	3	*RAYMOND G. PEARSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSIHRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb.

MRS. E. CHANDLER	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

SHALBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM KEWELL	*Treble*	*DONALD A. THEEDOM ..	3
GERALD B. EVANS	2	PHILLIP E. DODD	4
†GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*EILEEN M. TURNER ..	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4
†ANN M. COX	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	5
*E. JOHN WELLS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal in seven Minor methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 25th tower in Surrey for a peal.

SALTWOOD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	4
RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD ..	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

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DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
PETER J. CAME	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*JOHN V. BLACKLEDGE	*Treble*	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	4
STANLEY WALMSLEY	2	*J. RICHARD JENKINSON	5
†HARRY CALDERBANK	3	*FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal in method. † First peal.

Rung as a token of esteem to the late Mr. A. C. M. Lilley, J.P., for his services to the church.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM KEWELL	*Treble*	GERALD B. EVANS	4
PHILLIP E. DODD	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
*DENNIS A. JOHNSON	3	†REGINALD T. EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*PAMELA LAW	*Treble*	STANLEY W. BROWN	4
MARY W. BROWN	2	†BRYAN K. TURNBULL	5
*AGNES F. MILLAM	3	HARRY W. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARY W. BROWN.

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

In appreciation of Mr. G. A. Steele's personal example and encouragement to the younger ringers during his 64 years' service in this tower.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford, Kent and College Exercise. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BAGSHAW	*Treble*	HERBERT TAYLOR	4
*MRS. MARGARET BRADBURY	2	JOHN T. MARRIOTT	5
MRS. MARGARET FINLOW	3	HENRY KIRK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

* First peal.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.

PETER G. BUTLER	*Treble*	HAROLD OLIVER	4
JOHN GRAHAM	2	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	5
MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER	3	GEORGE COLEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. G. BUTLER.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JAMES SKEATS	4
*MAURICE PROCTER	2	*JACK WILLIAMSON	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	*THOMAS SAGAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Waterford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Oswald, and Barham Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob and Trinity Sunday Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

FREDERICK FLINT	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
ERNEST PRESTON	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

Rung to welcome in the New Year. Also a birthday compliment to Master Keith Challans.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MARGOT R. THOMPSON	*Treble*	NORMAN R. BAILEY	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal for the Suffolk Guild. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung to mark the Rev. A. D. Thompson's 25th anniversary of his induction to the combined living of Walberswick and Blythburgh.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT 116, FOUNTAIN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 10 extents of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.
Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING	1—2	FRED E. DUKES	3—4
		*AUBREY D. FIELDING	5—6

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.

* First peal in two methods.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT KIRKWOOD, MILLANS PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's.

CHARLES V. HALES	1—2	ALAN CAPSTICK	3—4
		ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH.
Witness: MRS. ALAN CAPSTICK.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
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AT 53, LEYS ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob, two of Fulbeck and Double Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		*JOHN KING	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First handbell peal in seven methods. The first handbell peal in seven methods for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to Patrick I. Chapman.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' January 16th, 1914

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The Kent County Assopciation

On Thursday, January 8th, 1914, in 2 hours and 57 minutes

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5,056 CHANGES

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

W.O. William A. Cooke, R.N.	Treble
L/Sgt. Frederick A. Holden, R.M.L.I.	2
Stoker Alfred Playle, R.N.	3
Pte. Frederick Souter, Essex Regt. ..	4
Cpl. George Gilbert, R.E.	5
Musn. Victor Jarrett, R.E.	6
Pte. Percy Gibbs, King's Own	7
L/Sgt. James Bennett, R.M.L.I. ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. A. Holden.

First peal ever rung by an Army and Navy band of ringers.

THANK YOU!

To those (not known to me) who here, last week,
A happy toast recorded, many thanks!
But sad it is that folks have been misled
(Largely by those who only partly 'tend)
To think that Grid Analysis concerns
Some deeper myst'ry, mathematical!

In fact, 'tis fundamental for all those
Who wish to study method form and growth.
Nor can originality be claimed,
Except perhaps in treatment and new terms;
Enabling new conclusions to be reached.
Which give coherent meaning to the whole
Of method structure theoretical.
So, to its students all, New Year felicital!

A.Y-B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Howden

The winter meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden on January 2nd and was attended by about 30 members from several towers. The fine ring of eight bells was rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Kitchen), who welcomed the Association to Howden.

The vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, who presided at the business meeting, wished the members a Happy New Year, and welcomed Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, after a fairly long illness. He read an apology from Mr. S. Steel, the Ringing Master, for non-attendance owing to an operation. The meeting wished both a speedy and complete recovery.

Holy Trinity, Hull, was selected for the next meeting. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 17s. 6d.

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NORWICH ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Adopts New Rules

A general meeting of the Association was held following the North Norfolk Branch annual meeting, in St. Miles' Parish Hall (St. Martin-at-Oak Church), Norwich, on January 9th. The main object of this meeting was formally to adopt the new Association rules, as put forward and amended at the last annual general meeting. These rules include: 'The annual general meeting shall be held in Norwich on a date to be determined by the Standing Committee.' Thus the Association is empowered to try having the annual general meeting on a Saturday, which is believed to be likely to attract a larger number than Easter Monday has done lately. The Standing Committee had already agreed, if the general meeting were to adopt the new rules, to determine Saturday, May 8th, as the date for the 1954 annual general meeting.

It was noted that only about 232 subscriptions appeared to have been paid in 1953, so that the Association was only empowered to have two representatives on the next Central Council. G. T.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The York Minster Society is celebrating its 100th anniversary on January 30th by a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association followed by a dinner. We feature this week the history of York Minster, its bells and bell-ringers, written by the president, Mr. Harold Walker.

The peal of Stedman at Portsea on December 31st provided the opportunity for Mr. F. W. Burnett to 'complete the circle' in that tower.

Mr. Alan Pearson, of Worsley, Lancs, who is a civil engineer by profession, is going to Madras and Bombay. He expects to be away for about three months.

The ringers of the peal at Scorton, Lancs, would like to express to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderton, of Springfield Farm, Scorton, their sincere thanks for the way in which they were received on New Year's Day.

The poem quoted in our last issue by John Betjeman, 'On hearing the full peal of ten bells from Christ Church, Swindon,' appeared in a book of poems by Mr. Betjeman called 'New Bats in Old Belfries,' published by John Murray, Ltd. The book is now out of print.

In the peal attempt at Stisted on January 2nd Peter Wood turned in the fifth and rang five-and-a-half extents of Cambridge Surprise Minor on a single rope after it had become untucked. His determination was much appreciated by the band. Alas! the peal has since been withdrawn.

Prominent among the young ringers of the Essex Association is Mr. Joe E. G. Roast, of Danbury, who during 1953 rang 30 peals for the Essex Association, of which he conducted 18. He has now 46 peals to his credit and has rung in 208 different towers, a promising achievement for a young ringer who has just reached his 18th birthday.

Congratulations to Mr. Albert Walker, who rang his 800th peal on December 26th. It was his 322nd of Stedman Cinques. Optimistically he writes: 'I only want 1,200 more for my 2,000 peals'!

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Mr. Leonard Trevor, of Nuneaton, has now, with a peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, conducted Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Special thanks are expressed to Mr. A. E. Richards by the band who rang for the induction service at Farndon, Cheshire, and the congratulatory peal to the new incumbent afterwards. His welcome was much appreciated.

Absence of trips and accuracy of striking by the lady members in a peal at Burnham gave extreme pleasure to the remainder of the band. The conductor's remark at the end of the peal was, 'I've never had a better "first."'

Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, who has consented to take the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner on March 6th, is a nephew of the late Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who for many years was presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Sir Theodore is a regular ringer at Tanworth-in-Arden, a Warwickshire village some ten miles from Birmingham.

Mr. John Fielding, who recently secured his B.A. degree, hopes to be ordained next June and to accept a curacy at St. Luke's, Belfast. A former official of Londonderry Corporation, his acceptance of 'the call' has meant a real sacrifice. John is very popular with ringers in Ireland and was captain of St. George's, Dublin, which won both the Lindoff and Murphy Cups last year.

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YORK MINSTER – ITS BELLS AND BELL-RINGERS

By HAROLD WALKER
President, York Minster Society of Change Ringers

BELLFOUNDERS flourished in York down to the end of the 18th century. One of the earliest was Richard Tunnoc who, before his death in 1330, gave the now famous 'Bell-founder's Window' to the Minster.

In 1371 the Chapter employed a Leicester man, John de Stafford, to cast several new bells; one replaced the Great Bell which had fallen down in 1359. The Fabric Rolls of 1371 set out in great detail the weights and costs of the various materials used in making the moulds, setting up the furnace and casting the bells; all the work being carried out within the Minster precincts. In addition to the work on the new bells a bell called 'John' and another called 'Chancellor' were rehung.

The south-western tower was built during the period 1432-1457 and various bells were housed in it.

The erection of the north-western tower completed the building of the Minster which was consecrated on July 3rd, 1472. The bells for this tower were cast some years before being required. The Fabric Roll of 1466 shows that John Knapton, Under Treasurer, handed to Thomas Innocent, bellfounder of Leicester, certain metals for the casting of four bells, the weight of each bell being given. These bells were known as the Lady Bells, one being inscribed:—

'SUM ROSA PULSATA MUNDA MARIA VOCATA.' (I being rung am called Mary, the Rose of the World.)

This bell still exists and is the tenor of the ring of six at St. Michael's in the City.

THE FIRST RING OF TWELVE

In 1655 the Lady Bells were removed from the north-western tower and placed with the eight then hanging in the south-western tower. Thus was created the very first ring of twelve bells ever to be rung.

The musical qualities of this early ring evidently left much to be desired for in 1657 the 7th and 11th were recast by local founders, an old bell from the demolished Church of St. Nicholas-without-Walmgate being used to increase the weight. The 8th was recast in 1671, to be followed by the four trebles in 1681. Finally the tenor was recast in 1727; this bell was reputed to weigh 59 cwt. and was 5 feet 9½ inches in diameter.

Dean Fountayn, in 1765, decided to replace the old ring of twelve bells with a new ring of ten similar to Bow Bells which had recently been installed. The Whitechapel Foundry estimated the new ring would weigh ten tons and cost £1,213 6s. 3d. and they were prepared to make an allowance of £1,201 19s. 8d. for the old bells, which were estimated to weigh 12 tons 18 cwt., the Dean and Chapter to pay the carriage.

All the old bells were not sent to London, however: a Mr. Beckwith agreed to pay 11d. per lb. for the 8th, and the five trebles were given to the Church of St. Michael in exchange for three old bells. The five included the Lady Bell mentioned above and are still in St. Michael's tower.

The new ring was a great improvement: the tenor bell weighed 53¼ cwt. and was 5 feet 4½ inches in diameter. The Latin inscriptions on the old bells were not reproduced but the founders chose new ones of their own, two of which were:—

6th.—'Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round.'

8th.—'Ye ringers all who prize your health and happiness
Be sober merry wise and you'll the same possess.'

The change from twelve bells to ten did not please the above-mentioned Mr. Beckwith, who wrote (Beckwith's MSS., Bodleian Library, Vol. 2, p. 206):—

'This year Dean Fountayn disposed of the old peal of bells in the Minster and got a new peal of worse bells. Before there were twelve but now reduced to ten. The great Old Bell was supposed to have been in the Minster ever since the building of the Church. The inhabitants of York had no reason to thank the Dean for meddling with them, for the bells were much better as well as the former Dean.'

THE GREAT FIRE OF 1840

In 1840 the bells were destroyed in a great fire which gutted the south-western tower and spread to the roof of the nave. After the fire the Minster was without a bell; the Dean and Chapter, therefore, ordered a new one weighing 53 cwt. for immediate use and to form the tenor of a new ring as soon as the work of reparation was completed.

In 1843 Dr. Stephen Beckwith died and left £2,000 for providing a new ring of twelve bells. Eleven bells were ordered from the Whitechapel Foundry and added to the bell already obtained. The ring of bells was heard for the first time on July 4th, 1844.

Lord Grimthorpe, the designer of 'Big Ben,' considered the new bells very inferior to the old ring of ten. Within five years the tenor had to be recast and was invoiced back as weighing 50 cwt.

In 1913 the bells were fitted with steel headstocks and rehung by Messrs. Warner and Co., London. The ringers obtained little satisfaction from the bells after rehanging, as they were still difficult to ring and were of indifferent tone, with the result that there was soon an agitation for improvements to be made; proof, surely, that it is a mistake to spend money on patched-up jobs so far as bells are concerned.

Ultimately, on the advice of Canon H. H. Nolloth, the Dean and Chapter decided to make a clean sweep of the old bells and fittings and to start anew. The Beckwith bells were heard for the last time on January 3rd, 1925.

THE PRESENT RING

The work of restoration was entrusted to Messrs John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who recast the bells with a considerable addition of new metal and rehung them in a massive cast iron and steel frame and modern fittings which included ball and roller bearings. The tenor bell now weighs a few pounds short of 60 cwt., or approximately the same as the old tenor of 1627, and sounds a deep B flat.

A new semitone, an A flat bell, was added between the 6th and 7th to form a middle octave in E flat with a tenor of 25 cwt. The total weight of the 13 bells is now over 13 tons.

The bells now form the fourth heaviest ring of twelve in the country, Liverpool, St. Paul's and Exeter Cathedrals taking precedence, but for beauty of tone they are unequalled.

Mention must be made of 'Great Peter'; this huge bell was provided out of the money raised to replace the bells destroyed in the 1840 fire but which was not required following the Beckwith bequest. It was cast at the foundry of Messrs. Mears, Whitechapel, and weighed 10¾ tons. When hung in the north-western tower 30 men could not make it sound by swinging so it had to be struck by an independent hammer fitted to a long lever. The bell was not a good one as it was thicker at one side than the other.

After the bell restoration of 1925-26 'Great Peter' was recast at Loughborough and now weighs 10 tons 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. Its note is E flat, the dominant of the ring of twelve. Its hangings are of modern design and it can now be tolled, by swinging through 90 degrees, by the sexton without assistance. The deep boom of this great bell can be heard at noon each week-day when it is tolled for five minutes, this being akin to the pre-Reformation mid-day Angelus.

In pre-Reformation days this ringing of bells was allotted to deacons or clerks in minor orders. The bells were rung at the canonical hours, not only to give notice of the services, but to mark the time.

At the Reformation ringing ceased except for Matins and Evensong and the ringing duties were relegated to laymen. Thereafter bell-ringing gradually came to be regarded as a secular undertaking and was practised as a gentlemen's recreation and fashionable sport. It is only in the last 80 years or so that bell-ringers have established themselves as valued church workers.

Little is known of the early ringers of the Minster. In 1730 the York Society of Bell-ringers gave two bells to St. Martin's, Coney Street, and in 1733 made a generous contribution to the cost of rehanging the Minster bells and provided a ringing floor nearer the bells. It is evident the members of this Society were of some standing in the life of the city.

(To be continued)

A GOOSE SUPPER AT MEREWORTH

Last meeting of the year for the K.C.A., did I say? As we adjourned to the Torrington Arms no one had even dreamed otherwise. But then we discovered that we had 'discovered' the place, for in several years no one had thought of it before as a tea rendezvous, whereas at their previous 'house' mine hosts had been noted for their hospitality, especially for their goose suppers at Christmas.

The idea was born, and before leaving Mereworth a return visit had been booked for December 21st, only not to the Torrington Arms, but to the Queen's Head, another of the hostelries. Towers in the District were invited to send representatives to a limited party of 30, and in the misty evening (thankfully no fog, as had been quite prevalent on previous evenings) they came. One small party had had a busy day, three members of the staff of East Malling Research Station, who in the afternoon had rung East Malling bells before their annual carol service (Nine Lessons and Carols), and en route to Mereworth had been to Wrotham to see the Press photographer at work obtaining suitable New Year's Eve copy for publication on New Year's Day in the county paper.

So to the goose supper. Midway through the feast the carol singers came and made their haul for the Children's Society. Everything was delightfully informal. From Wrotham we had brought a tape machine with a recording of those lovely bells, creditably rung by the very young local band, under the tutorage of 'Belfry' Editor Reginald Sills. Incidentally, in view of the present topicality of bell recordings, we are glad to be able to point to a positive use, for at Wrotham they play back their recordings and have their ringing criticised by captain Sills. Furthermore there is real pleasure in being able to listen to one's own ringing, and to compare different rings of bells.

Very soon the handbells were brought out and, being Christmastide, were set ringing carols. We thought our vocal accompaniment rather good, though have to admit that we were in too joyous a mood to be very critical. But the voice of cool reason was at last heard to remind us that we were change ringers, and the handbells altered course to Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Our time was running out, and after this brief interlude we dispersed to our various parishes having quite recklessly inserted this respite in that hectic and rush period before Christmas Day. I repeat, there was no formality, but we did allow ourselves one guest, the Vicar of Mereworth. Even so, it was only a token of our appreciation of that feast a month before at the Torrington Arms, when all of us had been his guests. E. S. J. H.

LONG PEAL COMMEMORATED

An Interesting Composition Rung

On Saturday, December 19th, 1953, the peal of 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal rung on December 15th, 1951, was commemorated at Worsley, Lancs, by a peal of Cambridge Royal, the first half with the back bells in the 'Tittum' position, and after a turning course of 7,908 the remainder of the peal was backstroke home. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Billington) came into the belfry accompanied by members of the local band and conducted a short service of dedication of the handsome tablet which records the long peal.

A pleasant evening was afterwards spent at the cafe near the church where an excellent meal had been arranged. There the company were joined by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, who, at the conclusion of the evening, ably 'carried the baby' so gracefully passed to him by the Vicar at the end of a short speech expressing his (the Vicar's) pleasure at being present on that memorable occasion and in which he said that whereas some of his predecessors had gone out when the bells were rung, he preferred to remain and listen to them. In truth, Worsley is fortunate in its choice of Vicars!

Mr. Smith, who, it will be remembered, is the only man to have been Master of both the Cambridge University Guild and the Oxford University Society, thanked Mr. Dunkerley, the donor of the tablet, for his hospitality and said, as president of the Lancashire Association, he had reason to appreciate the great service he was doing for the Exercise.

Mr. Darbyshire, the genial and well-known tower-keeper, expressed the pleasure of himself and the local band, and Mr. Dunkerley suitably replied.

A pleasant time was spent with the handbells until parochial duties claimed the two clerics and the remainder made their several ways home.

The band was sensible of the absence of James C. E. Simpson, whose sudden death nearly two years ago robbed them of one of their most accomplished and talented members. Mr. Peter Laflin, himself a long-length ringer of outstanding ability, took the vacant rope in the commemoration peal, details of which appear in our peal columns.

The composition rung is appended:—

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

By C. Kenneth Lewis

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63254	—		
52436	—		
35426		—	
42356		—	—
34256			—
23456			—

234567089	M	W	H
436527908	—	Fourths	
632547890	—	In	
52436	—	—	
35426		—	
42356		—	—
34256			—
23456			—

THIRTY YEARS AS SECRETARY

The annual meeting of the Kington District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild took place at Kington on January 2nd. The District secretary, Mr. J. Preece, was about to relinquish his post after 30 years' service. A presentation was made to him after which he was once again elected secretary. In the face of no opposition his reply was 'I will continue "provisionally."'

As this has been his reply for many years, the ringers hope that he will continue for many more. D. R.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

II. THE AIM OF THESE NOTES

As our main example method we shall take for these notes our old friend Plain Bob Major. I hear you say, 'I thought so—they all choose that method because it is easy. I shall not be able to apply the necessary instructions when I try to conduct a more difficult method.' On the other hand if I had written that I would use Cambridge or Yorkshire Surprise Royal or Maximus as my example method, some at least of you would have been scared off right at the start.

But I hope in due course to show you that the technique used by a real conductor is applied just as easily to many of the so-called difficult methods and that, so long as you have learnt a method well enough to ring your own bell, the fact that you have never actually rung it before need not stop you from conducting accurately and easily from any bell.

Does that sound a tall order? Then watch the peal reports for peals conducted by Mr. X. No matter what the method (perhaps a new one in Surprise Maximus) he usually conducts from a working bell. He may not have the physical ability to ring the tenor—he may actually find it easier to keep track of the working bells if he has one of them himself. Start for a peal with Mr. Y. conducting. He will quite casually take the bell that is left. It makes no difference to him.

These men will be the first to admit that they are not supermen. They have merely got over the hurdle we have mentioned and which I hope will seem much lower to you at the end of these articles.

The clever ringers who in recent years have brought round such wonderful performances on handbells have taught us that you can't ring two difficult 'blue lines' at the same time. In a simple method like Plain Bob you may be able to ring two handbells, each one separately following its path among the others, without much difficulty—though few handbell ringers do this. And in the tower you can ring one bell and at the same time watch the path of another all the time. You can, therefore, ring a non-observation bell and call the bobs by watching the position of the observation bell. But you cannot do this so easily with a more complex method and you couldn't do it at all if the method were new and unfamiliar to you.

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ONLY A FEW LEFT

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Wye Parish Church—built by Cardinal Kempe and standing majestically beside the other fine building erected by him as a college for priests and now used as an Agricultural College—was the rendezvous for the quarterly meeting of the Ashford District on January 2nd, a gloriously sunny day.

It is always a pleasure to visit Wye, with its lovely ring of eight bells, its beautifully-kept ringing chamber (the result of the devoted work of Bill Curtis, who is steeple-keeper, in addition to his dual position of captain and secretary of the local band), and the true welcome we receive from the Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Wells), a real friend to all ringers.

It was, therefore, a great disappointment to us to learn that, on that very morning, the Vicar had been ordered to bed by his doctor, and would neither be able to conduct our service nor join us at tea.

About 30 members and friends met us at the tower in what proved to be one of the most friendly meetings we have had—almost a family affair, in fact. There were just enough experienced ringers to leaven the mixture, and to provide the right medium from which the learners could derive the maximum advantage—which is, after all, not the least important object of these meetings. In addition to our usual faithful supporters we were glad to welcome Mr. Malcolm Cloke, on leave from Harwell, Miss Mary Hobbs, recently a student at the adjacent College and now living in Derbyshire, and, of course, Tom Cullingworth, who, we are glad to say, does not yet know whether he lives in Maidstone or Ashford.

Ringing started in earnest about 3.45, and as there was no service, continued until just before five o'clock, when we went to the snug tea-rooms of the Wye Hill Cafe to an excellent tea. Tea over, the artful ones who had found a room with a roaring fire were winkled out into a larger one for the business meeting, at which Mr. C. W. Everett took the chair. After the formal business, eight new practising members were elected.

The secretary then read out a brief summary of the Association's committee meeting at Maidstone last November. He also reported that he had received from two young members now serving with the Army in Kenya (Frank Day and Fred Woodcock, of Great Chart) letters conveying their greetings to all their fellow-members. Copies of 'The Ringing World' were being sent to all ringers from the District who were known to be doing their National Service.

The business meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Curtis for making all the local arrangements. Mr. Curtis was asked to convey to the Vicar the thanks of the members and their hope for a speedy recovery.

Ringing then carried on until 8.15 in methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major. W. P. G.

A PEAL AT BRECON

The peal at Brecon on Boxing Day is of more than passing interest, as for Mr. Wilfred Williams and Mr. Donald G. Clift it was the realisation of almost a life's ambition to score a peal on this fine Rudhall eight. Mr. Williams was born almost within sound of the bells and a peal here had previously evaded him for almost 30 years.

Eighteen months ago a peal for Pudsey on these bells was stopped owing to the indisposition of one of the band after two hours of almost faultless ringing.

For this successful attempt two members of the band made the journey by car from London, Roger Fry rode his motor-cycle in pouring rain from Bath, while all other members of the band made the journey of approximately 50 miles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUFFOLK GUILD PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—The Suffolk Guild has a big problem and I do not think that the raising of the subscription by 1s. 6d. is the answer. There are many elderly ringers and to do this could mean the losing of their membership. The peal levy is impracticable because of the amount of work it would entail, but the extra money must come from somewhere and I think that the answer lies in the honorary members. According to the 1952 report the Guild has a total of 23 honorary members (12 from Leiston). Now if each ringing member recruited at least one honorary member during 1954 an extra £55 would be collected each year. This would pay for the extra reports and put the Guild on its feet again. All members of the Parochial Church Councils would make a good start, and all who have an interest in the bells of their church should be approached.

I have 13 honorary members for 1953 and can see a big drop in that number if the subscription is increased to 4s.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. BRIDGES.

Theberton, Leiston.

Dear Sir,—My first reaction to the original letter on 'Suffolk Guild Problems' was that the matter was purely a domestic one, and not worthy of public discussion.

However, if Mr. Brett's reply is correct, we can assume that the problem will eventually face all Guilds who hold their A.G.M. on a Bank Holiday. His reasons for a change do not appear convincing. Whilst it is true that a person can be free once a year, it does not necessarily follow that all can be free on a particular Saturday. There is no doubt that a much larger number are free on a public holiday. Providing the meeting is well organised, with a definite object of making it more attractive than other local events, and that the member has a keen sense of his responsibility to back up the committee working on his behalf, the attendance will be good.

In larger Guilds transport difficulties must be recognised, and the A.G.M. held in different centres in turn. Besides giving all members a fair chance of attending, the local members responsible for staging the meeting would do so in a competitive spirit and through this would come progress. It was noticeable when the change from Easter Monday to a Saturday was debated in Norfolk, the sole objection came from West Norfolk. I do not know their reasons, but it may not be a coincidence that West Suffolk also objects.

To raise a subscription in order to print a larger report is open to question. Most peal ringers keep their own records, peal cards are obtainable at a reasonable cost, and a peal secretary could keep records on behalf of the whole Guild. Whilst it is simpler to collect a 'peal levy' by raising the subscription we must not delude ourselves by thinking it is something different.

Whatever the outcome of these discussions I am certain that our local ringers' first loyalty is to their own church, and service ringing will continue to improve.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. HAYNES.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

COMPLETE YOUR 'RINGING WORLD' FILE FOR 1953

Except for the issue of January 9th we have copies of 'The Ringing World' available for 1953. *An early application is desirable.*

SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir,—Christmas over, Old Year rung out, the New Year rung in, we must return to the propaganda, 'No synthetic bell recordings.' We should at all our Branch, Guild and Association meetings bring this matter of synthetic bells to the notice of our Bishops and clergy to have Mr. I. Bulmer Thomas' worthy resolution, deprecating the use of synthetic bell sounds—which was shelved at the last meeting of the Church Assembly—put on the agenda again and make ringers' opposition to 'canned recordings' heard very strongly.

I am sure we can count upon the support of the majority of the Bishops and clergy, if we ask for it. They are usually so interested, sympathetic and appreciative of our services.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

RINGERS' RALLY AND GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

Dear Sir,—On December 5th at the annual meeting of the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, it was proposed by Mr. Fred Price, and seconded, that the above dinner should be allowed to lapse. This was caused by the fact that at the meeting Mr. Arthur V. Davis made it known that he could not again organise the dinner. Prior to the meeting the dinner committee had no knowledge of this fact, and consequently it was not possible to appoint a successor at such short notice. The undersigned have since agreed that the dinner should be held on Saturday, May 8th next, at the Wick Ferry Restaurant, Wick Ferry, Christchurch. Further particulars will be given in 'The Ringing World' at a later date. I may add that the dinner has been previously held at the Wick Ferry Restaurant, which is only a few minutes' walk from the centre of Christchurch, and is situated on the banks of the River Stour.—Yours faithfully,

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Also for and on behalf of Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay & Messrs. Fred Price & Roy Hurst.

An Acton Peal of 40 Years Ago

Mr. Victor R. Holloway, of Old Mill House, Churchway, Haddenham, Bucks, has forwarded us a photograph of a marble tablet in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Acton, W.3.

The tablet commemorates a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on February 18th, 1914, by the following members of St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, Acton: H. Holloway treble, H. W. Cotton 2, C. R. Walker 3, R. E. Holloway 4, V. R. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, J. R. Sims tenor.

Mr. Holloway writes that this was his own first peal and also of his two brothers. Robert Holloway was Master of the Middlesex Association and died suddenly in October, 1928, and his other brother, H. Holloway, died recently. He wonders how many of the band are alive and ringing and would like to hear from anyone who is still available.

Christmas at Warsop

Christmas time is when the bells cannot be heard too often. Warsop, Notts, provided a very full programme with its company of 12 ringers. Quarter peals were planned for Christmas Eve and at 7 and 8.30 on Christmas morning. On Sunday, December 27th, there was ringing at 8.30, 2.30 and 5.30. New Year's Eve included the annual party attended by the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Corwell), 45 minutes' half-muffled ringing and a similar period in the New Year. It was the first time for many years that the bells had rung in the New Year.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Badge of Office for the Master Planned

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 2nd at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, at which the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presided.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting, the chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the passing of James F. Harvey, who at one time served the Guild as librarian. A half-muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. Martin's, which was appreciated by Mr. Harvey's son and daughter, who made a special journey to hear the ringing.

Two new ringing members were elected—Miss E. Yeld, of Edgbaston, and Mr. H. J. Walker, of Coleshill. The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—Messrs. R. Roger Savory (Evesham), G. Ronald Edwards (Nanpantan), Geoffrey K. Dodd (Highclere) and Richard M. Currie (Winchester).

An invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston Parish Church on Saturday, April 3rd, was unanimously accepted.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet and reported a substantial increase in the balance in hand, which was considered very satisfactory. The senior auditor (Mr. H. H. Fearn) having given his report, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1954

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected as follows:—Master, Mr. Albert Walker; Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman Paddon-Smith, J.P., and Mr. Ernest T. Allaway; auditors, Mr. H. H. Fearn and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

The chairman referred to the new flat sixth bell which was on order for St. Martin's. It was now cast and the founders were awaiting the instructions of the Rector, who did not wish the bell to be used until the completion of his £100,000 appeal fund for the restoration of St. Martin's Church. This object was nearly fulfilled and in a few months' time the bell would be installed.

Mr. Walker felt that the new light eight which would then be available would be invaluable for the Guild practices on Tuesday evenings. The practices throughout the past year had been well maintained and, under the direction of Mr. Pinfold, progress had been made in the ringing of new methods. There was invariably a band of good ringers in attendance, and every opportunity and encouragement were given to learners.

It was decided to form a small committee to inquire into the purchase of a badge of office for the use of the Master.

The members were pleased to welcome Mr. Fred Price, now of Bournemouth, previously Ringing Master of Aston Parish Church.

Mr. F. W. Rishworth proposed that certain old members be made honorary life members in recognition of many years' support to the Guild. As this involved an alteration of rule, Mr. Rishworth gave notice that he would bring the matter forward at the next meeting.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: Pauline M. Saxton 1, R. G. Blackman (cond.) 2, P. R. Blackman 3, J. H. Betts 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. T. Finey 6, E. Winifred Keys 7, H. F. Dunford 8. First in method for 1, 4 and as conductor.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. M. Bibby 1, G. A. Dixon (cond.) 2, J. H. Randall 3, C. V. Cade 4, B. Collis (first quarter) 5, R. J. Hutchinson (first quarter) 6.

HOW KENT GREETED 1954

'At This Season the Bells Take on a Different Meaning'

Dr. John Hatcher, hon. district secretary, Maidstone District, Kent County Association, contributed an appropriate New Year's Message to Kent people through the columns of 'The Kent Messenger.'

AT this New Year, here's a 'change' for all you Men of Kent and Kentish Maids. I mean that literally.

Of course, you will say, this is a moment of change; it's 1954, no longer 1953. The old year has ended and expectantly we peep into the new with resolution.

Over the border it was Hogmanay, but in England another tradition lived — the bells, ringing their changes, half-muffled in the dying minutes of the old, crashing out in wild abandon as the New Year was born.

Did you hear them? At Wrotham, perhaps, the glorious bells of St. George's Church echoing forth their music, revolving metal masses, swinging clappers, wheel and rope. . . .

Eastwards, to and fro across the sinuous ribbon linking London Town and Dover's cliffs . . . . West Malling, delicate spire silhouetted against the sky . . . . East Malling, its six bells rather melancholy . . . . the brisker pealing from Aylesford's tower . . .

Up the hill, up the stone spiral steps to the ringing chamber, eight dancing 'sallies'; and the ringers—can you picture them?

THE CHIEFTAIN

Tinkling sounds from the little Church of St. Margaret-in-the-Fields of Barming and the ringers of Boxley, of Bearsted and of Boughton Monchelsea keeping their company in this old year ceremony.

These are the six-bell towers circled round their chieftain, the majestic All Saints', of Maidstone, ten tongues swinging aloft.

Eastwards again, to Hollingbourne's tower, to Harrietsham and Lenham—more 'backroom boys'—to Egerton St. James' proudly astride the hill, and then to Charing . . . .

Thus the message of the bells went out on New Year's Eve—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, yes, Kent itself—change after cascading change, pattern of sound woven in the winter air.

Come with me up those winding steps, worn by the feet of centuries, to the ringing chamber.

Surely no collection of 'ancients' this (though one has reached a full four score), but of all ages, even boys and girls, coats and jackets off, manipulating in miraculous manner their ropes.

'Bob,' shouts one, but no one seems to notice. 'Single,' it sounded like. Another shout, equally mysterious.

Yes, this is change-ringing, an English art evolved through several centuries.

'That's all,' is a more obvious call, for swiftly the ropes cease their dance, a sudden hush for a moment, and then the buzz of human voice.

NEARLY MIDNIGHT

Ten minutes to twelve, and skirmishing up more stairs go two or three to remove the leather muffles, a skilful and rather dangerous job moving among the upturned bells.

Now the Vicar is saying watchnight prayers, the dying moments of the old year are tolled out solemnly, and the midnight hour is chimed . . . . 1234567812345678 . . . . 1234567812345678.

Happy New Year, proclaim the bells, and the ringers feel that this is indeed their hour, which of course it is. Another year's service is complete.

For Sunday by Sunday, from tower and steeple, their voices sound. At the great festivals of Christmas and Easter the early morning bells peal over town and countryside telling of Messiah.

On great national occasions it is the bells which register the people's mood . . . . at the passing of a beloved King . . . . at the crowning of a young and lovely Queen.

Always the bells direct the thoughts of those who hear them to the meaning beyond.

But on New Year's Eve it's different, as if the bells were the central figures in the drama, commanding our ears.

A PAUSE

For a moment, then, let us pause and think about the ringers of this land.

The belfry is a great mixer, old and young, man and woman, of every possible occupation . . . . blacksmith, bank clerk, grocer, gardener, parson, printer, engineer, estate agent . . . . drawn by their art into a wonderful fellowship. This ringing art must, of course, be mastered; the older must train the younger; there must be a steady flow of young and vigorous blood if the service of the bells is not to suffer.

Time must be given, patience and perseverance must be in evidence, loyalty must be sustained.

A Happy New Year, then, you men and maids of Kent, and with the sound of the bells still ringing in your ears resolve that the bells of your churches will never be silent, whether through lack of interest and money to preserve them physically, or through lack of recruits to an Exercise of the purest English vintage.

Indeed, why not resolve to ring in 1955 yourself?

NEW YEAR'S EVE MESSAGE TO LEICESTER

Ernest Morris Provides an Appropriate Story

Newspapers like as a New Year's Eve feature something to do with bells. 'The Leicester Evening News' of December 31st contained a seasonable article written by Mac Cherry with Ernest Morris as an appropriate background. The story reads:

AS the old year dies to-night, the clock at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, will strike the hour with exceptional midnight authority.

Taking over the task of the impersonal clock mechanism, Mr. Ernest Morris, the church Ringing Master, and one of the world's greatest experts on bells, will execute the strokes manually on his bell rope.

But Mr. Morris will go one better than the clock. At his thirteenth stroke the other ringers will join in and the great chord that follows—known as 'firing' the bells— will proclaim the birth of 1954.

It is one of the simpler exercises from the repertoire of a bellringer. Yet slight, grey-haired Mr. Morris will be happily spending the first minutes of his 65th year as he has spent much of his life—among bells.

Because New Year peals make people a little more bell-conscious than usual, I visited Mr. Morris at his home at the Verger's Lodge, near St. Margaret's Church. In addition to being Ringing Master, he is verger and vestry clerk.

He greeted me in a study with a ship's bell on the desk and a bright set of horse bell on top of one of the filing cabinets.

'Bells,' he said, 'belong to the percussion group, the first instruments of music made by man. Four thousand years ago the Chinese produced a scale of notes from flat stones on a wooden rack.

'They were not quite bells, and probably the first two bells were devised after men started to fashion metals and discovered more or less accidentally that there was music in their work.'

JOY, GRIEF

A St. Margaret's schoolboy, Ernest Morris learned from his father, Josiah Morris, how to handle a bell rope and to memorise part of the pattern he must produce in a peal.

It was not long, however, before he realised that bells through the ages have been used to express joy and grief, to sound alarms, to spread good news and bad and to mark the passage of time as well as merely to produce a succession of notes that is artistically pleasing.

While he learned campanology—the ringer's art—he also studied the history, development, legend and tradition of bells.

Knowledge brought him an urge to write. Pamphlets and articles were followed by books. Now he has produced nearly a dozen volumes ranging from 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' to 'Chronology of British Bell founders.'

Research and authorship of books brought him a fellowship of both the Royal Historical and Geographical Societies. More recently, the publishers of Chamber's New Encyclopædia invited him to write their bell article and the completion of this work was rewarded by membership of the Royal Society of Literature.

The years that the bells have announced since his boyhood have brought Ernest Morris many satisfactions.

He has rung a full peal on all the possible bells in Leicestershire. Each individual church bell in the county—its history, record and inscription—is known to him.

In minsters, abbeys and cathedrals, as well as churches throughout Britain, he has conducted and rung peals.

There is little he does not know about the melodious combinations of clock chimes and carillons.

So that he could make illuminated records of the main peals at St. Margaret's he spent years mastering the art of lettering, and reached such a high standard that Leicester University once asked him to produce an illuminated greeting for some of their undergraduates to take to Germany. It had nothing to do with bells but Mr. Morris obliged.

Yet with all his many-sided studies Ernest Morris still finds his main joy at the end of a bell rope, watching the gaily-coloured sally bob up to the ringing chamber roof and back, weaving his way through a complicated series of changes—a mathematical permutation that would make a football pool look simple.

Or on just one night of the year doing St. Margaret's Church clock out of a job with such mechanical precision that no one outside would ever know the difference.

5,152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN SIX METHODS

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

23456	M	W	H	
65432	—	—	—	Rut, Camb, Brist, Brist
64352		—	2	Lon, Yorks, Rut, Brist
35642		—	—	Rut, Camb, Lon
63542			—	Lon, Yorks, Lon
56342			—	Lon, Camb, Rut
45362		—		Rut, Sup, Lon
36452		—	—	Lon, Sup, Rut
53462		—		Lon, Camb, Rut
46532		—	—	Lon, Sup, Rut
34562		—		Rut, Yorks, Lon

Four times repeated.

1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, and 480 each Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

First rung at Conisborough, Yorkshire, conducted by the composer, on December 19th last.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cox (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Elliott 2, Miss B. A. Thompson 3, Miss M. Andrews 4, J. L. Morris 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,264 Bob Major: Christine Pedder (13) 1, Mrs. H. Schofield 2, Mrs. M. Evans 3, Ann Laycock 4, H. Schofield 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 7, D. R. Marshall 8. First quarter peal of Major for the ladies, and the first to be rung by four ladies at this church.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss P. Gray 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, D. Bridges 3, E. Izzard 4, W. Stapleton 5, S. Burrage 6, G. Cripps 7, T. Hartwell 8. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. I. Parsons 1, J. Chilcott (cond.) 2, Kathleen Weller 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, A. F. Clayton 5, D. E. Parsons 6, L. A. Reece 7, J. Hill 8. First in method 1 and 3.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering). Richard Brown 1, W. Sargent 2, B. Peters 3, H. Fountain 4, F. Paramore (cond.) 5, J. Filer 6, J. Small 7, Reg Brown 8. Rung half-muffled.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Cox 1, Ann Pannell 2, J. Pannell 3, J. Carpenter 4, J. Parker (first as cond.) 5, V. Webster 6. Rung for Christmas morning service.

CROFT, LEICS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bailess 1, F. Long 2, F. Watson 3, J. Bailess (cond.) 4, R. Collis 5, D. Bishop 6. A compliment to the Rector on the 30th anniversary of his Ordination; also a birthday compliment to D. Bishop.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, H. Ashton 2, E. Dalingwater 3, F. A. Staveley 4, J. McCluskey 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. E. Critchley 8. Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of 1953.

FARNWORTH, NEAR BOLTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Somers 1, N. Tompkins 2, Miss S. Higham 3, A. Pendlebury 4, G. Pearson 5, P. Crook, sen., 6, J. Thornley 7, H. Prescott 8. Last quarter on bells before recasting and rehanging. Rung after Sunday evening service.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. P. Cairns (first quarter) 1, E. N. Harrison 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, T. Sewell 4, K. Arthur 5, T. W. Crowe 6, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 7, J. Heal 8.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Davison 1, G. Seth 2, J. R. Smith 3, C. Clarke 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. R. Reeve 6.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. H. Hicks (cond.) 1, J. A. Howard 2, Rosemary J. Parsloe 3, Elsie F. Feltwell 4, D. A. Cornford 5. First quarter 'inside' by 2 and 3. Rung for the carol service.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Christmas Day, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): C. G. Pitcher 1, J. Schofield (cond.) 2, Miss M. C. Howe 3, D. J. Priest 4, R. E. Waters 5, C. Simpson 6, C. E. Slade 7, J. Pitcher 8. First quarter for 6 and 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: D. Taylor 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie (first in the method) 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, S. Warwick 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of P. D. Beedie. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Taylor 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie (first in the method) 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, S. Warwick 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung for the 15th birthday of D. Taylor.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (9 changes of method): M. Eason (first quarter) 1, R. Trabilcock 2, D. Simms 3, T. Otter 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Coles, who were married on Boxing Day.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Dilley 1, G. Mayes 2, Daphne Hare 3, M. Orme 4, D. Jones 5, L. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HESSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 2,040 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, G. Catton 2, A. Fever 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. B. Sansom 1, W. W. Webb 2, F. Blondell 3, P. Bettridge 4, E. R. Gladman 5, W. J. Winter 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Moore 8. Also on New Year's Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Chase (first quarter) 1, P. Bettridge 2, W. W. Webb 3, B. A. Rose 4, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 5, W. J. Winter 6. First of Doubles for 3 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, Miss D. Coker 3, I. Biggs 4, D. Cox 5, J. Kape 6, A. E. Cox (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On Jan. 3rd, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, S. Gilbert 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ILLSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 300 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): E. Lewin 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, C. T. Whitman 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, A. N. Geary 5, N. Dyer (first quarter) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Howell (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Farrell 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, J. R. Ketteringham 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, S. Croft 7, J. Wells 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): Miss A. Wilson (first quarter) 1, G. Francis 2, Miss P. Sprackling (first in three methods 'inside') 3, Miss S. A. Richardson 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Benfield 1, J. Payne 2, J. Felce 3, F. Joyce 4, B. E. Frost (first of Minor as cond.) 5, S. F. Earl 6. Rung for the engagement of John Coleman and Margaret Richards.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Nix 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, A. C. Morris 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, T. Gwilt 5, A. A. Upton 6, D. Harrison (cond.) 7, E. Hewlett 8. Also on Christmas Day, by the same company, except J. L. Lightfoot taking the place of Mrs. K. Watts.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, on Dec. 29th, 1,800 Plain Bob: D. Simpson 1, V. Briggs 2, A. Melton 3, C. Brown 4, F. Dixon 5, F. Crowe 6. Longest touch for 1 and 5. Jointly conducted by 3 and 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Smith (first of Triples) 1, C. Geary 2, Shelagh Kilbourn 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, T. Robinson 6, A. Hickton 7, H. Makins 8.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ball 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, Mrs. P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler (cond.) 5, P. W. Campling 6. To welcome in the New Year.

MARLOW, BUCK.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, E. D. Poole 2, Miss E. Gibson 3, Miss S. Hazelby 4, E. J. Young 5, J. T. Clay 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: G. Kirby 1, R. J. Sharp 2, M. Sinfield (first 'inside') 3, M. J. Lockey (first as cond.) 4, A. C. Sinfield 5, A. Murphy 6, C. Mann 7, S. Sharp 8. First quarter peal by Sunday service band.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Pateman 1, P. Harrup 2, A. Tuck 3, R. Newell 4, S. Dash 5, F. Harper (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gipson, married on Boxing Day.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Neville (first quarter on the treble) 1, D. Neville 2, F. Parsons 3, Miss E. Chandler 4, I. Taylor (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Cowdry (first quarter) 6.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, G. Perrin 3, H. Pickles 4, R. Walker 5, K. Ager 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 6th, who afterwards kindly entertained the ringers and friends.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Walshe 1, H. Bigmore 2, Miss J. Walshe 3, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 4, W. H. Rogers 5, C. Jordan 6, J. Warner 7, R. Mays 8. Rung by the Sunday service band. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Kemp 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, K. Hayden 3, S. Clark 4, H. Bird 5, W. Wheeler 6, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 7, W. Bird 8. Both quarters rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick G. Springham, late ringing master at Much Hadham.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Buswell (cond.) 1, Miss J. Hoodless 2, C. Glenn 3, J. K. Wagstaff 4, A. Simpson 5, J. B. Guy 6, W. Nichols 7, A. W. Hoodless 8. A wedding compliment to Frederick G. Hooper and Miss Annie K. Streeton, both attached to North Muskham tower.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Rutt (cond.) 1, H. Stagg 2, R. S. Spackman 3, P. L. Churchill 4, Mrs. L. F. Love 5, S. R. Chandler 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. B. Sadler 1, M. Scanes 2, W. S. May 3, B. Cook 4, L. Beal 5, J. Belsham 6, F. C. May 7, G. Frost 8, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. R. Chambers 10. For evening carol service.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Gratton 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, A. Bown 5, W. Cooper (first quarter) 6.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Honey 1, Miss J. Jones (first 'inside') 2, J. Honey 3, A. R. Pink (conductor) 4, W. Cubb 5, Miss M. Sparks 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. Bladon 1, Miss P. Manning 2, V. Griffin 3, F. G. Wilton 4, E. J. Berry 5, R. J. Stokes 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, A. G. Wells 8, W. W. T. Daniell 9, Miss E. Lloyd-Roberts 10.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Geeves 1, W. J. Holmes 2, E. Edmondson (cond.) 3, J. M. Page 4, G. W. Edwards (first quarter) 5, Miss B. E. Perry (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward J. Compton, who died December 20th, 1953, aged 36, a member of the local band.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Horwood 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, D. Broyd 3, J. Scott 4, J. Newman 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6, A. Matthews 7, J. Sinfield 8. First quarter on eight for 1 and 3. First quarter on the bells since augmentation.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Patricia M. Howard (first quarter) 1, F. H. Hicks 2, J. A. Howard 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, H. Meade 6, H. J. Wilde 7, E. Constable 8. First in three methods by all except 2 and 5. Rung with 7, 6, 8 behind.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins 1, F. Hawkins 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, F. A. Rye 4, J. F. Penfold 5, T. Wickens 6, F. W. Lawrence (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Rye 8. Rung to welcome the New Year.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,680 Treble Bob Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent, 240 Oxford): A. E. Dobb 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, Miss J. Smith 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss F. Robinson 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 3, A. E. Dobb 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung for 9.30 a.m. parish Eucharist.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Young (first quarter) 1, J. Puttick 2, J. W. Pelton 3, F. F. Brooks 4, B. J. Luff (cond.) 5, E. Luff 6. To ring out the old year.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Dec. 27th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. R. Atkins 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, J. A. Hales 3, F. W. L. Blewer 4, J. Bullock 5, J. G. Gipson 6, C. E. Willmington 7, R. H. Begrie 8. For Evensong. The ringer of the 6th hails from Cambridge.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. M. Popham (first quarter) 1, S. Clark 2, S. Body 3, I. J. Burrough 4, R. Clark 5, R. E. Hudson 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, H. E. Petheram 8.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints' Church, Stranton, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. James (first quarter) 1, L. Webster (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Mrs. K. Lawson 4, W. Maughan 5, K. Lawson 6, A. Watson 7, J. Maughan 8. Rung for midnight service.

WESTHILL, S.W.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne A. Stokes 1, J. Chilcott 2, Mrs. C. J. Watts 3, H. E. Ellis 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, H. Belcher 7, H. M. Page 8.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rigby 1, E. Cutsforth 2, A. Pendlebury 3, J. Thornley 4, B. Welsby 5, W. Smalley 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, K. Walker 8. Rung with fully muffled bells after the interment of Mr. Fred Howarth, warden at this church and great friend of the ringers.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marjorie Hodges (first quarter) 1, R. Colman 2, K. Medway 3, Muriel Legg 4, G. Prescott 5, Marjorie Legg 6, J. Weadon (first quarter as cond.) 7, D. Harris (first quarter) 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford): Jill Mackintosh 1, Anne Holmes (first in these methods) 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Mary Fuller 4, A. S. Richards 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 St. Simon's, 240 Stedman, 360 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, 60 Stedman): Miss M. Drew 1, C. Rouse (cond.) 2, H. V. Robinson 3, M. Wiltshire 4, F. Roberts 5, Miss J. Barbrook 6. Rung as a compliment to the tenor ringer for her 21st birthday.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Coles 1, E. Hill (first in method) 2, M. Angela Carter 3, H. Floyd 4, J. Adams 5, L. Busby (first of Major) 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Truran (first away from tenor) 1, Rosemary Patching (first 'inside') 2, H. W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown 4, Agnes Millam (first as cond.) 5. Rung for the annual carol service prior to the bells being dismantled for retuning and rehanging in metal frame.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Crockford 1, G. Wigmore 2, H. Dyer 3, Miss M. Cole 4, W. Pearce 5, W. Newton 6, W. J. Brooks (cond.) 7, E. Pearce 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Fred Langley, sexton and verger at this church for many years.

BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS' OUTING

An early start was made recently by 11 members of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers. We converged on the Huntingdonshire border to meet at Eynesbury, the first tower. On the way from Eynesbury to Great Paxton we passed St. Neots, which was to be our last tower on Sunday evening. At Great Paxton we were joined by another member of the party. From Great Paxton we went on to the historic parish of Buckden. Before ringing on the heavy five the Vicar showed us some of the interesting features of the church. Ringing at Brampton, after the Vicar had shown us round his church, completed the morning's programme.

During lunch at the local inn we were entertained by the landlord with his golden retriever. Refreshed, a quick ride brought us to Huntingdon, where we were ringing first at St. Mary's and then at All Saints'. At All Saints' we were joined by the last member of our party, also two others came over on a motor-cycle and rang with us there. From Huntingdon we went to Warboys before returning to Houghton to ring, and to the Youth Hostel at the Mill.

After supper we had a fruitless journey to Hemingford Abbotts, arriving too late to ring.

On Sunday morning in thick mist we made our way along by the river to St. Ives and rang there for morning service. When we came from the church the sun was shining brilliantly. A few spare minutes were occupied in taking photographs before wending our way through the fair which was being assembled in the main street and so on to Holywell where we rang after service.

After lunch we had but two and a half miles to go to Fenstanton but, with the hazards of a ferry crossing over the River Ouse in a punt and the obstacle of a locked railway crossing, we arrived only just in time for all to have a ring.

Ringing at Great Gransden completed the afternoon's programme. We unfortunately could not stay to hear the tunes played on by the clock. After tea one of our members had to leave us before we went on to St. Neots, where we rang for evening service, thus completing our circle in Huntingdonshire. J. A.

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Shalford. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting and tea, S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, followed by social evening. Names for tea to Hon. Sec. by Wednesday previous. Tickets for social 2s. each, obtainable from Mr. R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford; Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, West Farnborough, Hants; Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey; Mr. A. H. Smith, The Bungalow, Bookham Rec., Leatherhead. 3812

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner and social evening will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Details of ringing later. Morning peals arranged by request. Tickets 10s. from G. A. Halls, 672, Harvey Road, Derby. 3813

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Merrett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, J. Merrett (first 'inside') 5, J. M. Aspinall 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: I. Bentley (first quarter) 1, G. Pearson 2, A. Pendlebury 3, Miss N. B. Smedley 4, I. P. McEwan 5, A. T. Royle 6, R. Allred 7, F. Grundy (cond.) 8, P. H. Derbyshire 9, A. Pearson 10. Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the 75th birthday of the chief ringer, Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, who has been ringing 57 years at Worsley.

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, Heston, Jan. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room (names, please). St. Mary's, Norwood Green (6), 2.30-3.30; Heston (8) from 3.30. 1954 subscriptions now due.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039). 3748

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 3719

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3756

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 16th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3789

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Nuneaton, Jan. 16th. Bells of St. Nicolas' (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in vestry at 6 p.m. followed by ringing until 9 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 3767

DEVON GUILD. — South-West Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Plympton St. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Usual arrangements. 3742

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Annual meeting at Huntingdon on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (6) 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at All Saints' Hall. Both towers available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3751

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Annual meeting, Bocking, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 3725

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 3744

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Jan. 16th. Ringing, St. Michael's (8) 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Albans Abbey (12) 6.45 p.m. 3763

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3769

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual general meeting, Jan. 16th, St. George's, Camberwell (Wells Way), 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall. Ringing afterwards.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 3811

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip (6), Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 3770

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. —Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury. 3745

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting at Horley, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 5. 3771

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Uckfield, Jan. 16th. Look up Oxford Bob Triples. Tower open 3 o'clock. 3781

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. O. G. Smart, 28, The Drove, Andover. 3743

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual district meeting, Fareham, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. H. Sturgess, 40, Osborne Road, Fareham. —S. K. M. Knight. 3778

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brierley Hill, Sat., Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3727

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 3791

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Evercreech (10), Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea **essential** by 20th. Will all choristers attending assemble with the choir as the 'Hallatrow Trio' handbell ringers will accompany hymn-singing. Ample ringing for 6-and 8-bell ringers.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 3797

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Horsley (6), Jan. 23rd at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, Derby. 3800

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Doncaster (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 3796

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Blaydon (St. Cuthbert's). Names, by Jan. 21st, to Mr. R. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3801

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; there are cafes near church.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3787

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Annual district meeting at Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea not later than Jan. 20th to H. J. Millatt, 46, Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester. 3758

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Queen's Head.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Great Waltham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting and election of officers for 1954 after tea. 3734

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Gloucester Branch—Annual meeting, Jan. 23rd, at Cathedral. Bells 2.15. Tea, Saracen's Head Hotel, 5 p.m. All teas must be booked by Jan. 20th certain.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 3804

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3–8. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in St. Nicholas' Hall. Please send numbers for tea by Jan. 20th to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 3754

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Hitchin, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3783

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual District meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 20th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard, Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3793

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea is by kind invitation, but numbers for tea must reach Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Thursday, Jan. 21st, and this is definite, no names, no tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 19th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3760

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Bolton Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Jan. 23rd, at Bolton Parish Church. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. A hot, cooked tea provided free for all ringers and friends who send in their names, by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, to V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way. A special effort is requested for a good attendance. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs. 3784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Sapcote, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3. Tea in Village Hall 5. Please notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road, Sapcote, Leicester. 3790

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting, Wrangle, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Angel Inn at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 18th. — W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3757

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Branch Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. in Vicarage. Bells available 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3795

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Towcester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Please notify Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester, for tea by Tuesday previous. Service 3.30 p.m.—W. A. Yates, Branch Sec. 3750

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 23rd. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Bells available: St. Martin's 3.15 and after meeting, St. Paul's 2.15 and 8, St. Thomas' 6.30–8. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3780

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wimborne on Jan. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea for those who notify, by January 20th, I. Davis, Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 3805

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, St. Mary's, Stafford, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Choral Service 4 o'clock, with address by the Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to Mr. R. J. Warrilow, 197, Tixall Road, Stafford. 3773

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Jan. 23rd, Shoreditch, 2.30, St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Jan. 20th.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 3766

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Sedlescombe (6), not East Hoathly, as shown on meeting card, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 20th, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 3794

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Ropley, Jan. 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3759

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Eastham meeting **postponed** until Jan. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by 26th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead 3810

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Annual meeting, Stockport St. George, Jan. 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. P. Laflin, 25, Hallam Street, Stockport, by Tuesday, 26th.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 3811

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting on Jan. 30th at St. James', Clerkenwell. Bells from 3-4.30 p.m. followed by service, tea and business. Evening ringing to be announced later. Names for tea to Miss M. Prockson, 37, Long Meadow Road, Sidcup, Kent.—A. E. Salter, Dis. Sec. 3803

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, at All Saints', Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, by Jan. 26th, to Miss D. Attewell, 68, Malpas Road, Newport.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 3798

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Jan. 30th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Talbot Cafe. (4s. per head). Names for tea, by Monday, 25th, to Mr. Reg. Woods, 14, Cowes Road, Grantham.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 3792

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodston, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea **must** be sent, by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 3786

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Rushden, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Please remember that P.C. for tea. — A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 3749

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 30th.—Ringing: St. Chad's 2.45 to 3.45; St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45. Special service St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Bells available 3 o'clock. Car owners asked to help with transport; parking in front of St. Chad's and St. Michael's. Tea and business, Tudor Room, Morris Cafe, Pride Hill, 5.15 p.m. St. Chad's bells 7 to 8.30 p.m. For tea advise, by 28th, W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 3809

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual District meeting at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea can be arranged near, or bring your own. Meeting 6 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 3799

SURREY ASSOCIATION—North Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Christ Church (8) 3 p.m. Tea at the Cricketers', Epsom Common, 4.30, followed by meeting. St. Martin's (10) after meeting. Election of District officers and committee. Nominations for general officers also three Central Council representatives. Notice for tea, by Jan. 28th, to Mr. Oakshott, Downs View, Lewins Road, Epsom.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3782

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL RINGERS — Annual dinner will take place on Saturday, January 30th. Tickets, 8s. each, from Miss J. Rose, Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol 8. Ringing times to follow. All welcome. 3806

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church Cottage. Names for tea by Jan. 26th.—John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3785

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Jan 30th, in conjunction with the Centenary Celebration Dinner of the York Minster Society. Minster bells (12) available 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.55 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in St. William's College. Service in Minster choir 4 p.m. General meeting 4.45 p.m. in Minster ringing chamber. Dinner 6.45 for 7 p.m. at Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street. Tickets (9s. 6d. each) from Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. No tea arrangements but numerous cafes near to Minster.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3807

ANNUAL EAST HARLING DINNER MARDLE.—To Norwich Area and all Norfolk Associations.—Saturday, Feb. 6th. Swan Inn, East Harling, 7 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, limited to 50. Bells available: Quidenham (8), North Lopham (8), East Harling (6), Bur Street bell (1) and handbells. Please book early from Dr. P. Jonason, White House, East Harling, Norwich. 3726

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 66th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on March 6th at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, when the chair will be taken by Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, M.C., D.L. Tickets 14s. 6d. each—early application advisable—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3808

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THE INDEFINABLE

THE nature of man is to desire to systematise, to classify, to arrange. His desire to know, to pursue a problem and to find its solution, and to exercise his curiosity in speculation, these are said to be among the qualities that distinguish him from the beasts of the field, and identify him closely with the divine influence that sought to bring order out of primeval chaos.

In this pursuit of systematisation and definition, Science and Philosophy, and indeed all forms of inquiry and speculation, have, from time to time, found problems that seem to admit of no solution, no adequate definition, and of no exact classification. Some 2,400 years ago Zeno, the philosopher, propounded the problem of Achilles and the tortoise. He imagined Achilles to run a race against a tortoise, the animal being given a certain start. Zeno claimed that the tortoise could never be overtaken, and his argument ran as follows. Suppose that the race is two miles in length and the tortoise is given one mile start. Assume also that Achilles runs ten times as fast as the tortoise. It is clear that when Achilles has covered the first mile the tortoise will be a tenth of a mile ahead. When Achilles has covered this tenth of a mile the tortoise will still be a hundredth of a mile ahead. When Achilles has run this hundredth of a mile the animal will still be one thousandth of a mile in front. And so it goes on; and because space is infinitely divisible it follows that the tortoise must always be a fraction ahead of the runner.

The problem set by Zeno has been hotly debated for nearly 2,500 years without a satisfactory solution being found. There is a similar story of a frog jumping from the edge to the middle of a pond, each leap being exactly one half of the previous one. Strict mathematical reasoning proves that the frog will never reach the centre of the pond, although he may travel for ever.

Trivial as these things are, they are of great interest to the philosopher and they hold important lessons for all of us, particularly when we are impelled to dogmatise and over-systematise. Of the above problems the ordinary man may say: 'They are very interesting and amusing, but for practical purposes the problem is no problem at all; I know that Achilles will win the race, and the frog is sure to get to the middle of the pond.'

As with philosophical speculations, so in the world of change ringing there is the indefinable, the something or other that cannot be set down in exact terms and which must be treated by some practical compromise or decided by that almost infallible arbiter Good Taste. One aspect of this matter may arise from the interesting letter in 'The Ringing World' recently where a correspondent raised the old question as to whether or not a man ringing the treble to Cambridge should describe himself as having rung a peal of Cambridge. Another form of the same problem, often discussed in ringing circles, requires us to make up our minds if a man ringing the tenor behind a peal of Stedman Caters has actually rung a peal of Stedman. There are two sides to the question, and Commonsense on both sides grows virtuously indignant when its view is opposed. 'How,' says Commonsense X, 'can a man be said to have rung a peal of Cambridge? To ring that treble needs no knowledge of the method at all?' 'How,' says Commonsense Y triumphantly, 'can you ring the peal at all without him and his treble?' 'My point is,' insists Commonsense X, 'he is not ringing Cambridge, and so how can he claim a peal of Cambridge?' 'Yes, but suppose,' says the other, 'that the ringer of the 2nd is weak and the treble man tells him his work all the way through. Suppose, too, that the treble man conducts the peal. What then?' And so the argument goes on, as it often has gone on, and the protagonists end in the same baffled mood as did old Omar Khayyam when he wrote:—

'. . . And heard great Argument
About it and about: but evermore
Came out by the same door as in I went.'

It is indeed difficult, if not impossible, to assert with complete exactitude that the treble man has rung a peal of Cambridge or that the tenor man has rung a peal of Stedman Cinques. But what is the alternative? Did Mr. Harry Chapman ring 14,000 London Surprise at King's Norton in 1903 or did he not? When William Pye called 18,027 Stedman Caters from the tenor at Loughborough did he ring a peal of Stedman Caters? Commonsense on all sides says that he did.

The whole of this question is a most interesting one; for the stickler for precision may easily pursue it much further. Consideration may be given to the ringer of, let us say, the 7th in a peal of spliced Surprise in which he rings perhaps one lead or just two leads of a particular method; take the matter further and it may be possible to find ringers prepared to argue that a man ringing the tenor to an In and Fifths peal of London Surprise has not rung the method complete and therefore is not entitled

to claim a peal of London. The reductio ad absurdum might be reached when objection is raised to the tenor ringer claiming a peal of Bob Major because he has rung nothing but plain courses whereas the other ringers were obliged to exercise some additional skill and knowledge.

Ridiculous as some of our arguments might appear if carried to excess, there is, nevertheless, an important background of principle here, and, as has been stated, valuable lessons in good sense, taste and toleration. The problems of Achilles and the tortoise and the jumping frog admit of no complete mathematical solution, but we all accept the practical compromise. The problems of peal ringing are many and are often similarly indefinable, but any attempt at legislation here would be doomed to failure, and we are bound to leave the wrongs and rights of peal claims to the good sense of the claimants and the judgment of common opinion. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	7
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN S. MASON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
The conductor's 800th peal.

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On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 4 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	*WILLIAM G. MORRIS	8
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
*ROBERT G. LAY	4	‡§BRIAN D. THRELFALL	10
ALFRED J. HOUSE	5	TONY PRICE	11
†RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First twelve bell peal. † First peal of Maximus. ‡ First peal of Treble Twelve. § 100th tower bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 28 in the C.C. Collection. Tenor 21 cwt.

*J. R. MOSSOP	*Treble*	F. H. CRAWLEY	6
WM. WALL	2	JAMES E. BURLES	7
*ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	3	T. F. POSTLETHWAITE	8
GRAHAM MCKAY	4	HAROLD WILSON	9
JOHN BAGNALL	5	*FRANK BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the New Year.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5300 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Treble*	ALBERT J. ADAMS	6
JOHN HILL	2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	3	FRANK E. DARBY	8
RALPH BIRD	4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	9
ALFRED J. CLAYTON	5	FRANK JENNINGS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
The 300th peal on the bells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5094 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt.

H. D. LISTER	*Treble*	*A. G. FEVER	6
*J. G. STANNARD	2	*E. E. DAVEY	7
*WM. STANNARD	3	*W. J. BUTTON	8
*J. S. WYBREW	4	*F. J. BUCKLE	9
*R. E. LESTER	5	*J. W. BANKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 7 lb.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	†EILEEN M. TURNER	5
SHIRLEY J. CORKE	2	JAMES F. DODSON	6
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
*ANN M. COX	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ROGER BALDWIN	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
ALEXANDER PAGE	2	†ROBIN G. LEALE	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside' of Double Norwich.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

*MARY C. PAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
DAVID S. HARRIS	4	†HUGH MATTHEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
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On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Peter Harrison	*Treble*	Herbert O. Chaddock	5
*Margaret Mills	2	Ronald Birch	6
John J. L. Gilbert	3	Barry Holland	7
Elizabeth Bate	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*Ernest J. Jelley	*Treble*	G. Ronald Edwards	5
Winifred M. Burton	2	Brian G. Warwick	6
Ernest Morris	3	†John M. Jelley	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. 1).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St Philip,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Michael G. Morton	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
Muriel Reay	2	Peter Border	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
John Pinfold	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

William Briggs	*Treble*	Leonard Hewitt	5
*John Vernon	2	Roger Hayward	6
*John Smith	3	Alfred Ballard	7
John H. Bailess	4	Michael E. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.
A 21st birthday peal for John Smith.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburgha,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Albert H. Fitter	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
George E. Fearn	2	Michael G. Morton	6
Muriel Reay	3	Bryan D. A. Woolley	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

*Roger Fox	*Treble*	Roger Keeley	5
Walter H. Poole	2	William G. Gigg	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Thomas J. Setter	7
Henry G. Keele	4	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. E. Turner.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Patrick (nee Freda M. Poole) on the birth of a son and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5152 HOCKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Michael G. Morton	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
Frank E. Haynes	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Clifford A. Barron	3	Peter Border	7
Muriel Reay	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
The first peal in the method.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 5, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Leonard W. King	*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders	5
C. Frank W. Phillippo	2	*Dr. P. H. A. Jonason	6
Mrs. J. R. Smith	3	Harry Moss	7
Betty Syrett	4	John R. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by John R. Smith.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Bob Major as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 6th.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5184 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Terry R. Hampton	*Treble*	*Peter Border	5
*Muriel Reay	2	*Clifford A. Barron	6
*Edgar C. Shepherd	3	*George E. Fearn	7
*John Pinfold	4	Arthur V. Pearson	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal in the method.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Richard H. Corderoy	*Treble*	Alfred Greenough	5
Claude Corderoy	2	James P. Blond	6
Frederick James	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Jack Grace	4	Cecil Corderoy	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick James.
Rung to commemorate 50 years' Guild membership and as a service ringer by the conductor.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Boniface.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Henry Parker	*Treble*	Harold Worrall	5
Ethel Wise	2	John Scott	6
*Victor Neal	3	Harry W. Howard	7
†Eric Hornby	4	Cecil Raddon	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Henry Parker.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 100th peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Frank H. Hicks	*Treble*	Harold Smith	5
William Birmingham	2	Fred R. Scott	6
Mrs. H. Smith	3	E. Dennis Poole	7
*Brian Lister	4	George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Gilbert.
* First peal of Major.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Barry W. Latham ..	*Treble*	Thomas W. Sheppard ..	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	†Neville Jenkins	6
Reginald Rowley	3	†Leonard J. North	7
Thomas H. Norris ..	4	Mrs. T. H. Norris ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

Richard J. Warrilow ..	*Treble*	*Derek K. Knowles ..	5
Fredk. E. Wilshaw ..	2	Eric E. Speake	6
*Alan A. Elsmore	3	Harry Griffiths	7
J. Dennis Holden ..	4	Arthur Pritchard ..	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis (C.C.C., p. 36).
Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Fowell, who has recently completed 50 years' service in this belfry.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Mrs. Olive L. Rogers ..	*Treble*	*Geoffrey M. Harvey ..	5
Squire Croft	2	Trevor Dew	6
J. E. Lewis Cockey ..	3	†Philip A. Carter	7
Wilfrid G. Wilson ..	4	Harold W. Rogers ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
Rung for the feast of the Epiphany and as a farewell to the Rev. John E. Leeman, M.A., curate of this church, on his preferment to the living of St. Mary, West Twyford, N.W.10.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol, and 320 each of Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt.

Bryan D. A. Woolley ..	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton ..	5
*Muriel Reay	2	†Clifford A. Barron ..	6
J. Edward Cawser ..	3	Arthur V. Pearson ..	7
John Pinfold	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of eight Spliced. † First peal of Spliced. First peal of eight Spliced as conductor.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 HORSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Raymond Overy	5
C. Ernest Smith	2	Frederick A. Munday ..	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Albert Harman	7
Kenneth Snelling	4	William T. Beeson ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.
The first peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd, 4th and tenor.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Michael G. Morton ..	5
Shirley V. Rymer	2	Anthony Ager	6
Arthur V. Pearson ..	3	George E. Fearn	7
Bryan D. A. Woolley ..	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Dennis H. B. Millward	*Treble*	*Robert W. Hinde	5
Frederick H. Birks ..	2	John W. Griffiths.. ..	6
*Shirley Harris	3	Brian Harris	7
Frederick R. Evans ..	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Stedman.
A 21st birthday peal for the conductor and first peal in the method as such.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Gordon P. T. Peters ..	*Treble*	James F. Dodson	5
*Ann M. Cox	2	Roland W. Morant ..	6
Derek M. Stone	3	Roy Collins	7
Ronald I. Shepherd ..	4	A. Patrick Cannon ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. The conductor has now called this composition (C.C.C., No. 34) 25 times in 25 different towers in 15 counties.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

John E. Rootes	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Walter Ayre	2	Thomas J. Southam ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow..	3	Geoffrey W. Seaman ..	7
Harold V. Frost	4	Francis Kirk	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Francis Kirk.
Rung as a farewell to the Bishop of Bedford on resigning the living of this church.
First peal on the bells since augmentation from six to eight.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28½ cwt.

Sydney Foskett	*Treble*	C. Edward Jeffries ..	5
Charles H. Harding ..	2	*Bryan S. Cope	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Bryan F. Sims	7
Andrew C. Sinfield ..	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. E. Jeffries.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

Arch. G. Grimwood ..	*Treble*	*Frederick J. Lambert ..	5
Bernard V. Collison ..	2	*William A. Kitchenside	6
Kevin S. Kohl	3	Luther J. Honess ..	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	William R. Manser ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Kitchenside.
* 75th peal together. E. J. Ladd has 'completed the circle' at this tower.'
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 29th wedding anniversary.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Maurice G. White	*Treble*	Ronald J. Forster	4
Mrs. A. Kansey	2	George F. Cantrill ..	5
Alfred W. Bodiam ..	3	Reginald L. Sills	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E.

EILEEN M. TURNER	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4
ANN M. COX	2	E. JOHN WELLS	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

BENTWORTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, four extents each of April Day and St. Simon's, 12 extents of Plain Bob, 10 extents of Grandsire, three extents of Morris's 240 and two extents of Pitman's 240. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	3
EILEEN M. TURNER	2	E. JOHN WELLS	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
First peal on the bells

FROYLE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4
ANN M. COX	2	E. JOHN WELLS	5
EILEEN M. TURNER ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
Mr. A. P. Cannon's 25th tower in the county for a peal.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Braintree and St. Albans, (2) Neasden, (3) Charlwood, (4) Wragby Delight, (5) Sandal and Kingston, (6) Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ..	*Treble*	*MRS. A. RICHARDSON ..	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH ..	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in ten methods.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and St. Simon's, 20 extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ANN M. COX	3
EILEEN M. TURNER	2	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4
E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
First peal in seven methods on the bells, and the first peal in seven Doubles methods for the Guild.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of ten extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*RONALD C. MILNES (13).	*Treble*	*WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ..	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER ..	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. G. Hooper and Miss A. K. Streeton, both ringers at this church, whose wedding was solemnised on December 31st, 1953.

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POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (6) Capel, Sandal, London, Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*IVOR JENKINS	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ..	5
ERIC SIMPSON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 25 methods.

Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Snape, captain of this tower.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*MONICA E. COLLINS ..	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4
RONALD I. SHEPHERD ..	2	EILEEN M. TURNER	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	3	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Minor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. M. E. MOORE	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	PETER L. WOOD	5
RONALD SUCKLING	3	JOHN R. LEEMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung 'in memoriam' of a controversial peal in this tower on the first Saturday of 1953.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

COLIN R. LAMONT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DODDS	4
GILLIAN R. LAMONT ..	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
JOYCE DODDS	3	R. JAMES COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. JAMES COOK.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, Double Court and St. Clement's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Treble*	RONALD CHAFER	4
HAROLD MORWOOD	2	JACK BRAY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	4
PETER J. CAME	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	5
*EDWARD W. ROAST ..	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Roast, of Danbury.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

MARIE K. ROBERTS	*Treble*	*HENRY C. FOSTER	4
L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN..	2	FREDERICK C. GIFFORD ..	5
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY ..	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (five different callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*BARRY E. SAUNDERS ..	*Treble*	†ALBERT H. HINTON ..	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	2	‡OWEN JOHN STEEL ..	5
†GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	3	WILLIAM A. YATES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal. † First peal of London Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal in the method on the bells. George W. Holland and W. A. Yates have now rung 50 peals together.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	JOHN A. LEEMING	4
*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON ..	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
HAROLD W. MOORE ..	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT 26, WILLIAM STREET.
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Consisting of 12 extents of Plain Bob, 30 of Grandsire and two of April Day. Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING	1—2	FRED E. DUKES	3—4
		*MRS. F. E. DUKES ..	5—6

Conducted by FRED E. DUKES.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung in honour of the degree of B.A. (T.C.D.) being conferred on John Fielding. He was attending an Ordination Students' Conference at Drogheda Grammar School.

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

H. ERNEST SIBLEY	1—2	PETER BORDER	5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4	FRANK E. PERVIN	7—8
		HUBERT E. ASHLEY ..	9—10

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

50th peal as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

MRS. J. THOMAS	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	7—8
		*R. ROGER SAVORY	9—10

Composed by WM. KENT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. K. Turnbull 1, Valerie Mepham (first 'inside' in the method) 2, Mary W. Brown 3, E. E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. Brook 1, I. Heasman 2, H. Turner 3, S. Brook 4, B. Turner (cond.) 5, M. Abbott 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung for the old year out and new in. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Pratt 1, I. Heasman 2, P. Tomsett 3, S. Brook 4, B. Turner (cond.) 5, M. Abbott 6. First quarter for 1 and 3.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Edwards 7, N. Devonshire 8. Rung for the festival of Christmas, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor (with tenor covering): H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, W. Edwards 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Bridges 6, S. Hatfield 7. A wedding compliment to David Lamb, a member of the local band. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, Imogen Darell-Waters 4, W. Edwards 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the president of Magdelen College, Oxford, in whose gift the living is.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Foremen 1, E. Henderson 2, J. Carpenter 3, E. Oliver 4, R. Oliver 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6, R. B. Skelton cover bell.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Doreen Murfin (first of Major) 1, Elizabeth Grime (first quarter of Major) 2, D. R. Carliste 3, J. B. Stennitt 4, G. A. Halls 5, F. R. Lowe 6, J. Bailey (cond.) 7, A. Mould 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. Hale (first of Major) 1, Myrtle A. Cass 2, Shirley J. Corke 3, Ann M. Cox 4, Eileen M. Turner 5, E. J. Heath 6, C. W. Denyer 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Perryman (first quarter) 1, B. Hale (first 'inside') 2, Mary Wells 3, R. Hale 4, S. Meadows 5, C. W. Denyer 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, A. C. Beadle 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,620 Plain Bob Minor: E. Hewlett (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. K. Watts 2, A. C. Morris 3, T. Gwilt 4, A. A. Upton 5, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Jan. 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer (first of Stedman) 3, L. S. Woods 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, F. P. Mead 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. W. Rae 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowts, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 360 Oxford, 180 Plain Bob): H. Radley 1, H. Hurst 2, A. Melton (cond.) 3, V. Briggs 4, F. Dixon 5, C. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. A. G. H. Trimble, who was assistant priest for over 30 years at this church, interred earlier this day. Also to Mr. R. Dennis, who passed away the previous week; he was for many years a sidesman.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Knight (aged 11 years) 1, F. Slatford 2, A. Knight 3, L. Hitchins 4, P. Harding (cond.) 5, J. Case 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

POPLAR, E.—On Jan. 10th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss S. A. Barringer (first quarter on 10 bells) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. A. Hughes 3, C. R. Smith 4, E. D. Smith 5, A. W. J. Butler 6, E. E. Holman 7, J. Euston 8, J. Bullock (cond.) 9, C. W. Ottley 10.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 10th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, R. D. Tomlin 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3, F. W. Lewis 4, J. N. Diserens (first in method) 5, R. F. Diserens 6, A. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 2,520 Doubles (six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, and three extents of Old Bob): S. Swannell (longest length) 1, J. Harrold 2, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 3, A. C. Cozens 4, I. J. Dickin 5. Rung for the festival of Christmas.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Simpson 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, W. Simpson 3, C. Geary 4, R. A. Hickton 5, H. F. Makins (first of Triples 'inside') 6, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. G. Newsum 8.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Jan. 10th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. L. Pearson 4, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, L. Pearson 7, F. D. Bishop 8, A. R. Ling 9, F. J. Matthews 10, A. J. House 11, R. F. Deal 12.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gooding 1, W. Seldon 2, G. Retter 3, A. Tapley 4, G. Betts 5, F. Willmington (first in method) 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8. Rung on F. Willmington's leaving for National Service.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Mesley 1, R. Stoddard 2, C. Wenban 3, J. Schofield 4, T. Clark 5, A. Wenban 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, A. Q. Barton 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. P. Steer.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Bullock 5, A. Chamberlain 6. Rung for Christmas festival and as a 64th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carey 1, T. Barton 2, E. J. Kennett (first quarter) 3, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 4, P. J. Spice 5, F. E. Scoones 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Jan. 10th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, F. C. Shorter 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Corney 1, Christine Ford 2, D. Painter 3, S. T. Ford 4, J. Chalk 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 4.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Bond (first quarter on eight) 1, Miss S. Drake 2, Miss D. Smythe 3, R. Sanderson 4, E. King 5, R. J. Cousins (cond.) 6, S. S. Woodburn 7, H. Stage (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Lye 1, W. J. Prescott 2, R. O. Fry 3, E. King 4, S. S. Woodburn 5, T. Harris 6, R. J. Cousins (cond.) 7, H. Stage 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of G. H. Cross, former member of the Weston band, interred the same day.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Tessa Ebbutt 1, J. Walter 2, Ruth Stafford 3, Hazel Palmer 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, B. Stafford 6. Also on January 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Tessa Ebbutt 1, C. Dilnot 2, J. Walter 3, J. Rye 4, Ruth Stafford (first quarter as cond.) 5, B. Stafford 6.

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A FINAL WARNING

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Bride's, Fleet Street, is to have a Coronation curfew bell. Will it be rung to tell our national dailies the time to go to press with their final editions?

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall, the new secretary of the Universities Association, rang his 100th tower-bell peal on January 9th at Southwark Cathedral. Mr. Eric Hornby reached his century at Bunbury, Cheshire.

We are pleased to hear that Mr Cyril C. Deem, of Littleham, Exmouth, hopes to be released very shortly from Exmouth Cottage Hospital after his serious accident on December 10th.

Next week we hope to publish our list of the leading peal ringers for 1953. The honour has again gone to Mr. Harold J. Poole with 103 peals, closely followed by Mr. George E. Fearn with 102 peals. Mrs. H. J. Poole heads the list of lady ringers with 88 peals.

Mr. Brian Harris is to be congratulated on conducting a peal of Stedman Triples at Pulford for his 21st birthday at the first attempt. His previous attempts at making calls in this method had been limited to one or two touches of two courses.

The Edgware tower has returned to the Middlesex Association after a lapse of many years due to the bells not being rung. They received a warm welcome at the North and East District meeting at Finchley on January 9th.

The peal at Stisted that the Essex Association has withdrawn is that of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung on January 3rd, 1953, and not the peal of Cambridge Minor rung on January 2nd, 1954. The paragraph last week caused a 'flutter in the dovecotes.' One member in the peal of Cambridge Minor was, to use his own words, 'dumbfounded.' Mr. John R. Leeming writes that it was 'quite as worthy of acceptance as any other peal rung this year.'

Lieutenant Freda Mitchell, Queen Alexandra R.A. Nursing Corps, daughter of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, treasurer and former secretary of the Kent County Association, was on the British troop tram trapped by an avalanche at Untersburg last week. They were rescued by American soldiers, who waded through the snow waist-deep for ten hours to find the train. 'It was just a case of waiting,' said Lieutenant Mitchell when interviewed.

Mr. Ronald I. Shepherd, of 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, offers two seats in his car to ringers attending the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on March 6th.

Congratulations to young Alan Goodall, aged 15, one of the ten Finchley pupils who on Thursday, January 14th, successfully rang, at his first attempt, a faultless course of Cambridge Surprise—much to the surprise of the older members.

Mr. Ernest Morris informs us that his last book, 'Bells of All Nations,' is now out of print and he has just received the last few remaining copies from the publishers. Anyone wishing to purchase copies should get in touch with him at once before they are all cleared.

St. Michael and All Angels' Guild of Change Ringers, Marden, Kent, held their annual dinner on New Year's Eve at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Eagling. Some 20 members and six visitors sat down to an excellent meal provided by Mrs. C. Nye. At the business meeting two changes of office were noted. Mr. F. Mitchell, owing to domestic reasons, resigned from the office of Ringing Master, which he had so faithfully fulfilled for many years. The new Master is Mr. G. Carter, and Mr. T. Pert was elected Deputy Master. To conclude the happy evening everyone returned to the belfry to ring out the Old and ring in the New Year.

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YORK MINSTER – ITS BELLS AND BELL-RINGERS

By HAROLD WALKER

President, York Minster Society of Change Ringers

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YORK SCHOLARS AND ST. PETER'S YOUTHS

After the rehanging of 1733 a Society of York Scholars practised change ringing on the Minster bells. This Society was not long in existence, however, for when the new ring of ten was opened in 1765 the ringers of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, came north to ring the opening peals.

A new Society was formed to ring the ten bells and was known as the Society of St. Perer's Youths. Several peals of over 5,000 changes were rung by the members at the Minster before the Society broke up after the fire of 1840. The leading member was a Richard Beeforth, patternmaker, who was also instructor to the gentlemen ringers of Helmsley and Malton. In the tower window arch of the latter church is a stone inscribed:—

'Richard Beeforth, Instructor of ye Ringers. 1769.'

The ringers appointed after the installation of the Beckwith bells were not change ringers and it was not until 1854 that a number of young men from other City towers were appointed and formed themselves into the York Minster Society of Change Ringers, which Society still continues to ring the bells Sunday by Sunday. The Society has rung three peals of over 5,000 changes on the Minster bells, the last being on November 9th, 1892, in 3 hours and 35 minutes. This was a formidable task, three men being required to keep the tenor going. Mr. F. T. Earnshaw, who was a Minster ringer for 63 years, is the only survivor of that occasion. Of the twelve men who took part three had 60 (or more) years' service as ringers, three had between 50 and 60 years' and one had between 40 and 50 years'.

Two former Minster ringers with long records of service are now living in retirement, Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, 63 years (38 years as president), and Mr. G. Horner, 55 years (45 years as secretary).

The Society does not confine its membership to the male sex. Miss P. M. Reeves, who learned her ringing when at Training College, has been an active member for two years. Miss S. M. Kingdon was a member for one year before taking up a professional appointment in Co. Durham.

THE GREAT MEETING OF 1875

In the 1870's came the formation of Diocesan and County Guilds of Change Ringers. In 1875 the first great meeting of Yorkshire ringers was held in York and the outcome was the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. A note in the Minute Book of the Minster Society reads:—

'3rd Aug., 1875. On July 3rd, 1875, a Great Meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers was held at the Punch Bowl in Stonegate when upwards of 200 Ringers from various towns of the County visited this City and were accommodated by the Society and the Members of St. Martin's, Coney Street, to the extent of their means when the ringers expressed their satisfaction at their reception.'

The leading Minster ringer, William Horner Howard was elected first vice-president of the Association. Mr. Howard was regarded as a Minster ringer for a record period of 68 years. On the occasion of his jubilee as a ringer he was presented with his portrait in oils at the hands of the Dean. This painting now hangs in the Minster Ringing Chamber.

Modern opinion is against prize ringing matches as they are not considered to be in keeping with the ringers' office as church-workers, but sad to relate the Minster ringers at one time took part in such contests. In 1876 the following challenge was published:—

'The York Minster Ringers who competed at Huddersfield on the 29th February for the Change Ringing Prize, feeling dissatisfied with the judge's decision, will ring the Dewsbury Company, who were awarded first prize, for £5 or £10 a side, in the three prevailing methods viz., Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman's, on ten or twelve bells, either touches or courses, one month after signing articles.'

The early records of the Minster Society have been lost and the Minute Book dates only from 1872. That the bells should be kept in a good state of repair has always been the concern of the ringers. Appeals to the authorities often fell on deaf ears and it was sometimes years before any notice was taken. Having drawn attention to defects, however, the ringers helped to pay for putting things right, as the following minute shows:—

'9 Nov., 1924. A meeting was held to decide what the Society could do towards the Dean's appeal for subscriptions towards the cost of restoring the bells. Decided to bear the cost of recasting one of the smaller bells @ £50.'

At a ringers' dinner, held in October, 1924, at which Dean Foxley Norris was a guest, a visitor from Leeds said the bells wanted 'soling and heeling.' Much to the amusement of the Dean a visitor from Birmingham interpolated 'They want boiling.' The Dean said he fully appreciated the ringers' feelings as he had been up in the tower to see things for himself, and that something would soon be done to put things right. Earlier in the proceedings a plate of soup had been spilled down the Dean's new coat and he told the gathering the memory —and the aroma—of the dinner would remain with him for a long time to come.

For many years members of the Minster Society formed a strong branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Est. 1637) and practised change ringing on handbells. The first double-handed handbell peal of Grandsire Caters ever to be rung was completed by five Minster ringers on March 12th, 1877, in three hours and five minutes.

SPECIAL RINGING

Prior to the Second World War the Society had a long programme of special ringings to perform each year. Certain festivals of the Church, the Reigning Monarch's Accession and Birthday, Lord Mayor's Day and other occasions were fittingly noticed. The difficulties and expense occasioned by the ringers having to leave their ordinary work has caused most of these ringings to lapse.

On several occasions the sound of the bells has been broadcast by the B.B.C., the first occasion being to welcome the dawn of 1927 and to mark the 13th centenary of the Minster's foundation. Other occasions have been:—

September 12th, 1943. To celebrate the surrender of Italy in the Second World War.

May 8th, 1945. Prior to the Service of Thanksgiving for Victory in Europe.

June 3rd, 1953. The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Society was especially honoured on the last occasion as the Minster bells were the only ones to be given a direct broadcast during the Coronation celebrations.

After Great Peter had been rededicated the bells were rung so that H.M.V. Gramophone Co. could make a record. Part of the ringing on May 8th, 1945, was also recorded. It is regretted that of late years the first record has been exploited by being played through amplifiers and broadcast from churches having no towers. This system has become known as 'canned campanology' or 'synthetic bells' and is considered by ringers to be an abomination. It is a fake which should not be tolerated in a Church which stands for truth.

On the occasion of the rededication of the Five Sisters Window, on December 9th, 1950, the Ladies' Guild of Church Bell Ringers provided a band to ring before the service, and the middle octave was rung with distinction.

Since 1872 there has been a total of 68 ringers elected members of the Minster Society; this total includes two ladies. There has been a total of 18 presidents elected to office. 16 of them during the period 1872-1912: Thomas Frederick Earnshaw served in this office with distinction for 38 years to 1950. Only four secretaries have served since 1872. William Horner Toward for 32 years and George Horner for 45 years. That one president and one secretary should serve together for 38 years is truly a record, and it is due in no small measure to the able leadership of these two men that the Society has continued to function so satisfactorily.

SUCCESSFUL OPPOSITION TO RECORDED BELLS

Opposition has been successful to a proposal to install recorded bells in the new Church of St. Nicholas, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

The scheme to provide the installation was passed by the Parochial Church Council with two exceptions, and a Consistory Court to hear the opposition to the scheme had been fixed for January 30th.

There are two churches at Uphill. A good ring of six bells is hung in the old church on the hill and these bells are rung regularly on Sunday afternoons and on other occasions. Services here are only held in the summer on weekdays, and in fine weather, the new church being used for all services.

The proposal to place synthetic bells met with widespread opposition. Over 400 signatures were obtained to a petition against the installation, and in view of this the Rector and churchwardens decided to withdraw their application.

Our correspondent concludes: 'We all heard the ringers salute the departing year with the traditional muffled peal and ring in the New Year, with great rejoicing and relief and thankfulness to God for the assured safety for the continuity of the ringing of the real bells in the church on the hill.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mayor Unveils Coronation Peal Board at Glodwick

The Rochdale Branch held their January meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on the 9th inst.

During the afternoon a Coronation peal board was unveiled and dedicated. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., when the dedication took place. The Mayor of Oldham (Alderman Frank Kenyon, J.P.), performed the unveiling ceremony, and the curate of St. Mark's, the Rev. D. M. Kendrick, M.A., dedicated the board, which records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Coronation Day. The board is a gift from the town and is very well made and beautifully lettered. After the ceremony the Mayor expressed a wish to 'have a go,' and was immediately given his first lesson on the tenor holding the back stroke.

The attendance was not up to expectations but the ringing chamber, all shining and spick and span, was quite full for the occasion. L. P.

'TWENTY QUESTIONS'

'Twenty Questions' set by E. A. B. in our issue of December 24th, 1953, proved difficult to most competitors.

The best paper was submitted by H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans, who is awarded a book token. The papers of G. H. Clift, 68, Bramcote Road, Beeston, Notts, and Richard F. B. Speed, 3, Station Road, Hampton Wick, Kingston, are highly commended.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SECTION I.—RINGERS.

1. What ringers have (a) rung, (b) conducted 1,000 or more peals?

Answer.—(a) F. Bennett, J. Bennett, J. H. Cheesman, C. T. Coles, J. E. Davis, G. E. Fearn, W. H. Fussell, J. George, K. Hart, E. Morris, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, E. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, Rev. F. E. Robinson, I. G. Shade, G. Williams.

(b) A. H. Pulling, W. Pye, G. Williams.

2. Who was the first to ring 100 peals, and when was this accomplished?

Answer.—James Barham, of Leeds; Kent; January, 1793.

3. Who 'had taken much delight in ringing, but my conscience beginning to be tender. I thought such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it. . . . '?

Answer.—John Bunyan (in 'Grace Abounding').

4. What four brothers rang handbell peals of:

(a) Superlative?

(b) London Surprise Major?

Answer.—(a) Alfred, Ernest, George R and William Pye.

(b) James E., Joseph A., R. Alder and Thomas T. Gofton.

5. Who first rang over 100 peals in a year, and when?

Answer.—James W. Washbrook in 1888 (127 peals).

SECTION II.—COMPOSERS AND COMPOSITIONS

6. When and by whom was the liability to internal falseness of Treble Bob methods discovered?

Answer.—Christopher Wells, in 1768.

7.

(a) By whom was the first peal of Superlative with reversed course-ends obtained?

(b) When and where was it first rung?

Answer.—(a) Henry W. Haley.

(b) February 9th, 1850, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

8. Who (in modern spelling) found Caters and Cinques 'in such a rude and chaos-like state, as may be easier conceived than described, but . . . threw them into the harmonious tittums, where they will continue, and most likely ever will remain'?

Answer.—Benjamin Annable.

9. What composer was described at 'that arch-pirate' (J. A. Trollope) and 'unfortunate in the similarity of all his compositions in Grandsire Triples to those of well-known composers' (J. W. Snowdon)?

Answer.—William Sottanstall.

10. By whom were the longest peals of Kent or Oxford Treble Bob composed (a) with the tenors together, (b) of any kind (excluding Spliced), and what are their lengths?

Answer.—William Harrison (8,896).

(b) Thomas B. Worsley (17,824).

SECTION III.—PEALS AND PEAL ATTEMPTS

11. What have been the longest (a) successful, (b) unsuccessful single-handed attempts for a peal?

Answer.—(a) 21,600 Bristol Surprise at Over, Cheshire, on November 4th, 1950, in 12 hours 58 minutes.

(b) About 18,360 Double Norwich at Heptonstall, on April 14th, in 10 hours 36 minutes.

12. What is the longest false peal to have been rung?

Answer.—18,240 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Mottram, June 10th, 1922.

13. The heaviest tenor rung single-handed to peals of Maximus is at St. Paul's Cathedral. By whom has this been performed and what were the methods?

Answer.—Kent Maximus (William T. Cockerill, Henry R. Newton); Cambridge Maximus (Alfred B. Peck).

14. What was the first handbell peal (with the bells 'retained in hand')?

Answer.—5,088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, at Sheffield, October 30th, 1811.

15. What were the first

(a) tower-bell

(b) handbell

peals rung out of the British Isles?

Answer. — (a) Grandsire Triples, Christ Church, Philadelphia, June 9th, 1850, conducted by H. W. Haley.

(b) Grandsire Triples, in Paris, July 15th, 1855, conducted by John Cox.

16. What was the first Surprise peal on handbells and who was the conductor?

Answer.—Superlative Surprise, in 1901, conducted by Harry R. Passmore, then aged 20 years.

17. Where and when was the first known muffled peal?

Answer.—Bromley, Kent, January 12th, 1817.

18. When, and by whom was the first 'name' peal?

Answer.—November 3rd, 1796, Grandsire Caters by eleven 'Williams.'

19. What and when was the first peal by clergymen?

Answer.—Stedman Triples, at Drayton, Berks, October 2nd, 1884.

20. When were the first peals of:

(a) Surprise Royal?

(b) Surprise Maximus, and what were the methods?

Answer.—(a) 5,400 Cambridge Royal, Wakefield, October 26th, 1822.

(b) 5,280 Cambridge Maximus, Ipswich, August 15th, 1908.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

The annual general meeting of the Rutland Branch was held at Uppingham on January 9th. About 30 ringers attended the meeting, at which touches in various methods were rung.

The secretary reported that the Branch was in a very healthy condition now; membership had risen from 29 to 44 ringing members; the collections for bell repair funds had increased by 300 per cent. Six meetings were held during the year and the average attendance was 35.

Officers elected were:—President, R. Scott (Market Overton); secretary-treasurer, E. E. Gibson (Market Overton); committee—F. Stevens, H. Tibbert, C. Green, A. E. Stevens, H. Ward and R. Scott.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £5 3s. 4½d.

E. E. G.

A Holiday Peal Programme in West Surrey

Who but schoolmasters and pupils, in the main, have time to spend ringing during weekdays as well as on public holidays? Younger members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, consisting mostly of the above, took part in a very successful peal-ringing programme arranged for the Christmas holidays in West Surrey and Hampshire.

Seven peals were rung in seven attempts at Hawley, Bentley, Bentworth, Froyle, Hascombe, Dunsfold and Send. On two occasions two peals were rung in one day. The last peal was specially arranged so that Monica Collins and her sister, Shelagh, who was down from Staffordshire on holiday, could ring in one together.

R. W. M.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

A Promising First Year

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Lindley on January 2nd. Ringing commenced on this fine octave at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members at the commencement of the service, which was conducted by the chairman (the Rev. A. L. Minns) assisted by the Vicar of Lindley. An excellent tea was enjoyed. For the business meeting the Archdeacon of Halifax presided, an honour which was much appreciated by all members present.

The annual report of the secretary and treasurer showed an increase of 11 in the paid-up membership. Six meetings had been held, the outstanding one being the March meeting, when the change over from a District Society to an Archdeaconry Guild took place. The Guild had been made extremely welcome on fresh ground at Todmorden and Holmfirth. The financial report was adopted, there being a good balance in hand.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year with the exception of one committee man who is in H.M. Forces. A vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made and to the Vicar for the use of the bells was endorsed by all.

The next item on the agenda, the vice-president's remarks, proved to be most interesting. Members were praised for the excellent job they were doing in trying to man the towers, Sunday by Sunday, and also for the countless number of hours in various towers for practice. Canned and recorded bells issuing from quite a number of towers were condemned by the Archdeacon in the strongest possible terms. Regarding his own tower with the recast ring of 12, he appreciated the occasions when ringers came along from other towers. Although he appeared to be taking time in getting a local band, he wanted ringers who took some interest in the running of the church, not those who came to ring and never attended a service.

Various methods of training recruits were discussed; the best suggestion was to encourage learners to attend the more successful towers for practice.

A Guild trip is to be run on Whit Tuesday next. All arrangements will be in the hands of the Ringing Master, and names and deposits are required for the March meeting. This concluded the business and further ringing in various major methods took place until nearly 9 p.m.

A. W. B.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' January 23rd, 1914

LEISTON, SUFFOLK

The Norwich Diocesan Association

On Saturday, January 17th, 1914, in 2 hours and 56 minutes

At the Church of St. Margaret

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

5,056 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt.

Charles Sampson	Treble
Allen F. Bailey	2
George Wilson	3
Edgar H. Bailey	4
James M. Bailey	5
Ernest S. Bailey	6
Charles F. Bailey	7
James G. Rumsey	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

First peal in the method by all the band, and first for the Association by an entirely local company.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THOSE THINKING LONDONWISE

Dear Sir,—The following remarks are addressed to those ambitious young men who wish to ring London Major with an air of complete abandon.

Firstly, it is necessary to own a very straight face so that you can appear calm under any circumstances (even when the conductor is breathing fire down your neck). If you do not possess this quality give up the idea and stick to ludo!

You must also be a mind reader so that you can get out of a nasty jam any time without a second's hesitation—a nasty jam is when you are sailing down from 6ths to you don't know what! A jam like this calls for much cunning if glares and roars are to be avoided: you must be able to guide your bell into any vacant spot that occurs without upsetting the beat in any way; in other words, go where the other bloke isn't.

If, by an unfortunate turn of fate, you do crash into a couple of ringers having a crafty dodge, just ignore their scathing remarks and get as far away from them as possible. By the time they realise you've gone they'll be all mixed up themselves, then you can float back and sort **them** out.

Should you become entangled with the tenor during a 6-5-6 let him do the sorting out—all you have to do is look completely ignorant. The reason for this is that tenormen, as a rule, are bad-tempered souls and their paths should never be crossed. To do so invites almost certain death at the end of the touch or peal, indeed cases have been known where tenormen have set their bells and attempted to strangle treblemen merely for missing a dodge.

Always remember that the tenor governs the speed when London is being rung (or rung at). When ringing a little bell don't try to force the pace or the bit about strangling may be brought home to you in no uncertain manner.

Perhaps it would be best after all if you stuck to Bob Major or extended Grandsire; the risk of death in these methods is almost nil.

If you master London and go on to Spliced Surprise you'd better send me a stamped and addressed envelope and I will send you, by return post, a list of the perils which may befall you in that realm of ringing (a single in Bristol calls for one to stand on one's head and ring with the left foot, for instance). Things like Bristol Singles are fully dealt with in my list of snags, so write to-day for your copy.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden,
Ashford, Kent.

HELP WANTED FOR STOW-ON-THE-WOLD

Dear Sir,—I should be very grateful if you would permit me to inquire whether there are any of your readers who could help the ringers of this parish during the half-year during which the bells of Stow-on-the-Wold Parish Church will be silent whilst repairs are being carried out. We have a number of young learners whose interest will be too severely tested by forced inaction over so long a period at the outset of their ringing experience.

Can anybody lend us a set of handbells? It might be possible to buy, but all our efforts are being directed to covering the heavy cost of a major overhaul, and funds are not plentiful for this reason. Any help to enable our beginners to keep together whilst their bells are being repaired would be a real service.—Yours faithfully,

H. C. M. POTTS.
Rector.

The Rectory, Stow-on-the-Wold.
Glos.

RINGING IN MELBOURNE

Dear Sir,—The ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, were much amused to read the remarks of Major Stretton quoted by Mr. W. F. Stenson in 'The Ringing World' of November 27th. Although Major Stretton is a resident of Melbourne he has apparently never heard our fine bells rung. I tried to find Major Stretton's name in the telephone directory to ring him up and invite him to come along and meet us. Unfortunately he does not appear on the telephone, so perhaps Mr. Stenson would pass this invitation on to him.

Ringing is very far from being 'an art which is forgotten in Australia.' On the contrary the art is far stronger now than ever before out here. I don't think there is a ring of ringable bells anywhere in Australia which are not now regularly manned by competent ringers. I hope that before long we will get those which are not ringable going also (there are two such in Melbourne).

I would like Mr. Stenson to know that St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is not the only Cathedral of that dedication where Stedman is regularly rung. Unfortunately we are in a similar predicament to almost all other towers in that we are short of ringers—we rarely ring more than eight of our twelve bells. We should be most grateful for the help of any ringer coming out from Britain, no matter how inexperienced. We are sure, too, that there are former English ringers now living in Melbourne who have never made contact with us. I appeal to anyone in England who knows of such people either to let me know or persuade these people directly to contact us. W don't mind how inexperienced they are—we can teach them. We practise on Wednesdays at 7.30-9 p.m. and alternate Sundays for matins and evensong.

In conclusion I would like to agree most heartily with the quoted remarks of Mr. J. R. Garner-Hayward on page 774 of the same issue of 'The Ringing World.' In Australia there is as yet very little advanced ringing and the more experienced ringers freely help struggling bands. This state of affairs has made me realise, looking back on my ringing days in England, how lax many experienced ringers are in helping their weaker brethren, as Mr. Garner-Hayward points out.

Best wishes to all ringing friends in Britain.

PHILIP M. J. GRAY,
Captain of St. Paul's Cathedral Ringers.

Rattray Road, Montmorency,
Victoria, Australia.

YORK MINSTER

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the first article by Mr. Harold Walker on 'York Minster—Its Bells and Bellringers.' Surely there can be few bells in England which have a greater history than this ring of which even York Minster might feel justly proud. I believe that the great fire of 1840, which Mr. Walker refers to, was due to a workman leaving a candle burning in the south-western tower with a far-reaching result.

There is an important point which emerges from the story of these bells, namely, that when a ring is augmented it is never so good as when a full ring is cast all together.

It is rather a pity that, owing to the proximity of a nursing home, is is impracticable to ring a peal on York Minster bells.

It would provide excellent reading if a short history could be compiled for 'The Ringing World' of the three heavier rings of twelve than York Minster. Taking into account that Liverpool Cathedral bells are new, there are no doubt many interesting facts behind the installation of them.

Thank you, Mr. Walker, and I am looking forward to reading the continuation of your story.—Yours sincerely, PAUL BIRKETT.

Elland, Yorks.

COPYRIGHT OF RECORDINGS

Gramophone Companies' Reply

The York Minster Society of Change Ringers has taken up the question of the copyright of gramophone records and their use for recording from church towers.

The Society has received the following reply from the Copyright Department of Electric and Musical Industries, Ltd., The Gramophone Co., Ltd., Columbia Gramophone Co., Ltd., British Zonophone Co., Ltd., The Parlophone Co., Ltd., and The Marconiphone Co., Ltd.:—

'Your letter of November 25th instant addressed to the Gramophone Company, Ltd., has been referred to Copyright Department.

'In reply to your principal query, we have to inform you that performing artists, which in the case of H.M.V. record B.2691 would be the bellringers, have no legal rights in respect of the recorded performances which would entitle them to control their subsequent use for any form of public performance. This would naturally apply to the public performance of the record in question by means of amplifiers from various churches throughout the country.

'It is perfectly true that a copyright subsists in the records themselves which is normally vested in the manufacturers and which would permit in certain circumstances the control by them of the public performance of such records. In exercising this control, however, it has always been the policy of the record manufacturers that no restriction should be enforced or fee charged in relation to the public performance of their records in conjunction with religious services and this policy would be followed where applications are made in respect of the bell records to be played from churches. In this connection we would emphasise that the applications are invariably made by the Vicar or some responsible official of the church who believes that the use of the bell records will be helpful to the religious services with the holding of which they are associated. We think you will agree that the use of a record with this object must be regarded with considerable sympathy. Further, a committee recently appointed by the Board of Trade to consider the present copyright law, has recommended against the placing of any restriction on the use of records for public performance in conjunction with religious or social services and has advised that if necessary changes should be made in the copyright law to implement their recommendation.—Yours faithfully,

C. B. DAWSON PANE, Manager.

CRASS IGNORANCE OVER SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see the article in 'The Ringing World' on 'The Menace of Synthetic Bells' (December 18th). I believe that if more encouragement was given to the ringers by the church-goers this would be wiped out, for the employment of these bells is mainly due to shortage of ringers. But while crass ignorance in regard to the method of bellringing remains in the people's minds they are unlikely to appreciate the art.

Here in Brixham there are synthetic bells in All Saints' Church which the bells of St. Mary's have to compete with. Several people, on learning that I am a ringer, have asked me, 'Why don't your bells play hymns, like All Saints'?' This and similar questions have been asked, even by people who do know the difference between the two kinds. They don't even appreciate the fact that St. Mary's bells ring the New Year in and the others don't.

Maybe if both the towers were thrown open to the public at a certain time of the year for people to see the bells being 'played' and really rung, they would realise that real campanology is an art of religious, romantic and historic value, and that synthetic bells are another example of the apathy of the present generation.—Yours sincerely,

HEATHER A. HEATH (Miss).

Brixham, South Devon.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

III. NORMAL FIRST STAGES IN CONDUCTING

Before reaching the real object of these articles, as indicated in the previous chapters, it will perhaps be useful to outline the normal path followed by a ringer when he starts to call touches and peals. We shall then be able to appreciate the different, but I hope you will agree easier, technique which is followed by the ringer who has become a real conductor.

So that you don't spend too much time and thought on this chapter I would emphasise that it is included as a kind of warning of what not to do. So very often people who teach themselves from books start off in the way described here because it is not obvious that there is a much better way. It is naturally assumed that the conductor learns his touches and peals in the same way as the composer writes them out. But if you really want to conduct properly and easily you will be well advised to forget course ends and their transpositions and use only coursing orders and their transpositions, as will be explained in later chapters.

First attempts at conducting will probably be made on verbal instructions in the tower and the would-be conductor will soon find that to keep the tenors together, as is usual, calls can be made at four different positions in the course. When the tenor is in 7-8 up (Wrong); when it runs out and the seventh runs in (Before); when it is in 5-6 down (Middle) and when at the end of the course it is in 7-8 down (Home or Right). These positions are indicated by the letters W, B, M and H respectively. As he will probably ring the tenor (or the seventh, from which it is quite easy to see the calling positions) he will know in advance where to make his calls.

At a later stage our conductor will find that when the lead ends of a course are written out, starting from rounds, a bob W will in due course bring up the course end 15243678. Nos. 1, 7 and 8 being constant, the transposition required for a bob W is simply remembered as 52436. Similarly a bob B in the plain course will give us course end 35264, a bob M gives 43652, and a bob H gives 42356. At first you may have difficulty in remembering these four sets of figures, but by the time you have written out a few touches and peals they will be quite familiar and with pencil and paper you will become quite facile in transposing with them.

Perhaps here I should try to make clear what is meant by transpose and transposition. The verb itself means, of course, to change the places or positions of something. A simple example is that if, instead of writing down the figures 1, 2, you write down 2, 1, you have transposed the two figures, making the second first and the first second. Now if on your new figures 2, 1, you make an exactly similar transposition (second first and first second) you get back to 1, 2 again. Both of these transpositions have been by 2, 1. When we say, as we do in the preceding paragraph, that the transposition required for a bob W is 52436, we mean that the fifth bell in the row we started with is placed second (the treble is understood all the time to be at the beginning of the lead end or course end and you must get used to allowing for this): the second becomes third: the fourth stays fourth: the third becomes fifth and the sixth stays sixth.

Using two of these transposition figures (for the W and the H) here is the usual way of writing out the very simple touch consisting of a bob W and a bob H, repeated:—

W	H	W	H
52436	45236	—	—
34256	23456	—	—

This shows quite simply that when the first bob W has been called, the bells have been put into the course which would end with 52436. At the H position another bob turns them into the course 45236. The second bob W puts them into still another course (which would end 34256) and the second bob H puts them back into the plain course.

It is very easy to learn this by heart and as soon as the first bob has been called the conductor will know that the bells are ringing the course which, if unaltered, will produce the row 15243678 six leads later. If our conductor is very conscientious he can work out on paper which bells will be concerned in this bob (3, 2 and 5) so that he can watch it being made correctly. But if there is a mix-up before his next calling position arrives he will be a lucky man if he can do more than hope for the best. He will be very smart if he is able to call out immediately the position of each of the bells in the muddle when all he really knows is that, say, 3, 4 or 5 leads further on, if no other bobs are called, he will get the row 15243678.

If the touch reaches the H position safely, the conductor will have an easy transposition (by 42356) to make. 52436 transposed by 42356 gives the course end 45236 with which the second course of the touch commences and it may not be too difficult to see that the three bob-making bells are the first three (i.e., 4, 5 and 2). Only 16 changes further on, however, comes the second bob W. Now our conductor, if he is to keep track of what he is calling, must make a five-figure transposition—45236 (his course end) by 52436 (the transposition for a bob W). On paper this is very easy, but he will not find it easy to do while he is ringing the tenor, looking for the three bells making the bob and still striking his own bell properly. Assuming he manages all this, he will then know what his course end will be six leads further on, if he called no more bobs. Whether or not this will enable him to keep the bells right during those six leads is problematical.

If we are perfectly honest with ourselves and if we call our touches from the observation bell in the fashion outlined above, then we must admit that we have not at all times got the full control over the ringing that a conductor should have. In a touch of this length it may not be so important, but very many peals come to grief in the last course or so, when half the band are tired and most are a little jumpy. This is when the real conductor saves the peal while the bob-caller realises the limitations of his knowledge.

Our example was one of the simplest touches possible in the simplest method and the conductor was assumed to be ringing the observation bell. The impossibility of keeping track by this means of all the bells during a peal or long touch, with bobs at all the calling positions, each involving five-figure transpositions, will be apparent. How much more impossible is it, therefore, in a complicated method, perhaps completely new to the conductor, especially if he is not able to ring the observation bell?

Before the end of these articles I hope to show that it is possible, not only in Plain Bob but also just as easily in most other methods, on any number of bells, to know all through a peal what order the bells should be in and exactly what happens at all the bobs.

(To be continued)

SUFFOLK GUILD

On December 19th members of the Suffolk Guild spent an enjoyable half-day in Constable's country. Travelling by cars the party visited Langham, Ardleigh, Nayland, Stoke-by-Nayland and Polstead. Tea was taken at Nayland and thanks accorded Messrs. Steward, Erith and Button for their assistance.

An interesting feature of the afternoon was an excellent touch of Minor rung by a band of average age under 20, and which, incidentally, augurs well for the future in Stowmarket.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Many Young Ringers Visit Wakefield Cathedral

The Society's first meeting of 1954 was held on January 9th when, by kind permission of the Provost and Chapter, the bells of Wakefield Cathedral were available. Ringing commenced shortly after 4 o'clock and continued till 7 o'clock, when a break was made for the business meeting.

Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Collingham, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Rothwell, Tong and the local company. The president, Mr. T. W. Strangeway, was in the chair.

The following new members were elected:—Geoffrey Townend, Kenneth Park, David Cubitt, David Banks (Wakefield Cathedral), Miss Barbara Wood, Brian Withill, Derek Dane (Headingley (St. Michael's), Mr. T. Pedder, Miss Christine Pedder (Bradford Cathedral), Miss Valerie Massam (Holy Trinity, Rothwell).

The vote of thanks to the Provost and local company was proposed very ably by Mr. F. Bennett, who remarked (one thought with a certain amount of pride) on the progress being made at Wakefield in forming a strong band and continued (with a wistful longing) to remark about the position in his own tower (Holy Trinity, Ossett), where the bells have not been rung for Sunday service since October 18th last. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. P. Woodward.

Mr. J. H. Kirby replied on behalf of the local company, and remarked that this was the first ringing meeting he had attended where the youngsters outnumbered the 'old codgers.' This he amended after cries of 'Shame.'

It was grand to have all these youngsters present and they were well served with ringing, both before and after the meeting. The 'old codgers' seemed to get a great deal of pleasure in helping them. It is to be hoped that more and more of them will be seen at meetings. They will always be assured of a welcome, as will the older generation, who have done much, and we hope will continue to do more good work for ringing.

The next meeting will be held at Headingley (St. Michael's) on February 27th.

A plain course of Bob Maximus and a steady lower in peal brought to an end, shortly after 9 p.m., a really enjoyable meeting which will bring back pleasant memories to a number of people for many years to come. I. S.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Glaston Deanery Dinner

On Friday, January 8th, 17 members of the Glaston Deanery met together at the Crown Inn, Glastonbury, to hold a Deanery dinner.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Deanery chairman, the Rev. Prebendary H. A. Barnett (Vicar of Wells), the chair was taken by the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister (Vicar of Pilton). An excellent meal was followed by toasts to the Queen, the Church and the Diocesan Association. The organiser of the dinner, Mr. E. Lambert, captain of the belfry, Pilton, then thanked all those present for their support. The chairman, in his turn, thanked Mr. Lambert on behalf of everyone there for his hard work and congratulated him on the success of the evening. The Deanery secretary, Mr. W. Marsh, of Street, when speaking, voiced the general opinion in saying that he hoped that the dinner was the first of what would become an annual event.

After dinner, handbell ringing conducted by the Deanery Ringing Master, Mr. P. Hull, of Dinder, was enjoyed by all present and concluded the evening.

Towers represented included Baltonsborough, Dinder, Glastonbury, Pilton, Street, Wells and Wookey.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.E. Branch Holding Its Own

Reporting at the annual meeting of the North-East Branch at Tiverton on January 2nd, the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Ware) stated that Coronation Year had been a year of 'holding their own.' There were 62 members in the Branch compared with 60 in 1952, together with one unattached member and two honorary members.

Sunday ringing had been maintained in all Branch towers and there was special ringing to mark the Coronation. All meetings had been successful with an average attendance of about 40. Instruction had been given at Huntsham, Calverleigh and Bradninch, where progress had been made.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £38 18s. 4d. Collections at Branch meetings for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 12s. 1d.

The ten-strong Uffculme band were received as Associate members, and Mr. E. J. Taylor (the general secretary of the Guild), who presided, assured them of help and support. Messrs. K. Carpenter and J. Drew, of Bradninch, were welcomed as new members.

The Guild president (Preb. E. V. Cox) presented a ringer's proficiency certificate to Mr. V. Bolt, of Huntsham. Last year Mr. Bolt's son received a similar certificate. Mr. F. Newcombe was recommended for honorary life membership.

Officers elected were:—Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Jones; hon secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Ware; Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley; representatives to the general committee, Messrs. W. Richards, J. Upton and A. G. Selley.

The next meeting was fixed for April 3rd, at Uffculme, with Huntsham as alternative venue.

A service at St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley), who also gave an address. Before the annual meeting tea was served at the Half Moon Hotel.

IN SOUTHERN SOMERSET

On January 2nd ringers from Wembdon, Cannington, Durleigh, Clevedon and Nailsea met together at Corfe, near Taunton, which was the first tower visited on a very enjoyable half-day outing. Corfe bells proved to be a good five by Mears, in 1906, hung in a modern church and tower in imitation Norman style, although the font is very old.

Having first gone to Thurlbear by mistake (four old bells, but tower unsafe), Stoke St. Mary was eventually reached and this little five put to good use. The Vicar pointed out the tiny but very fine stained glass window in the tower and mentioned that he, personally, cleaned it once each year on the Patronal Festival!

The party were met at Staple Fitzpaine by Mrs. Grabham, captain of the local ringers, who very kindly provided an excellent tea after ringing on this lumpy five hung in one of the loveliest towers in Somerset.

Buckland St. Mary was a good ring of six again in a modern church and steeple, but ringing had to be curtailed here due to a late arrival.

Having got well and truly lost, as well as befogged, everyone eventually arrived at Whitestaunton, supplied with electricity from the nearby Manor Farm power plant. This explained why, when all attempts to find a switch had failed and ringing was proceeding by the light of a smoky oil lamp, every light in the church suddenly came on.

The last call was Combe St. Nicholas', beautifully tuned by Mears and Stainbank recently, and the six bells were rung to a variety of methods.

Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, All Saints', Norfolk and St. Simon's Doubles and Plain and Kent Minor, and the sincere thanks of the party are due to Ron Short, the organiser. M. J. H.

OBITUARY

MRS. K. M. BILLSON

The Exercise will learn with very deep regret of the death of Mrs. K. M. Billson, of Caldecote, near Uppingham, on the Feast of the Epiphany. She died at the early age of 48 years following a brief illness.

The older members of the Exercise will remember her as Kitty Moore, daughter of the late Mr. C. and Mrs. Moore, of Weekley, Northants. She joined the Ladies' Guild in 1921 and took part in the first peal of Minor for the Guild in 1922 at Isham. This was her first peal and the footnote stated: 'This is the first peal to be rung by ladies only in which a tenor has been turned in.' She also took part in the first peal of Surprise Minor rung for the Central Northants Association in 1923, and later that year rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Northampton, the first lady to ring a peal in that town.

Upon being married she moved to Meadow Farm, Caldecote, and had shown remarkable enthusiasm in the local belfry, where she was in charge up to the time of her death. It was no doubt largely due to her initiative that a restoration scheme was undertaken at Caldecote two years ago. She had trained a local ladies' band, which included her two daughters—Amy, aged 18, and Kathleen, aged 16 years. She was a member and keen supporter of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and her enthusiasm took her and her daughters to the Kettering tower practices.

The funeral took place at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Caldecote, on January 9th, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. L. Toop. The Ladies' Guild was represented by Mrs. H. J. Poole and Mrs. A. Richardson, both long-standing ringing friends. Mr. G. W. Jeffs, general secretary, Mrs. Jeffs, Canon G. F. Turner, Mrs. A. E. York and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baxter represented the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. She was laid to rest under the tower which she loved and served so well. Heartfelt sympathy will go out to the widower, Mr. Tom Billson, and her three daughters, and also her mother, Mrs. Moore, who now resides at Caldecote.

She will be sadly missed, but those whose privilege it was to know her will retain golden memories of her charming disposition and the example she set in loyalty, enthusiasm and devotion to her church and the bells. May she rest in peace.

Another esteemed correspondent writes: Mrs. K. M. Billson was the only daughter of Mrs. Moore and the late Mr. C. Moore, who was captain of the ringers at Weekley, Kettering, where he taught her to handle a bell while still at school.

Her first peal was rung for the Ladies' Guild in May, 1922. In December, 1923, she rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Edmund's, Northampton, being the first lady to ring a peal in the town and also the first resident member of the Central Northants Association to ring a peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells.

In June, 1926, she rang her first peal as conductor, calling eight methods of Minor for her 21st birthday peal. This was the first time a lady had called eight Minor methods to a peal. She was a member of the Midland Counties Association, the Central Northants Association (forerunner of the Peterborough Guild), the Lincoln Guild and the Ladies' Guild. Her last peal was in April, 1929, as after her marriage and living in a district rather backward in ringing, and the care of a family, her time was taken up with her home life.

Her total of peals was 59, of which 47 were rung with the writer. Since Caldecote bells were rehung two years ago Mrs. Billson had been training a band of ringers which includes two of her daughters. The funeral was at Caldecote on Saturday, January 9th, and was conducted by the Rev. L. A. Toop.

Kettering bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples on Tuesday, January 12th, by her old friends, who also visited Caldecote on January 13th and rang twelve six-scores of Grandsire Doubles in both towers: the bells were rung half-muffled. R. G. B.

MRS. BILLSON'S PEALS

Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Superlative Surprise Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Double Norwich Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Plain Bob Major 6, Stedman Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Minor (one to nine methods) 28, Doubles 5. Total 59.

MR. CHARLES TETT

With great regret we record the passing of Mr. Charles Tett on January 12th. In earlier days at West Coker he interested himself in ringing, eventually moving to Lyme Regis, where he soon became a much valued and regular member of the band. Knowing little of half-pull ringing and with a very modest estimation of his own capabilities, he was content for a few years to confine himself to the tenor on which he rang many quarter peals. Change ringing came to him slowly, but with remarkable perseverance he gradually mastered Stedman and inside work in Minor, Triples and Major methods including Cambridge. Some years ago he retired to Haselbury Plucknett, near Crewkerne, and there did not a little towards guiding local ringers in the mysteries of Doubles.

But Lyme Regis tower was the poorer for his removal from the parish, not merely for his reliability as a member, but for his gentle Christian qualities and his kindly unruffled nature which endeared him to everybody. A faithful Churchman, courageous in his convictions and example and full of generosity, his memory will long be preserved. R.I.P.

The deepest sympathy of all his Lyme Regis friends is offered to Mrs. Tett and family in their bereavement. C. C. C.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District Have New Secretary

The annual meeting of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild was held at South Wigston, Leicestershire, on January 9th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 p.m. a short service was held, conducted by the curate. About 30 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting Miss Thompson expressed sympathy at the death of Mrs. Billson, a member of the Midland District of the Guild, and the company present stood in silence as a token of respect. The Midland District was represented at the funeral (which took place on the same day as this meeting) by Mrs. H. J. Poole.

Miss I. B. Thompson was re-elected as vice-president. Mrs. P. J. Staniforth resigned her position as secretary and Miss J. M. Simpson was elected in her place. The two general committee members, Mrs. H. J. Poole and Mrs. J. R. Smith, and the four District committee members, Mrs. H. J. Poole, Miss D. Udale, Miss E. Ffoulke and Miss I. Rowley, were all re-elected. One new member was elected to the Guild.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for his welcome and the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, and also to Mr. Brian G. Warwick, the organist, not forgetting the ladies who had so ably prepared the tea.

It is hoped to arrange the next meeting at Rushden, Northants, on March 20th.

CURFEW BELL FOR ST. BRIDE'S

It is expected that the Coronation curfew bell for St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, weighing 15 cwt., will be hung in the bell chamber by February.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. cast it from metal salvaged from the wreckage of the 18th century ring. The inscriptions were taken from those on the old bells.

The date, 1953, was added to identify Queen Elizabeth II. as the Queen referred to. The inscription runs:—

'Peace and good neighbourhood:
God save the Church and Queen; 1953:
Prosperity to England:
Prosperity to all our benefactors.'

ST. STEPHEN'S, EALING

On Wednesday evening, January 6th—the Festival of the Epiphany—Prebendary H. C. Harland, M.A. (Vicar), dedicated in the ringing chamber of St. Stephen's, Ealing, a very handsome peal tablet and a cross and vases, recently donated. About 25 persons were present, including the wardens and visitors from Isleworth, St. Luke's, Chelsea, and elsewhere.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, in introducing the proceedings, thanked the Vicar and wardens for all the support and encouragement which they give to the band: Mr. Squire Croft, the donor of the board: the individual subscribers towards the lettering; Mr. W. C. Wilson, the conductor; and the young ringers who help to keep everything in such good condition. The Vicar and wardens both referred to the splendid progress made by the young band and to the importance of ringing to the Church. After suitable prayers the Vicar dedicated the cross and peal board to the Glory of God and to the use of the church, and concluded with the Blessing

The peal board, beautifully illuminated, records two peals rung for the Coronation, and bears the names of the Vicar and wardens, the conductor and ringers, and is surmounted by a coloured crown and initials E. II. R.

It might be mentioned that the Coronation ringing, by members of the London County Association, was included in the official programme of the Borough of Ealing, and that peal cards relating to the two peals in question were accepted by the Borough Authorities for preservation with their records.

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SMITH.—At Astley Bridge Vicarage, Bolton, on January 15th, 1954, to the Rev. and Mrs. St. John Smith, a son, 3820

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Horsley (6), Jan. 23rd at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3800

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; there are cafes near church.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3787

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Annual district meeting at Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available afternoon and evening. 3758

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Queen's Head.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Great Waltham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting and election of officers for 1954 after tea. 3734

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3–8. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in St. Nicholas' Hall. Please send numbers for tea to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 3754

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Hitchin, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3783

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual District meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3793

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3760

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Branch Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. in Vicarage. Bells available 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3795

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Jan. 23rd, Shoreditch, 2.30, St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3766

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Sedlescombe (6), not East Hoathly, as shown on meeting card, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. 3794

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Ropley, Jan. 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 3759

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Tuesday, Jan. 26th, 7.15, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Practice, Monday, Feb. 1st, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th. St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, 2.15 to 4.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, 3.30 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral 3.45 to 4.45 and after meeting. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, 6. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 3841

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Arrangements for Jan. 30th: St. Andrew's, 3-4 p.m.; meeting in vestry at 4 p.m.; R.C. Church 5-6.30 p.m.; St. Benet's 6.45-7.30 p.m. 3822

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Eastham meeting **postponed** until Jan. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by 26th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3810

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Annual meeting, Stockport St. George, Jan. 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. P. Laflin, 25, Hallam Street, Stockport, by Tuesday, 26th.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 3811

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Babbacombe, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 3824

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. James', Benwell, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Names for tea, by Thursday, Jan. 28th, to Mr. G. Carse, 51, Lanercost Drive, Fenham, Newcastle 5. 3825

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, March (6), Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3828

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting at Almondsbury, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3821

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Shalford. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting and tea, S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, followed by social evening. Names for tea to Hon. Sec. by Wednesday previous. Tickets for social 2s. each, obtainable from Mr. R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford; Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, West Farnborough, Hants; Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey; Mr. A. H. Smith, The Bungalow, Bookham Rec., Leatherhead. 3812

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A.G.M. at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. 3831

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Sidcup, Saturday, Jan. 30th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Monday, Jan. 25th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3834

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting on Jan. 30th at St. James', Clerkenwell. Bells from 3-4.30 p.m. followed by service, tea and business. Evening ringing St. George's-in-the-Borough 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Prockson, 37, Long Meadow Road, Sidcup, Kent.—A. E. Salter, Dis. Sec. 3803

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, at All Saints', Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, by Jan. 26th, to Miss D. Attewell, 68, Malpas Road, Newport.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 3798

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Jan. 30th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Talbot Cafe, (4s. per head). Names for tea, by Monday, 25th, to Mr. Reg. Woods, 14, Cowes Road, Grantham.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 3792

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th. All Saints', Poplar. Ringing 3-4.45. Tea Lyons' Cafe. Short service 6 o'clock. Business in tower and further ringing to follow.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 3829

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodston, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea **must** be sent, by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 3786

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Annual meeting, Calne (8), Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Number for tea essential.—E. Buckeridge, High Street, Calne, Wilts. 3832

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 30th.—Ringing: St. Chad's 2.45 to 3.45; St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45. Special service St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Bells available 3 o'clock. Car owners asked to help with transport; parking in front of St. Chad's and St. Michael's. Tea and business, Tudor Room, Morris Cafe, Pride Hill, 5.15 p.m. St. Chad's bells 7 to 8.30 p.m. For tea advise, by 28th, W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 3809

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Everyone welcome. 3830

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual District meeting at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea can be arranged near, or bring your own. Meeting 6 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 3799

SURREY ASSOCIATION—North Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Christ Church (8) 3 p.m. Tea at the Cricketers', Epsom Common, 4.30, followed by meeting. St. Martin's (10) after meeting. Election of District officers and committee. Nominations for general officers also three Central Council representatives. Notice for tea, by Jan. 28th, to Mr. Oakshott, Downs View, Lewins Road, Epsom.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3782

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Ringing arrangements: 11 a.m.-12 noon Holy Nativity, Knowle (8); 2-3 p.m. St. Thomas' (8); 2.30-3.30 p.m. Lord Mayor's Chapel (6); 3.15-4.15 p.m. Christ Church, City (10); 5–6 p.m. St. Michael's (6). Service 6 p.m. Dinner University Refectory, 7 for 7.15 p.m. 3835

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church Cottage. Names for tea by Jan. 26th.—John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3785

YORK MINSTER SOCIETY. — Centenary Celebration Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Applications for tickets, 9s. 6d. each, to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, before 26th. 3818

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Jan 30th, in conjunction with the Centenary Celebration Dinner of the York Minster Society. Minster bells (12) available 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.55 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in St. William's College. Service in Minster choir 4 p.m. General meeting 4.45 p.m. in Minster ringing chamber. Dinner 6.45 for 7 p.m. at Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street. Tickets (9s. 6d. each) from Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. No tea arrangements but numerous cafes near to Minster.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3807

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Chertsey. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea **essential** by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd.—R. I. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham. 3826

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, Feb. 6th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas to G. Randle, Ashford. 3838

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Feb. 6th. Bells 2.40. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 3rd, to G. W. Moody, Walcot, Scunthorpe. 3837

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at East Garston, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. West Shefford bells at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb 3rd, to G. Woodley, 3, School Lane, East Garston, Newbury. 3815

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckland, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to M. J. Prior, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon, Berks. 3833

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Annual, St. Giles', Northampton, Feb. 6th. Names for tea **essential** (catered 2s.), to reach me by Feb. 2nd. Branch committee 3 p.m. at Bull Ring.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 14, Millway, Duston. 3823

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8), Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; please take own food. 3819

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual meeting of Winchester District combined with dedication of Guild's War Memorial in Cathedral belfry on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells: Cathedral (12) 1-2, 6-7; St. Maurice (6) 7.30. Business meeting in St. Maurice Hall 2.30. Followed by tea at 3.30. Dedication at 4.45. **No one will be permitted to enter belfry after 4.40.** Evensong in choir 5.15. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3836

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District Braved a 'Pea-Souper'

The first meeting of the year for the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Westerham on January 2nd. In spite of the fog, which got thicker as darkness fell, 33 members and friends sat down to tea. Unfortunately it was not possible, owing to a previous engagement, for the Vicar to conduct a service, nor was he able to be present at the business meeting which took place under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Collison.

Whether it was due to the excellent tea or to a spirit of Christmas and New Year goodwill we do not know, but the items on the agenda were quickly dealt with amid a general feeling of good humour which even the secretary's insistent demands for money failed to dispel.

Ringing to suit all tastes continued until 7.45 p.m., when even the most hardy ringers felt they should make some effort to get home through what had now become a real 'pea-souper.'

Thanks to the excellent local arrangements made by Miss Cosgrove everyone felt the meeting had been a success, and a good start had been made in the task the members had set themselves—that of redeeming their good name in the eyes of the general secretary.

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DON'T GET DOWNHEARTED

THE training of new ringers is no light task. It is often a thankless one and the training of a complete band from scratch much more so. Small wonder instructors get a bit downhearted, and it is very easy to say, 'Don't get downhearted.' If you are one of those who feel your efforts have been a waste of time, try and get hold of a copy of 'The Ringing World' dated Jan. 9th, 1931; its leading article is headed, 'Bread cast upon waters,' and is well worth reading. It is based on the results of one man's efforts to train a stoney band. The late James S. Wilde, formerly of Hyde, is the man concerned, and the stoney band was at Norbury, Cheshire. Mr. Wilde died a few years ago in Dunedin, New Zealand.

With travelling facilities that now exist and the opportunities for learning, it is not easy for the youngster of to-day to fully appreciate the difficulties that beset the old tutors. In the late 1890's when Jim Wilde undertook the training of the Norbury band there were no public service vehicles; he had to walk the ten miles from Hyde to Norbury and back. All was not plain sailing, yet he had the pleasure of seeing that band ring a peal of Minor in seven methods in November, 1900, and he had the further pleasure of seeing that band progress. He never lost touch and frequently corresponded. It is interesting to recall that once when writing to a non-ringing friend in Hyde he enclosed the figures of a new method and asked that they be handed over to his nephew Tom; at the handing over the friend said, 'Here are some figures for you, Tom. I have added them up and they come to an awful lot.' Incidentally, the method was Clarendon Surprise Major and it was first rung at Norbury.

Mr. Goldsmith, in his leader, said, 'There are many excellent ringers to-day who, having received their first instruction in some village tower or with some obscure company, and having passed on to another district, have been counted at the time as "another wasted effort"; but who have afterwards more than made good in their own ringing and in the help they have given to others. Few efforts which seek to spread the art of ringing need, therefore, be counted as definitely lost, even though immediate results may not be obvious.'

As one peruses the peal and quarter-peal columns week by week or attends the numerous ringing meetings up and down the country, it does not always dawn on one that each ringer is the product of some instructor, so 'Don't get downhearted.'

J. P. F.

THE UNPUNCTUAL RINGER

WE ringers are frequently reminded about our foremost duties: (1) to maintain service at the highest possible standard; (2) to join the congregation whenever possible. Recently in the columns of our paper it has been pointed out that unpunctual and irregular attendance not only checks progress, induces apathy and causes slackness, but in some cases causes the break up of the company. We have had a weekly ringing paper for over 70 years and a perusal of early numbers will find many references to non-appearances and late arrivals, but seldom are regrets expressed or explanations offered. Not only do we read about the late arrival or the absentee but most of us have had practical experience of such treatment and its results.

We recall many instances of peal attempts, quarter peals, etc., arranged specially for a certain ringer when one had to come direct from business to a tower, involving train travel and a hurried walk from the station without the usual meal, only to find the one for whom the arrangements were made had not arrived. A call at his home later in the evening revealed that 'he did not feel like ringing that evening.' After fixing a second date and hearing his promise of punctuality ringing in our ears we had hopes that our little talk would bear fruit, but our second meeting resulted in the same ringer arriving 20 minutes late leaving us too little time to ring the quarter.

Not only are ringers kept waiting for peals or quarter peals by late arrivals, but service ringing and practices also suffer as well, in fact it is quite surprising to find how varied are the attitudes towards practice ringing in various towers. The ringers' practice night is a very old event in the parish, and though it is generally at fixed times of one to one and a half hours' duration, the leader expects co-operation from all the band, yet this is often lacking. Certain ringers have to go on duty at varied hours both on Sundays and practice nights, therefore allowances must be made in these cases and also in other circumstances, but what to do in the case of ringers who come when they have a mind to, or turn up when you actually see them, is a problem which seems to have no practical solution. Ringers have been known to remark, 'Just a few minutes' practice is all I want,' but if each one of the band carried out this sort of idea the company would never work as a team, which is essential if progress can ensue.

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In my young days there was an attendance book kept and a fine was imposed on those who appeared over five minutes late, but this sort of thing, which was not popular, is out of date in the majority of towers, and a revival of old rules or penalties would do much more harm than good.

The habitual late comer does not seem to regard as very important the amount of time he has kept other people waiting, and a spirit of toleration is often exercised in order to retain the strength of the band and a standard of ringing. As there seems no remedy to apply in cases of this kind, it may be best to instill into all new members of the band from the first day of joining that punctuality and regularity are two essential factors to be realised for the efficient maintenance of ringing. By precept and example the standard of ringing could be raised if these two factors were looked upon as a duty, and ringers would then reveal to the parishioners that punctuality in the belfry is indeed a virtue. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft,
A PEAL OF 5004 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

Cedric Curson ..	..*Treble*	William Love	6
F. Charles Goodman ..	2	Arthur G. Bason	7
Ernest G. Shorting ..	3	Nolan Golden	8
Stanley W. Copling ..	4	H. William Barrett ..	9
*Vincent R. Ovens	5	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Caters. First peal of Plain Bob Caters by all and in the Diocese.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Francis B. Williams, headmaster of Bracondale School.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	Richard F. Deal	6
Reuben Charge	2	*Frank J. Matthews ..	7
Albert W. Coles	3	Richard E. Price	8
William H. Hewett ..	4	Reuben Sanders	9
Michael V. Chilcott ..	5	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by William H. Hewett.
* First peal of Caters.
Rung to celebrate Mr. Reuben Sanders' 80th birthday and his 450th peal for Middlesex Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

Brian Martin	*Treble*	David S. Harris	5
*Mary Payne	2	Ernest Morris	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Peter J. Staniforth ..	7
†B. Stedman Payne.. ..	4	†Colin P. Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method and 25th peal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Peter J. Staniforth ..	6
Winifred M Burton ..	3	Alfred Ballard	7
*Kilby R. Holtom	4	S. Geoffrey Waters ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Miss A. Talbot	*Treble*	George Stocker	5
*Miss S. Davis	2	*Gilbert Townsend ..	6
S. Frank Tuffley	3	Philip H. Tocock	7
Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	4	Reginald F. Crook ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald F. Crook.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a 99th birthday compliment for Mrs. Davis, mother of Miss S. Davis, ringer of 2nd and local tower foreman.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

Mrs. S. H. Jones	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton ..	5
Henry C. Adams	2	*George Roobottom ..	6
Ernest Morris	3	Percival W. Grice ..	7
Wm Geoffrey Hair ..	4	Sidney H. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Biddlestone.
Transposed and Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5152 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Frederick E. Wilson ..	*Treble*	†Peter J. Staniforth ..	5
*Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Harold J. Poole	6
†John A. Acres	3	S. Anthony Jesson ..	7
Ernest W. Rawson ..	4	Terence A. Thornber ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method on a working bell. † First peal in the method. First peal in this method for the Guild.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*James G. Newman ..	*Treble*	*Bryan Pattison	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Andrew C. Sinfield ..	6
C. Edward Jeffries ..	3	*Derek Jones	7
*Dennis Knox	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Rutland rung in the county.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN CARPENTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM TYSON	5
J. EDMUND HENDERSON	2	RICHARD OLIVER	6
ERIC OLIVER	3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	7
ROBERT B. SKELTON	4	DEREK WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
* First peal of Triples.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Jan. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	5
FRANK E. WALKER	2	†RALPH BIRD	6
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER	3	†FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	EDWARD ASHCROFT	5
JAMES WM. GROUNDS	2	NORMAN HEAPS	6
HARRY ANDERTON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
EVEREST FORD	4	PETER CROOK, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
All are M.M.s. Rung as a tribute to the memory of the late W. Bro. H. W. G. Hutton, P.Pr., A.G., D.C., West Lancs, and P.M. of Stanley of Bickerstaffe, No. 3511, whose generosity regarding the bells of Christ Church, Aughton, is well known. Also for the late W Bro. E. Blundell, P.M., Latham Lodge, No. 6286, for many years a ringer at Halsall.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
WILFRED W. RING	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS (C.C.C. 3).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	*MRS. N. MANCHIP	5
*SYDNEY A. WARWICK	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
ELSIE K. FULTON	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
*H. GEORGE HART	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter D. Beedie, of the local band. Also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and the 6th.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALAN HOUGH	*Treble*	JOHN RAWSON	5
C. RICHARD BELTON	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
CECIL E. CARR	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
FREDERICK E. WILSON	4	T. KELHAM DEACON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
Specially arranged as a farewell peal to the Rector of Market Bosworth, Canon F. R. C. Payne, on his retirement.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

*CHARLES H. HARDING	*Treble*	†BRYAN PATTISON	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	HARRY PARKS	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.
* 150th peal together. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

POTTER STREET, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

VINCENT TIPTON	*Treble*	*HENRY BIRD	5
AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	WILLIAM WHEELER	6
FREDERICK WHITBY	3	EDWARD J. ROCHESTER	7
*LEWIS WHITBY	4	STANLEY CLARK	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by AUDREY M. BAILEY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor, and to mark the wedding anniversary of the daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	MRS. P. LEWINGTON	5
ROY D. TOMLIN	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
FRANK W. LEWIS	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
PAUL L. TAYLOR	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Rung on the joyous occasion of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Strachan James, of Cambridge, and Miss Ann Rosemary Heywood, only daughter of the Provost of Southwell, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, and Mrs. Heywood, which took place at the Minster that day.
This method is now rung for the first time.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUCAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9½ cwt.

PATRICIA D. PROWSE	*Treble*	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	7
A. HUBERT EPLETT	4	C. KEITH BREWER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all except 3rd and 7th, and in the method on the bells.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
*WILLIAM A. FARMER	2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Charles W. Beecroft	*Treble*	Frank Ruffles	5
*Diana M. Matthew	2	Russell G. Parker	6
Patricia M. Clarke	3	Walter W. Miller	7
Albert E. Whiting	4	†Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 100th peal of Cambridge Major.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,240 of Cambridge and 2,880 of Superlative with 130 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

Thomas Cullingworth	*Treble*	Robert Swift	5
*John R. Cooper	2	Albert J. Lancefield	6
Thomas E. Sone	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
*William C. Marshall	4	Mark W. Marshall	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights (C.C.C. 25).
Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of two Spliced Surprise. The ringer or the 3rd has now 'circled' the tower.

SIX BELL PEALS

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

M. Jillian Brierley	*Treble*	Arthur Rhodes	4
John Wheadon	2	Sydney Sage	5
*Allen Twyman	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who celebrated his 82nd birthday this day; to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Buxton, of Wilmslow, who have celebrated their golden wedding by providing for the recent rehanging of these bells; and as a farewell to Dorothy Kidd, who is shortly leaving the district.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clement,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 extents of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Peter Skinner (age 14)	*Treble*	Sampson Walklate	4
†Elizabeth Grime	2	David K. Walklate	5
‡Harold Taylor	3	*Frederick G. Murfin	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First Doubles. First peal on the bells since addition of new treble.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Rossendale and Stamford, (3) Berwick and Hexham, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) York and Durham. Tenor 18 cwt.

John Pollard	*Treble*	Frederick W. French	4
Albert E. Scott	2	James W. Haw	5
Cecil Wade	3	Leonard C. Blanchard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a farewell to the Rev. D. J. Rowlands, son of the Vicar of Bourne, who has left the country to take up an appointment with the Missions to Seamen in the port of Rotterdam.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Philip Barker	*Treble*	Peter H. Wilkinson	4
Ruth Core	2	Alfred Draper	5
Robert Larkey	3	Arthur Mawdsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Mawdsley.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Wed., Jan. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Brenda M. Smith	*Treble*	Mrs. John Thomas	4
John Thomas	2	E. Trevor Newbury	5
†Gerald C. Hemming	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in seven methods.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Forty-two six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Ernest J. Munday	*Treble*	E. Winifred Keys	4
†John A. H. Betts	2	Norman J. Smith	5
†Gerald M. Rouse	3	†Robert A. Harley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman J. Smith.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Edward Connock	*Treble*	Eric Naylor	4
†William J. Prescott	2	†William F. J. Cope	5
‡Mrs. Dora Evans	3	George J. Hawkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal of Treble Bob † First peal of Kent Minor. ‡ First peal in the method on a working bell.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Joyce S. Coward, a Bathampton ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of nine methods in seven extents: (i) Single Court, (ii) Single Oxford, (iii) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob, (iv) Fulbeck and Double Bob, (v) Kent Treble Bob, (vi) Oxford Treble Bob, (vii) Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

*Patrick I. Chapman	1—2	Robin G. Turner	3—4
		*John King	5—6

Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
* First handbell peal in nine methods. The first handbell peal in nine methods for the Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At 126a, London Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 19 in F.

Peter J. Staniforth	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
Harold J. Poole	3—4	Terence A. Thornber	7—8

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Kinner (first quarter) 1, W. Viggers 2, Miss B. Stewart 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, Miss S. Corke 5, D. Beresford 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, P. Beresford 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Everest 1, T. Milsted 2, Miss Solly 3, Miss Reid 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, T. Day 8. Rung to mark the opening of the annual meeting of the local Guild.

BRECON.—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): S. Edwards 1, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 2, W. Smith 3, A. Matthews 4, G. Davies 5, Patricia Rees 6, I. Clarke 7, D. Stokes 8. Rung on the occasion of the enthronement of the Right Rev. Glynn Simon as Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

CLIFFE, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Taylor 1, R. L. Sills 2, H. Springate 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, R. G. Rayfield 5, T. A. Cross 6, G. J. Butcher (cond.) 7, P. F. Borer 8.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church on Jan. 18th, 1,253 Erin Caters: R. H. Bullen 1, P. H. Whitaker 2, M. Barker 3, Miss E. Foulk 4, A. E. Thompson 5, George Freebrey (cond.) 6, C. Walklate 7, H. Taylor 8, S. Walklate 9, R. A. Scott 10. First quarter in the method rung in Derby and first by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. I. Tate, daughter of the conductor

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Fredk. G. Murfin 1, Doreen M. Murfin 2, John F. Murfin 3, Francis R. Lowe 4, David K. Walklate (cond.) 5, Arthur Fisher (first quarter) 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Peter J. Smith 1, Alfred W. Green 2, Henry Thomas 3, Ernest F. Ridett 4, Fredk. A. Green (cond.) 5, Cyril A. Saunders 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Francis Jane Augusta Crozier, who had given very generously to the Bell Appeal Fund last year.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,320 Bob Minor: M. Lambert (first quarter) 1, P. Harrison (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. E. D. Kelly 3, W. H. Taylor 4, Miss E. Bate (first as cond.) 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, A. Gooding 4, A. G. Betts 5, W. Reeks 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,440 Prittlewell Surprise Royal: A. L. Pearson 1, Mrs. R. J. Pearson 2, W. G. Wilson 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, Mrs. K. F. Parr 6, S. Croft 7, T. E. Davies 8, J. R. Mayne 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First in the method by all.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. Powell 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, E. L. Taylor 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. Whitemore 6, R. Keeley 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. E. C. Tett, for many years a respected member of the Lyme Regis Guild.—Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris 5, R. Keeley 6, G. Whitemore (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Rung before evening service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Devenish (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. M. Lewis 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish (first of Minor) 4, F. E. Corfield 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6, F. W. Wicks 7. After meeting short for Triples.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Wilson 1, E. E. Whitmore 2, H. Richardson 3, G. W. Jeffs 4, L. Groom 5, R. Chapman (first of Triples) 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Swain 1, H. Wittering 2, W. Lawrence 3, W. Brown 4, D. Gullick (cond.) 5, J. Aldous 6. Rung for service, also to wish Godspeed to the ringer of the tenor, returning that day to his unit in Germany.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Jan. 17th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, June Clements 2, J. Chapman 3, R. Charge 4, C. Nichols 5, S. Howard 6, R. L. Story (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Welbourne 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. A. Battell (first quarter) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales (first of Grandsire Caters) 5, E. E. Holman 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, J. R. Ketteringham (first of Grandsire Caters) 8, F. C. Maynard (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10. Rung for dedication of the restored organ.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: J. Mayne (cond.) 1, W. Wenban 2, J. Schofield 3, S. Hoare 4, D. K. Adkins 5, R. Rowley 6, R. Bell 7, G. Seaman 8. First in method for all except 2.

WIDCOMBE, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Russell 1, Mrs. H. Newman 2, P. Bate (first as cond.) 3, C. Conway (first quarter) 4, H. Newman 5, G. Creigh 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. T. Hillis (first quarter) 1, E. S. Ruck 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, L. C. Smith 6.

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IV. CONDUCTING BY THE COURSING ORDER

Now, after that perhaps rather long introduction, I will try to show how, with much less difficulty, a much more reliable method of conducting can be learnt and applied. To do that I must go back to some of our earliest efforts in ringing—to the stage where we were told when we got lost to follow our 'course' bell or look out for our 'after' bell—in other words I must explain what is meant by Coursing Order.

Don't think that I am now also going to write about Q sets, B blocks, P blocks, false course ends or all the other difficult-sounding words and phrases that you find in the text books. A knowledge of these things is all very necessary to the composer, but the conductor, so long as he is content to call other people's touches and peals, need not bother with them.

If you examine a plain course of Bob Major you will see that in the first lead the bells come down to the front and go up to the back in the order 2, 4, 6, 8, 7, 5, 3. This reminds us that when we first rang the treble to a course of Plain Bob we were told to follow the even bells and then the odd ones. In the next lead the order will be 3, 2, 4, 6, 8, 7, 5. And the next 5, 3, 2, 4, 6, 8, 7; and so on.

Nos. 7 and 8, not being subject to alteration by bobs (except for the additional lead caused by a bob B), form a kind of constant framework to the course. It is, therefore, found convenient to note the Coursing Order of the bells starting with the 7th and finishing with the tenor. This you will see gives us 7, 5, 3, 2, 4, 6, 8 as the Coursing Order of the plain course. Omit 7 and 8 and all the way through the seven leads of the course the order is 5, 3, 2, 4, 6.

In each of the leads the treble will be in a different position among the other bells of course, but except for this the five 'working bells' will all through the course follow each other up and down in this order 5, 3, 2, 4, 6.

It is not necessary to write out a lead or a course of the method to see that this is the Coursing Order. In the plain course the course end is rounds—2345678. Starting with the 7th, we write down the figures in the order in which they follow it up to the back—i.e., first the odd bells 5 and 3 and then the even bells 2, 4 and 6. (These latter have to go down to the front first, but they then follow 5 and 3 up to the back.)

Now let us remember another of the things we were told early on in our ringing. That is that a bob always changes the position of three bells. That is why in the ordinary method we can get a touch of three courses by calling three bobs at W or at M or at H; each of these bobs acting on the same three bells. This will be seen very clearly if you call three bobs at H. Written out and using the transposition 42356 (see Chapter III.) we get this:—

	2	3	4	5	6
—	4	2	3	5	6
—	3	4	2	5	6
—	2	3	4	5	6

H	2	4	3	6	5
B	4	2	3	5	6
H	4	3	2	6	5
B	3	4	2	5	6
H	3	2	4	6	5
B	2	3	4	5	6

(An interesting thing about this is that if you write down the handstrokes as well as the backstrokes of the course ends you get a complete plain hunt on the three bob-making bells.)

You will perhaps point out that in Grandsire Triples five of the seven bells are affected by a bob and that in, say, Kent Treble Bob Major five of the eight bells are affected. That, of course, is quite true, but later on when we examine the Coursing Order of methods such as these we shall see that in fact the position of only three bells in the Coursing Order is altered.

Yet we found in our earlier notes that the poor struggling conductor was faced with making a five-figure transposition to obtain his new course ends whenever he called a bob W, B or M and that only at the bob H was he able to relax and work out the first three bells only.

If a bob affects the position of only three bells then there would seem to be something unnecessary if we have to make five-figure transpositions to get our new figures. And this is so.

Let us examine the various leads and courses we get by calling our bobs and see what those bobs do to the Coursing Order of the five 'working' bells.

(a) THE WRONG

In the plain course, 23456, the Coursing Order is 53246 and the W lead end 3527486.

A bob W from 23456 brings W lead end 2357486 and course end 52436.

But the Coursing Order of this new lead end and, therefore, of the course 52436 is 32546. You can check this by writing out the figures of the lead after you have called the bob W. But you will soon be able to pick out this Coursing Order from the row 52436 in the same way that you pick out the Coursing Order 53246 from rounds—i.e., the actual order in which the bells follow the 7th.

Now we have—

Coursing Order of rounds = 53246
and the Coursing Order after Bob W = 32546

The **first** three bells (532) have been moved into the position 325 (i.e., ABC has become BCA).

(b) THE MIDDLE

In the plain course (Coursing Order 53246) the M lead end is 4263857.

A bob M from 23456 brings up M lead end 6423857 and course end 43652.

But the Coursing Order of this new lead end and, therefore, of the course 43652 is 53462 (i.e., the bells follow the 7th in this order).

Now we have—

Coursing Order of rounds = 53246
and the Coursing Order after Bob M = 53462

The **last** three bells (246) have been moved into the position 462 (i.e., once again ABC has become BCA).

(c) THE HOME

A bob H from 23456 brings up course end 42356. (This is also the H lead end.) But the Coursing Order of the course 42356 is 52436 (i.e., the bells follow the 7th in this order).

Now we have—

Coursing Order of rounds = 53246
and the Coursing Order after Bob H = 52436

The **middle** three bells (324) have been moved into the position 243 (i.e., once again **ABC has become BCA).**

In each of these three examples we have seen that we need only change three bells instead of five. And not only that but we change them in exactly the same way—ABC becomes BCA. So for calls in these three positions we need only remember the code 'BCA' and the simple facts that—

At the W we apply this code to the **first** three bells.

At the M we apply this code to the **last** three bells.

At the H we apply this code to the **middle** three bells

(d) BEFORE

The effect on Coursing Order of a bob B is even simpler because two of the bells affected are the 7th and tenor. We have, therefore, only one of the five 'working' bells to bother about.

A bob B from 23456 brings up lead end 7864523 and course end 35264.

Now we have—

Coursing Order of rounds = 53246
and the Coursing Order of this new lead end and, therefore, of the course 35264 = 65324

We have simply caused the bell which was the 6th place bell (coursing before the tenor) to make the bob and become the 5th place bell (coursing after the 7th). And our mental transposition only entails moving one bell from the last of the five to be the first of them.

We can now make a little table:—

COURSE ENDS	Plain Course	COURSING ORDER
23456		53246
52436	Bob W	32546
43652	Bob M	53462
42356	Bob H	52436
35264	Bob B	65324

The Course Ends on the left are what the composer needs for his paper work and what many a young conductor struggles hard with.

The Coursing Orders on the right are the figures which the conductor will quickly find to be easier to use and much more helpful in his task.

(To be continued)

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Brecon on Jan. 2nd. The attendance was rather smaller than usual, but discussions were pretty lively throughout the meeting. The Dean of Brecon (the Very Rev. W. E. Jones) presided.

The three retiring officers, Mr. J. A. Smith (Ringing Master), Mr. W. G. Smith (secretary) and Mr. D. H. Bennett (treasurer), were re-elected. In the unavoidable absence of the treasurer, the meeting accepted the secretary's statement of the accounts. These are to be sent to all towers without delay. As Talgarth's bells have recently been rehung, this was the first choice of the members for the next quarterly meeting.

One new member was elected—Master B. Davies (St. Mary's). It was suggested that the secretary get in touch with the Llangorse and Llangasty towers to try and induce them to become members of the Guild and to further their ringing by attending practice meetings.

After the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund, which amounted to 12s., was taken, the meeting closed with the general secretary, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for his kindness in taking the service and use of the bells, and to all those who helped to make the meeting possible. The Dean most suitably replied. W. G. S.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District Annual Meeting

The Hunts District held their annual meeting at Huntingdon on January 17th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. at both St, Mary's and All Saints' towers and carried on until 4.30 p.m., when the service was held at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Morris).

Tea was followed by the business meeting, for which the Rector of All Saints' (the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley) presided. The secretary's report showed an increase in membership for 1953, and the new Association badge found ready sale. All the officers of the District were re-elected.

After the meeting both towers were again available and ringing was carried on until 9 p.m. Methods ranged from London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Stedman, Cambridge Major and Minor to rounds for the beginners. H. S. P.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 30th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Townsend 1, W. G. Brown 2, L. Coles 3, M. Helps (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, D. Iles 6. Rung half-muffled for Miss Daisy Huggins, a loyal church worker for 45 years at the above church, who was interred this day.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 31st, at the Church of the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): J. Haslam 1, K. Hurst (first quarter) 2, J. Bolton 3, A. Moss 4, R. Eastham 5, H. Gorton 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 4. Rung to mark the end of Coronation year.

BOROUGH, S.E.—On Jan. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. G. Hollingworth 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. W. Ottley 4, G. F. Bryant 5, F. Mead 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 29th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Dewey 1, A. Freeston 2, S. Jessop 3, D. White 4, R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, B. Jackson 8. Rung with bells half-muffled for Ald. A. Bradley, churchwarden for many years at this church.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Jennings 1, T. Earle 2, H. G. Felton 3, J. Warner 4, R. Suckling 5, J. R. Leeming (cond.) 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, A. R. Syder 8. The first quarter in the method to be rung in the district for some years.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. Ward 1, J. B. Long 2, Miss M. Stephens 3, Miss D. Hare 4, Miss J. Ashton 5, J. Sinfield 6, J. M. Stephens 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8. Rung by members of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers as a compliment to Douglas Johnston and Pat Gilbert on the occasion of their marriage at Black Torrington, Devon.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis, jun., 3, F. Bennett 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, E. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung on the 93rd birthday of Mr. G. Green, former churchwarden.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Manser 1, A. Webb 2, S. A. Hayzelden 3, R. Harris 4, L. Honess 5, R. Stedman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur W. Carvel, a friend of the ringers.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Rowe 1, P. Chapman 2, M. King 3, E. Chapman 4, B. Cope 5, J. King 6, R. Turner 7, G. Watson (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Main.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, M. Orme (first in these methods) 2, J. Church 3, G. Cherry 4, R. Croft 5, D. Jones 6.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 (10 callings) Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Unstead 1, F. Blackman 2, N. Matthews 3, E. Breed 4, G. Gadd (cond.) 5, E. Hobden 6. Rung half-muffled.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Smith 1, Miss S. Duffin 2, Miss M. Stephens 3, Miss D. Hare 4, Miss S. Osborn 5, Miss J. Ashton 6, R. Stephens 7, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,312 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Croft 1, L. Fidler 2, M. Orme (first of Cambridge Major) 3, L. Wiffen 4, G. Cherry 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Fidler 1, C. Hare 2, M. Orme 3, P. Croft 4, E. Winters 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones (cond.) 7, F. Croft 8. Also on Dec. 27th 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor, on the back six: L. Fidler 1, M. Orme 2, E. Winters 3, W. Todd 4, P. Mchew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 120 St. Simon's, 120 St. Martin's, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 720 Grandsire): Miss B. Griffiths 1, Miss R. Crewe 2, Miss A. Muirhead 3, Miss C. Jones 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, E. C. Crewe 6. First in five methods for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. Also on Jan 17th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Perkins 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. Clements 5, W. Ransome (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, R. Rose 2, L. Nice 3, K. Brown 4, A. Fever 5, H. King (cond.) 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Phyllis Gray 1, Ann Smith 2, W. Izzard 3, B Pattison (cond.) 4, R. Freeman 5. Rung in honour of the engagement of Ann Smith and Clifford Izzard.

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Tompkins 1, Miss S. Higham 2, W. Thompson 3, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 4, J. Somers 5, A. Lomas 6, J. Thornley 7, H. Prescott 8. For induction service.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Dec. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in hand: R. Baldwin 1–2, R. G. Leale 3–4, R. H. Smith (first as cond.) 5–6. First quarter of Doubles, and on handbells, by all.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, H. King 2, K. Brown (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, L. Sharpe 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Jan. 9th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, J. Morris 3, G. Daynes 4, F. Hurrell 5, W. Rawlings 6, B. Aldridge (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung on the back eight for the Southwark Diocesan Servers' Festival.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, G. V. Deacon 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, E. J Jelley 4, R. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, J. M. Jelley 7, J. R. Norman 8. Rung for the passing of 1953.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Matthewman 1, Miss J. Brooks 2, Miss A. Mansfield 3, Miss M. C. Payne 4, E. F. Payne 5, H. Humphreys 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, C. Sanders 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all the band. A birthday compliment to E. F. Payne.

WARE, HERTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Superlative Surprise Major: D. Sutcliffe 1, M. Orme 2, R. Sharp 3, D. Knox 4, E. Edmondson 5, J. Sinfield 6, P. Mchew 7, D. Jones (cond.) 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge and 540 Double Oxford): Anne Holmes 1, Mary Fuller 2, M. Fuller 3, D. Moreton 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. Cannell 6. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,272 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 552 Plain Bob): Jill Mackintosh 1, Anne Holmes 2, Mary Fuller 3, D. Moreton 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First of Double Oxford for 2 and 4. Also 1,320 Minor (720 Kent and 600 St. Clement's): Mary Fuller 1, Anne Holmes 2, L. W. Skinner 3, D. Moreton 4, M. Fuller 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: G. Hurrell 1, J. Hurrell 2, A. Grove, sen., 3, T. Culver 4, F. Hurrell 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung for the induction of the Rector.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to record the passing on January 20th of Mr. William J. G. Brown, one of the best known members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, aged 69 years.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For the wedding of Mr. John A. Worsley, of Hovingham, Yorks, and the Hon. Carolyne Hardinge, at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, on January 16th, a recording was taken of a quarter peal rung at Hovingham by Sir. W. A. Worsley, Bart. It was intended to relay the recording by radio-telephone to Montreal for the young couple to hear, but due to bad weather conditions the authorities failed to make contact with those on the other side of the Atlantic. Mr. J. A. Worsley and his bride will not, however, be disappointed as the recording will be played to them on their return to Hovingham, the home of the bridegroom.

Will the ringer who took the wrong hat, please note the initials inside and return it to C. H. W., 68, Brownshill Green Road, Coventry, His hat is still in Nuneaton belfry.

With the peal at Bathampton, Bath, on January 16th, Mr. W. J. Prescott, of Bath, has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Yesterday was the 50th anniversary of Mr. A. H. Pulling's first peal of Stedman Caters, which was rung at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford. Another 50th anniversary this week (Jan. 26th) was Mr. H. Hutton's first peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

In ringing the second to the peal of Hockley Surprise at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, on Jan. 4th, Mr. F. E. Haynes 'completed the circle' at that tower. By so doing he joins the brothers George and Henry Fearn in what might be called the 'City Circle,' having now rung a peal on every bell at St. Martin's, St. Philip's, St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's. They expect that Mr. John Pinfold, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, will also shortly qualify, since he requires only to ring the tenor at Bishop Ryder's.

We regret to hear of the death on Saturday of Mr. George H. Kilby, of Ruislip, who has been a valued member of the Middlesex County Association since 1911. For many years he was a member of the Willesden band. The funeral was on Thursday. An appreciation of his services to ringing will appear in our next issue.

The Methods Committee report on extension has been reprinted in book form by the Central Council and can be obtained from Miss P. J. Ayris, 10, Sherwood Close, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, price 1s.

'The Daily Telegraph' of January 25th reports that Mr. J. P. Fidler rang the first peal on the restored ring of six bells at St. Anne's Church, Alderney. An admirer (S. H. G.) writes: 'What a man! Congratulations!! (5,040 changes, we presume).'

After six weeks in hospital for two operations Mr. F. Warrington (Hunts District Ringing Master) is home again and wishes to thank all friends for letters of condolence. It may be another month before he is back among the bells.

In addition to the number of ringers taking part in commemorating the enthronement of the Right Rev. Ronald Ralph Williams as Lord Bishop of Leicester, it was fitting that three prominent ringers took part in the actual ceremony at the Cathedral—Brian Warwick, Ernest Morris (as Provost's Verger) and Harold J. Poole, who occupied his stall as Hon. Lay Canon.

Mr. Ernest Morris has been asked to submit to his publishers his manuscript on 'English Towers and their Bells' for consideration with a view to possible publication in book form. This is mostly a rewrite of the long series of articles Mr. Morris wrote in these columns during 1933-4, and covers all types of towers, bells, curious belfries, etc., and should prove of great value to all ringers.

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ANOTHER LONDON RESTORATION

St. Olave's and Pepys

The ancient Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City, escaped the Great Fire of London in 1666—but was not so fortunate in the last war, when it was destroyed in 1940 by enemy action. The tower was left standing but the eight bells were completely destroyed.

In 1662 the Whitechapel Foundry installed five bells with a tenor of 11 cwt., and in 1694 added a treble to make a ring of six. These were taken down in 1929 and cleaned, two trebles added to make a ring of eight, and rehung. Only 15¼ cwt. of the metal of these bells was recoverable, and it was incorporated into a new ring of eight (tenor 11¼ cwt.) in the key of G. This new ring has been hung with modern type fittings in cast iron framework mounted on a steel girder foundation.

The bells were rung for the first time on Christmas morning, 1953. The restoration was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and a very pleasing ring has been the result.

Restoration of the body of the church is proceeding apace and it is hoped that the full activities of this important church will soon be fully resumed. The dedication is to the Norwegian King Olaf, who assisted Ethelred (the Unready) to repel the Danes.

It will doubtless be of interest to our readers to recall that this was the church near which lived Samuel Pepys, the famous diarist. He worshipped there and his wife was buried there. He also visited other churches in the neighbourhood, as the following entry in his diary in 1667 shows:—

'Being wearied, turned into St. Dunstan's Church where I heard an able sermon by the minister of the place; and stood by a pretty modest maid, whom I did labour to take by the hand and the body; but she would not, but got further and further from me; and at last I could perceive her to take pins out of her pocket to prick me if I should touch her again—which seeing, I did forbear, and was glad I did spy her design.

'And then I fell to gaze upon another pretty maid in a pew close to me, and she on me; and I did go about to take her by the hand, which she suffered a little and then withdrew. So the sermon ended and the church broke up, and my amours ended also.'

It was this passage that made John Drinkwater say:—

'It is to be feared there were occasions when in another age Pepys would have found himself at Vine Street.' J. F. S.

ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET

The bells at this church were rung for the first time after rehanging on Christmas morning, 1953. Help is required in providing ringers for this historic church. Photo by R. A. Deal.

CREWE'S EXAMPLE TO CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

All Towers Sufficiently Manned

In his report presented at the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 16th, Mr. W. Kerr (hon. secretary) stated that all the towers in the Branch were sufficiently manned for ringing but for ringing peals the situation was not so good.

The membership of the Branch was 110 adult and 13 junior ringing members. Fourteen meetings had been held during the year and the meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. F. C. Gentry (Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe), decided to reduce this number to 12 plus the annual festival. The dates fixed were: February 13th, Holmes Chapel; March 20th, Church Lawton; April 24th, Audlem; May 8th, Wybunbury; May 29th, Market Drayton (joint meeting with Shropshire Guild); June 26th, Barthomley; June 19th, Annual Guild Festival at Macclesfield; July 24th, Wrenbury; August 21st, Goostrey; September 11th, Acton; October 2nd, Nantwich. October 30th, Alsager; December 4th, Sandbach

Officers elected to the new committee were: Chairman and president, the Rev. F. G. Gentry; vice-presidents, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, the Revs. E. C. W. Williams, E. M. B. Southwell and K. Smith, Messrs. S. Hampson, W. Perry, C. Latham and E. Cox; Master of eight-bell towers, Mr. J. H. Nicholls; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Kerr; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Stenson; instructors, Messrs. B. J. Ongley, H. Sutton and J. A. Packer; delegate to meetings, Mr. Waller; representatives on county committee, Messrs. R. H. Langford, Ongley and Packer; Mr. M. Barlow was appointed auditor, with Mr. A. Perry. Delegates to the general committee were Mr. D. Smith and Mr. L. Coppenhall. The balance in hand was given as £6 8s. 3d.

Among the youngest ringers present were David and Nancy Longman, aged 10 and 12 respectively, and 13-year-old Brian Porter.

The service which preceded the tea was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Gentry. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening and ranged from Superlative Surprise Major to rounds. Eighteen towers were represented.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1953

Two Centuries Scored

Two ringers rang more than 100 peals in 1953. Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, surpassed Mr. George E. Fearn's total by one—the respective figures being 103 and 102. Both ringers have passed the 1,000 peal mark. Mr. Fearn has recorded more than 100 peals each year since 1948. Mr. Poole's most prolific year was 1949, when his total reached 143.

Third, fourth and fifth places are held by ladies—Mrs. H. J. Poole with 88, Miss Muriel Reay with 83 and Miss Winifred M. Burton, Leicester, with 73. They have all improved on last year's totals, when Miss Reay rang 75 peals and Mrs. Poole 52, and Miss Burton did not figure in the list.

In the realm of conducting Mr. Poole called 75 peals, Mr. Nolan Golden, Norwich, 40 and Mr. G. E. Fearn 38.

There are newcomers to the list. Mr. John A. Acres, now of Leicester, with 55 peals acknowledges the help of Mr. H. J. Poole and other Leicester ringers in giving him a chance to complete this total. Although he has been ringing since 1939 he had never exceeded 24 peals in one year previously. Also qualifying for the first time is Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. During 1953 he rang peals in 41 different towers in 11 counties.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Harold J. Poole	92 (65)	11 (10)	103
George E. Fearn	100 (38)	2	102
Mrs. H. J. Poole	88	—	88
Miss Muriel Reay	83	—	83
Miss W. M. Burton	73	—	73
Brian G. Warwick	62 (26)	9 (2)	71
S. Anthony Jesson	66	—	66
Ernest Morris	60 (13)	4	64
Wilfrid F. Moreton	50 (23)	10 (6)	60
John Pinfold	60	—	60
Peter J. Staniforth	48 (22)	11	59
Peter Border	45 (20)	13 (1)	58
John A. Acres	49	6 (5)	55
Arthur V. Pearson	51 (12)	—	51
Henry H. Fearn	48	—	48
Clifford A. Barron	47 (8)	—	47
H. William Barrett	41 (3)	2	43
Joseph W. Cotton	43 (3)	—	43
A. Patrick Cannon	42 (18)	—	42
Nolan Golden	40 (38)	2 (2)	42
Howard Howell	42 (15)	—	42
Leonard Stilwell	40 (5)	1	41
Edgar C. Shepherd	40 (1)	1	41
Ralph G. Edwards	40	—	40
Robert C. Lester	40 (1)	—	40
Robin G. Turner	12 (3)	28 (20)	40
Bryan D. A. Woolley	40	—	40
John Worth	40	—	40

Figures in parentheses denote number conducted.

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HENLOW, BEDS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Double Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, Miss D. J. Hare 2, G. Dear 3, M. Orme 4, D. P. Jones 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Eighth Annual Meeting Held at Burton-on-Trent

The town of Burton-on-Trent, famed throughout the country for producing that stimulating and refreshing beverage 'Beer' and for its numerous street rail crossings, is also noted by the Exercise during the latter part of the last century for its pioneer band of Surprise ringers at the Church of St. Paul.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Fish), Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffen, A. Wakeley and W. C. Wakeley, to mention only a few, were, indeed, the pioneers of Surprise ringing. Also among their many achievements was the 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples on November 20th, 1880.

Following the First World War (1914-1918) this tower was again to the fore when Mr. J. H. Swinfield (Ringing Master) organised that equally famous 'Wednesday' band, and that talented conductor, Mr. M. Swinfield, called over 230 different compositions of Stedman Triples.

This stately church, so enriched in ringing history, was chosen for the eighth annual meeting of the above Guild, which took place on January 9th. Ringers and friends assembled from Ashby, Ticknall, Netherseale, Overseale, Lullington, Packington, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Yoxall, Uttoxeter, Birmingham and the two Burton towers.

Ringing, commencing at 2.30 p.m., was followed by a short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Willis-Price), who is also an honorary member of the Guild. He gave a short but inspiring address and extended a welcome to the ringers.

Tea, a much-needed meal, kindly prepared by ladies from the Church of St. Paul, was followed by the annual business meeting.

In the unavoidable absence of the president (Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A.), Mr. W. H. Curson presided and announced more apologies.

YEARLY REPORT

The secretary, in his report, referred to the loss the Guild had sustained in the deaths of Mr. G. Hatton (Ashley), Mr. S. C. Blackshaw (Winshill) and Mr. P. Wright (Hoar Cross).

Eight meetings had been held with the usual attendance and Guild membership was now 26 honorary members and 120 ringing members.

During the year under review 40 peals had been rung in 17 towers in five counties with 18 conductors. First pealers numbered five, while 17 rang their first peal in a new method. Three new conductors were added to the list, viz. Messrs. J. H. Brittan, A. J. Marriott and P. Marriott. Mr. W. P. Whitehead, with a total of ten, headed the list, followed by Messrs. R. Beniston 6, B. G. Key 3, J. Bailey 3, J. W. Cotton 3, A. Cattell 2, D. R. Carlisle 2, A. J. Marriott, P. Marriott, J. H. Brittan, F. W. Grocott, F. E. Wilshaw, P. W. Grice, S. H. Jones, W. F. Woodward, A. E. Rowley, G. E. Oliver and W. G. Hair one each. Once again the hon. secretary was the Guild's leading peal ringer with 29 peals, followed by the Ringing Master (Mr. S. H. Jones) with 21 peals. Personal milestones were as follows: J. W. Cotton 300 peals, Mr. Ernest Morris 100 peals for the Guild, and Mrs. S. H. Jones first lady member to ring 12 peals in a year for the Guild. Gainsborough Little Bob Major was rung for the first time for the Guild, also nine peals of London Surprise Major were rung during 1953.

The secretary said no review would be complete without reference to the glorious Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. on June 2nd, when, despite the inclement weather, ringers and bells played an important part in the celebrations. Bells were rung at almost every tower in the Guild area and among the widespread peal ringing five 'Coronation' peals were recorded for the Guild. Restoration work was carried out on Ashley bells and upon the first three bells in the peal of six at Winshill.

The financial statement submitted by the treasurer showed a credit balance of £6 9s. 6d. on the year's working. Grants from the Bell Repair Fund of £5 5s. were made towards the restoration work at Packington and Winshill.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for 1954 were elected as follows:—President, Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. I. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee: Messrs. B. G. Key, W. F. Woodward, W. G. Soar and E. Beadsmore, the latter being also elected a life member of the Guild: Central Council representative, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

An omnibus vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. S. H. Jones, to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the local ladies for preparing the tea, and to Mr. B. G. Key for local arrangements brought the meeting to a close.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included touches in the following methods:—Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Kington District Had 28 New Members Last Year

A brief reference was made in our issue of January 15th to the annual meeting of the Kington District on January 2nd. We have since been supplied with fuller details.

At the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Wilkinson), instead of an opening hymn a carol was played by the Eardisland handbell ringers.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed in the vestry and in opening the proceedings said he had a pleasant duty to perform in asking the District secretary (Mr. J. Preece) to accept a small package in recognition of his 30 years' work in that office. The presentation came as a big surprise to the secretary, who thanked all who had subscribed. It was a leather wallet containing £10 in notes, which was the gift of members from eight towers and other ringing friends.

In his report of the past year Mr. Preece said three meetings and six combined practices had been held. Eleven peals had been rung (three Doubles, two Minor, two Triples and four Major). Twenty-eight new members had joined.

The District Ringing Master, Mr. Harris, and the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Norgrove, expressed a wish to retire from office. Mrs. Chandler, of Lyonshall, was unanimously elected Ringing Master—believed to be the first lady to hold the office in the Guild—and Mr. B. Ellsmore and Mr. L. Mainwaring Assistant Ringing Masters. Mr. L. Perry was re-elected hon. auditor.

The secretary had mentioned at the last meeting that he hoped the members would get a younger person to accept his office. As no one was willing to become secretary he agreed to carry on for the time being.

The next meeting will be held in May at King's Pyon (5 bells) and a combined practice in March at Lyonshall. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Cambridge, London and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch Gain 27 New Members

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held at Rumney on January 16th and some 60 ringers attended. Ringing was ably conducted by the Branch Master (Mr. Ryan Price) and many methods were rung including Cambridge and London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Rumney (the Rev. C. K. Smith), who heartily welcomed the Branch. A bounteous high tea was provided in an adjoining hall and Mrs. Elliot and her helpers were thanked by Mr. F. Hannington.

At the business meeting the secretary read a favourable report of the Branch's activities during the past year. Some 27 new members had been elected and the total membership was now 142. Fresh interest in the Association had been aroused at Cwmavon, Llangibby, Llandennv, Llangattock and Caerleon. Three new members were elected from Ebbw Vale and Chepstow, and Mr. Norman Smith and Mr. Frank Knight were elected life members.

Mr. David J. King was elected Branch Ringing Master and was invested with the badge of office by the retiring Master. Miss Jacqueline S. Evans was re-elected secretary and was nominated as Central Council representative.

Mr. Trevor Roderick spoke of the long and faithful service given to the Association and to the Central Council by Mr. J. W. Jones. The appreciation of his work will be put on record. Progress was reported from Peterstone by Mr. Ron Lucas.

It was decided to accept the invitation extended by Canon E. T. Davies to hold the next quarterly meeting at Llangibby. J. S. E.

MR. ALBERT WALKER'S 800 PEALS

Of Mr. Albert Walker's 800 peals 519 have been rung on 12 bells. His list also contains the first peal ever rung on 14 bells (Stedman Sextuples 'in hand,' which he conducted). This peal was rung at the first attempt on June 24th, 1922. In all he has conducted 309 peals. His list is appended:—

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Cambridge 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 5, Darlaston Bob 1, Stedman 18 (conducted 2).

Major.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 5, Double Norwich 8, Superlative 4, Cambridge 15 (3), New Cambridge 2, London 1, Lincolnshire 1, Hitchin 1, Belgrave 1, Yorkshire 6, Crewe. 1 Spliced: four methods 1, six methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 7 (2), Stedman 79 (44).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent Treble Bob 10 (4), Yorkshire 9 (1), Cambridge 24 (5), New Cambridge 2, Lincolnshire 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Belgrave 1, Pudsey 1, Rutland 1, Warwickshire 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Erin 1, Stedman 322 (152—1 non-conducted).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 5 (3), Little Bob 1, Yorkshire 7 (1), Cambridge 37 (11—1 non-conducted), New Cambridge 1 (1), Forward 2, Lincolnshire 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Belgrave 1, Pontefract 1, Albanian 1, Lindsey 1, Pudsey 2. Spliced: Cambridge and Yorkshire 1.

Total.—605 (230).

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 2.

Major.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 55 (22).

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 3 (2).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Erin 1, Stedman 124 (52—3 non-conducted).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 3 (2).

Sextuples.—Stedman 1 (1).

Total.—195 (79).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IS OPPOSITION TO CANNED BELLS PREJUDICE?

Dear Sir,—Much has recently appeared in the columns of 'The Ringing World' about so-called 'canned' bells, and letters have appeared in the national Press decrying their growing prevalence. But is it not of interest that it is only ringers who are complaining? The general public seems to be apathetic, if we are to judge from its silence.

There seem to be two main arguments against the use of recordings. The first, in the words of Mr. F. Haynes at the U.A. reunion, is that it is artificial and not real and that English people did not like unreal things. The second, that it is only ringers who are complaining? To my mind, these two lines of argument offer excellent examples of the maxim that we believe what we want to believe.

If, as Mr. Haynes claims, the English people do not like unreal things, in this case recordings, how are we to account for the enormous market for gramophone records in this country at the present day? As it is clearly impossible to have the London Philharmonic Orchestra or even Humphrey Lyttleton in one's house, a record is used instead. In the same way, it is often the choice of 'canned' bells or no bells that faces a clergyman, particularly in modern churches built in a less substantial manner than their elder brethren. Simply because some ringers do not like to hear the sound of bells from a towerless church is that parish to be deprived of them? The prime purpose, if not the sole one, of bells is to call people to divine worship; it is the sound of the bells that does this, not the bells themselves. And here we see the flaw in the 'parallel' of 'canned' bells with 'canned' choirs and sermons; the general public only knows of ringers by hearing them ringing; not so with the clergy and choir, who are seen at their tasks as well as heard.

With regard to the second argument there has been no mention as yet of dismantling ringing bells to make way for recordings. When, and if there is, then there will be cause for complaint.

If ringers are to attack 'canned' bells, let them admit that they are driven by prejudice rather than try to hide it by futile arguments.
—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Bodmin, Cornwall.

THE 10,080 GRANDSIRE BOB AT GISLINGHAM, SUFFOLK, 1822

Dear Sir,—I had studied the board recording this peal some three years ago, but reference to the peal in 'Belfry Gossip' in 'The Ringing World' of January 8th, 1954, prompted me to go and look at it again—and to make an inquiry in the village.

It is a stone plaque on the north wall, ground floor, of the tower in Gislingham Church and it is quite interesting for the reason that along the top and the bottom of the board the six bells are painted in their respective sizes, and beside each is its number and a drawing of a tool which, presumably, gives the occupation of the ringer of that bell in this peal.

These tools are as follows:—Treble: A spade or similar affair which points to the ringer being a gardener or a labourer. Two: A blacksmith's anvil. Three: A bricklayer's trowel. Four: A spade, rather like a draining spade. Five: A blacksmith's anvil. Six: An object which looks like a roughly-folded umbrella, though I understand that the ringer's family were all shoemakers.

The inscription is as follows:—

'1822. Ringing on the 6th of April, 10,080 Changes of Grandsire Bob in 6 hours and 35 minutes. By William Selsby. Treble. James Munns, 2d. James Warner 3rd. Thomas Goldson 4th. And completed the peal: William Munns 5th. Thomas Selsby 6th.'

It therefore seems that the two Munns were blacksmiths.

In his house, opposite the existing blacksmith's shop, I found Mr. Walter Martin, aged 82, an old Gislingham ringer, who has lived in the village all his life—60 years in his present house. He is looking forward to celebrating his diamond wedding on April 29th next.

He told me that his father knew some of the ringers in the peal, and it is said that they locked themselves in the tower (nothing unusual!) and had an extra man giving them sustenance with a tea spoon, some of them being 'in rather a mess before they finished'!

I am afraid that I cannot answer your inquirer's question as to whether the peal was on five bells with the tenor behind, but Mr. Ronald W. Steward, of the Suffolk Guild, can probably do so as he refers to this peal in a letter published in the 'East Anglian Magazine' of current issue. In this he shows that the longest peal on six in Suffolk was at Rickinghall Superior on Saturday, May 5th, 1928:—10,800 changes in 5 hours 37 minutes (over 700 changes more than the Gislingham peal, yet nearly an hour shorter time). He goes on to refer to the 15,120 on six at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, but does not give the date.

I thought how nice it would be to have a peal at Gislingham on Mr. Martin's golden wedding day but—alas! He tells me that the bells have not been raised for about ten years (I expect he means before the war) and gudgeons and so on are much worn. It is sad to have to record that the whole church is in a state of neglect—the churchyard, too. Louvres are out of the tower window glass out of others, the knots of the tied bell ropes are grease-bound showing that they have not been untied for years but merely held for chiming (tolling in). All kinds of things are stacked here and there—parts of either pews or a screen, and so on. Thousands of pounds are needed to put it in order and I cannot see where the money will ever come from. Is it another ruin on the way? It is a large church for a small country parish.

On the plaster of the ringing room wall are painted some names — undoubtedly those of former ringers. These are crudely done but much embellished and they appear at each ringer's place. They read:—'John Howard 2, John Barnham, Thomas Offwood, Thomas Freman 4. . . . . Silsby, 1717. George Bucknum 5.

Mr. Martin told me that, even with his 82 years of residence in Gislingham, he did not know of a single descendant of any of the peal ringers, or any of those whose names appear on the wall, now living in the parish.

Dr. J. J. Raven in his 'Church Bells of Suffolk, 1890,' gives this information about the bells:—'Treble. William Dobson. 1814; 2, 3 and 4, Miles Graye, 1641; 5 and tenor, John Darbie, 1671. Tenor 45¼in. diameter in E. Fine-toned bells.'

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

SHEFFIELD PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I regret that I must withdraw the peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield, on December 26th, 1953, as I have since found the composition to be false.

I would like to tender my apologies to the other members of the band for this carelessness.
—Yours sincerely.

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

Dear Sir,—Mr. D. Matkin's letter, published in Jan. 15th issue, could lead to some misunderstanding, therefore I hasten to explain that not until the morning of the annual District meeting at Christchurch on December 5th last was it obvious to me (for private reasons) that I should be unable to organise this year's function.

The proposal to allow the dinner and rally to lapse, because of this, caught me unawares, and I left the meeting with mixed feelings. Since then I have had conversation with the District chairman, Mr. David Reed, who told me he thought someone might be found to take on the job; therefore a report of our meeting was not sent in for publication and we decided to make a move by calling the old committee together in the New Year. That we have been forestalled matters little; I, personally, am delighted that the Bournemouth rally and dinner will take place in 1954, and, I hope, will for many years to come.—Yours faithfully,

Bournemouth. ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

'An English Heritage' That Must Be Kept Alive at All Costs

To correspondence relating to 'Bells of the Countryside' that has been appearing in 'The Western Gazette,' Yeovil, Mr. H. J. Sanger, of Evercreech, has made a useful contribution, as follows:—

We have read much in our papers of late regarding synthetic bells and the like, but nothing will ever replace or give the same pleasure to the countryman as do the bells of our village churches. It is often difficult in the country, and much more so in the towns, to get and keep a band of faithful people to ring the bells regularly, but the effort, great as it may be, is well worth while. The art of change ringing is a part of our English heritage and must be kept alive at all cost. It is unfortunate that in some of our towers the bells are rarely rung; in many cases this has come about because quite faithful old bands have failed to look ahead and train young people in the art, with the ultimate result that as the older ones pass on there are none to take their places and the bands die out. To start a new band is then a major problem, and only those who have experienced such a problem can appreciate the magnitude of the job.

Much could be written on this subject, but for the moment I would say to all experienced ringers do your utmost to train young people in the art and so keep it alive; and to the clergy and other responsible Church people: take a real interest in your ringers, visit them in the belfry and help to influence the right type of young people to come along and be taught our art.

FORTY YEARS AGO

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On Tuesday, January 20th, 1914, in 3 hours and 37 minutes

At the Church of St. Michael

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5,040 CHANGES

Samuel Wood	Treble
Charles Bower	2
Benjamin Gill	3
Charles Broadbent	4
Thomas Jakeman	5
Joseph Mellor	6
Samuel Greenhalgh	7
Joseph Ridyard	8
John Harrison	9
Albert Adams	10
Samuel Booth	11
Harry Chapman	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Samuel Wood.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all, and the first peal of Oxford Maximus in the North of England.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

PRESENTATION OF SILVER SALVER TO THE RETIRING MASTER—MR. FRANK E. HAWTHORNE HIS SUCCESSOR — A NEW SECRETARY — MOTION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL ON RECORDED BELLS

MEMBERS of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths expressed their tangible appreciation of the service to the Society by Mr. G. H. Cross, the retiring Master, by presenting him with an inscribed silver salver at the annual meeting held at the Vestry Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, last Saturday. Mr. Cross has been Master of the Society for 18 years with a break of one year, and has retired from office in view of his decision to live in the West Country.

The presentation was made by the senior steward, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, and the salver was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. G. H. Cross by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on his retirement as Master, 23rd January, 1954.'

'I would like you to accept this with the best wishes of the Society,' said Mr. Hawthorne in making the presentation, 'to remind you of the years you have been Master, and I hope you will live long to remember your years with the Society.'

In thanking the members for their gift, Mr. Cross said that all that he had done for the Cumberlands had been a pleasure and he thanked his wife for permitting him to attend to his duties. Perhaps when he had retired his wife would be able to go out and ring the 20 peals necessary for her 100.

He expected they had read the letters in 'The Ringing World' over the Mastership. He pointed out that while their headquarters were at St. Martin's it was their duty to keep the bells going there.

Mr. A. A. Hughes had appealed to members of the Universities Association to help with the bells of St. Olave's. Before the war the Society used to ring those bells every sixth week on a Sunday evening. He was told on Thursday night that they were trying to get three bodies to ring the bells of St. Olave's. One was from Lloyds in Fenchurch Street, another from the Income Tax Office (he presumed they would ring half-muffled for people who did not like paying taxes), and the other was from the Bank of England.

He noticed that Messrs. John Taylor were putting in a bell at St. Bride's. Last year he wrote to the Rector and received a reply that no order had been given for any bells and if they did anything he would write to him. He had heard nothing since then.

Again thanking the members of the Society for their friendship, Mr. Cross said in 1927 he was made a Cumberland at Croydon. He thought only Mr. Tom Bevan had been ringing longer regularly at St. Martin's than he had.

'QUITE SATISFACTORY YEAR'

Mr. G. H. Cross presided at the beginning of the meeting supported by Mrs. C. J. Matthews (hon. secretary) and Mr. W. R. Winterton (hon. treasurer). An apology was received from Mr. Cecil Matthews.

In her report the secretary stated that she thought they might say that 1953, as befitted Coronation year, was quite satisfactory as far as the Society was concerned. Thirty-four new members were elected, one less than last year. Nine peals were rung as against only three in 1952.

As to the meetings, the joint one with the Middlesex in December at St. Martin's and St. Margaret's was a magnificent success—almost too much, and she had been asked if they could have another this year. That and a joint meeting with the Middlesex at Twickenham would be discussed later.

The dinner in October, although not so well attended as in former years, was very successful, although there was a loss. She had hinted to Mr. Cross that they should have a new secretary. 'Although I have enjoyed my work very much and hope I have performed it satisfactorily, I really think it is time someone else did it.'

£100 BALANCE NECESSARY

Mr. Winterton presented the balance sheet. The year started, he said, with a balance of £116 1s. 6½d. and ended with £125 11s. 9½d. There was a loss of £1 19s. 6d. on the St. Albans meeting and £9 on the dinner. That was a bit of a blow from a treasurer's point of view although it was an extremely good dinner. Since then they had had an anonymous gift of £2 9s. towards the cost of the dinner. Just after the war the balance of the Society was £42. They had now got it to over £100 and he thought they should keep it at £100.

The report and balance sheet were adopted and the Master thanked Mr. Winterton for getting the medallion of the Master repaired.

New members elected were Brian Paterson (Bedford), Evelyn Pryke (Brentwood), Michael Lakin and Peter Nash (Winchester).

THE MASTERSHIP

There were two nominations for the office of Master, Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne and Mr. Tom Francis. A ballot was taken and Mr. Hawthorne was elected to the office.

Returning thanks after being installed, Mr. Hawthorne said: 'I am very pleased to have a go at filling this office that has been so well filled by Mr. Cross.' In the light of what had appeared in 'The Ringing World' he felt that the office of Master should go round. The office in a Society like theirs was more in the way of an honour and it would be of benefit to a national society like theirs if it was so regarded. He thought it would be of more benefit to the Society if the young fellow coming along had a chance of this office. In the future the office should go round more, not that he had anything to say against Mr. Cross. He thought the Society had been kept together by Mr. Cross and they had a lot to thank him for.

Mr. Cross, on behalf of the Society, wished Mr. Hawthorne well in his office and was sure everyone would rally round and help him. During the time he had held office two of his best supporters had been the late Mr. George Steere and Mr. Tom Bevan, who was at St. Martin's before him and had done good service to that church and the Cumberlands.

For the post of secretary there were two nominations—Mr. Arthur Butler and Mr. Peter N. Bond. A ballot resulted in the election of Mr. Bond.

Other elections were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. Winterton; senior steward, Mr. Tom Francis; junior steward, Mr. Frank Matthews; trustees, Mr. R. Ling and Mr. Cecil Matthews; auditors, Mrs. Deal and Mr. H. E. Audsley.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION FEE

Before the election of Central Council representatives, Mr. G. H. Cross raised an important point. He said the Central Council decided to increase their affiliation fee from 5s. to 10s. They had no right to spend a Society's money before the matter had been referred to the members.

The new Master said he was present at the Central Council meeting and the recommendation came as a bombshell. Mr. Charles Kippin asked whether the Council were in order because none of the representatives had had an opportunity of consulting their members. He was informed that they were.

Mr. Cross then moved that the Central Council be informed that in future before they proposed to increase their affiliation fees the matter should receive the approval of the individual Societies or Associations affiliated to the Council.

This was agreed to and Messrs. G. H. Cross, T. Francis, F. E. Hawthorne and P. N. Bond were elected to represent the Society on the Central Council.

MEETINGS FOR 1954

After discussion the following meetings were approved:—Sevenoaks, March 27th; Windsor or Hatfield, June 12th; Parish Church and St. John's, Croydon, September 18th; joint meeting with the Middlesex at St. Martin's, December 4th. As an extra meeting a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Twickenham on July 17th was agreed to.

On the proposition of Mr. T. Francis, it was decided to hold the annual dinner on the first Saturday in October, the arrangements being left in the hands of the officers.

Mr. Winterton stated that Mr. Cross had offered his copies of 'The Ringing World' for the years 1928 to 1953 to the Society. He sought permission to have these bound. By special arrangement Mr. Ling had offered to bind them at 7s. 6d. a volume. The meeting thanked Mr. Cross for his gift and accepted the offer of Mr. Ling, which was very much below the trade price.

RECORDED BELLS

Mr. T. Martin Page raised the question of recorded bells, a matter that had been very prominent in 'The Ringing World' and the national Press. The Church Assembly had not taken a vote on the question. He would like to see the Cumberlands put forward to the Central Council a motion that they should consider the question and do whatever was in their powers to make representation to the Church Assembly and the Diocesan Authorities. One or two of them had tried to do so through the national Press and from their county Associations to their own Dioceses. He knew that in lots of cases ringers could be blamed but if ringing was to be carried out as an art, as it had been for the past 300 years, it was up to them 'to clear the decks for action' against synthetic bells.

Continuing, Mr. Page said a lot of architects who were dealing with new churches had no knowledge of bell hanging. They went for vertical features which might form excellent support for gramophone records but were no good for bells.

The Master commented that only in that week's 'Ringing World' there was a case where local people had refused to have synthetic bells. That was at Uphill, where there was a church practically in ruins, but every Sunday afternoon in the summer the ringers from Weston-super-Mare went there to ring. Ringers must give up some of their time to train those coming forward.

Mr. Frank Lufkin said that nothing could be put into a church without a faculty, and in every case of recorded bells the application had to come before the Diocesan Advisory Committee. One of the most practical methods would be to have a ringers' representative on the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

The meeting unanimously decided to send a resolution to the Central Council asking them to do everything in their power to oppose recorded bells.

Mr. Cross brought forward the request from the Central Council for a donation of 10s. from each affiliated Society for the provision of an oak case in St. Paul's Cathedral to house the ringers' roll of honour. Upon the proposition of Mr. T. Francis, seconded by Mr. Martin Harbutt, it was decided to contribute 10s.

Upon the proposition of Mr. Peter Bond it was decided to congratulate Mr. E. A. Barnett, a member of the Society, upon his election as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Youth in Evidence in Dorchester Branch

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch took place at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on January 16th. Ringing commenced at about 2.30 p.m. and the eight bells were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major until the Guild service at 4 o'clock, conducted by the vice-chairman of the Branch, the Ven. Archdeacon J. C. Chute, Rector of Piddlehinton.

The lesson was read by the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft, Vicar of Abbotsbury, and the Rev. Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's and chairman of the Branch, gave the address, taking for his text, 'How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?'

Ringers, said the chairman, were preachers, sending the message of the bells to all who cared to listen, reminding everyone that there is a church in the district and that God will be worshipped there.

The Rector mentioned that he recently had a conversation with another clergyman, who told him that the bells formerly hung in his church had been sold and where there were once six bells only two remained, and they were silent.

Not even silent preachers, said Canon Markby, just silent, when bells were meant to carry their message far and near.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Institute by Mrs. J. W. Smith and other ladies of St. Peter's, who were heartily thanked by the chairman when he opened the business meeting.

Following the minutes, apologies were read from the Rev. and Mrs. Godley (Yetminster), at present on holiday in East Africa, and the Rev. A. Wheeler (Frampton and Sydling).

The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. H. Hayne), in his report, stated that membership was now 163, of whom 144 were ringing members, a slight decrease from last year, but there was evidence of more young people taking an active interest in the Exercise.

Meetings had been held at Dorchester, Maiden Newton, Charminster, Piddlehinton and Abbotsbury and the fortnightly Branch meetings were proving as popular as ever. Fifteen quarter peals had been rung, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, the towers being Abbotsbury, Charminster, Martinstown, Preston, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis.

Two members had passed away during 1953. Miss Markby, of Dorchester, sister of the chairman and an honorary member for many years, and Mr. C. S. House, a consistent and long-serving ringing member of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

The balance sheet for the past year showed a credit balance of just over £40, and both the report and financial statement were accepted.

Officers were elected as follows:—Chairman, Canon A. W. Markby; vice-chairman, Ven. J. C. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey (Wool); Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. H. J. Ford (Abbotsbury) and Mr. F. Stedman (Wyke Regis).

Twenty new members were elected: Messrs. M. Adams and J. Payne (St. Peter's, Dorchester), Mr. G. Rose and Mrs. Rose (Wyke Regis), Henry Goringe (aged ten, Cattistock), Miss V. Ricketts, Miss R. Pitfield and Mr. R. Pitfield (Bere Regis), Mr. J. Harrison (Fordington), Mrs. M. Corben, Miss M. Fairbairn and Miss D. Waite (Preston), Mr. P. Daubeney and Norman Hayne aged 8 (Abbotsbury), Mr. J. Symes (Sydling), Messrs. H. Runyard and D. Gibbs (Wool) ringing members; and the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (Abbotsbury) and the Rev. F. C. Whittier (Wool) honorary members; and Mrs. Duke (Dorchester) associate member.

Suggested meetings for 1954 were Frampton and Wool, other venues to be arranged by the secretary and chairman in consultation with the incumbents.

Several members spoke at length on the subject of Thursday meetings and it was agreed to hold a Thursday gathering as a test, and to talk the matter over again later.

The question of the transfer of Litton Cheney from the West Dorset to the Dorchester Branch was discussed, and the case for Litton Cheney was put forward by Mr. R. Clothier, a member of that tower.

Being on the extreme edge of the West Dorset area, he said, it was easier to visit towers in the Dorchester District and they had had considerable help from the Dorchester Branch and would be pleased to change over.

The secretary read a letter from the Litton Church Council, in which the point was made that the church was in the deanery covered by the Dorchester Branch, and therefore it seemed quite feasible that the transfer should be beneficial.

Canon C. Carew Cox, Master of the Salisbury Guild and chairman of the West Dorset Branch, said in reply that the matter should be brought before the Guild Committee and he advised the Litton Cheney ringers to contact the secretary of the West Dorset Branch on the subject. This was agreed to.

Canon Cox said it was always a great pleasure to attend the meetings of the Dorchester Branch, as they were so very much alive, and in view of the election of so many members at the meeting he saw no reason to be alarmed for the future.

Also, said the Canon, the Dorchester Branch did get its clergy to attend meetings, which showed that they were definitely interested in their ringers. Mr. Cox thought that ringers should attend service as often as convenient, but should not be bound by a hard and fast rule.

Mr. Paul Field spoke very forcibly on the subject of synthetic bells (records of bells played from towers which carried no ringing bells). He proposed that a letter be sent from the meeting asking the Bishop and the Advisory Council of the Diocese to prohibit the use of such recordings in the Salisbury Diocese. Carried unanimously.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower and ringing went on in various methods until 9 p.m. under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. Fred Precey), while some of the company visited Fordington (6), where Mr. Harry Ford took charge. J. H. H.

CUMBERLANDS' MEETING—Cont.

The meeting agreed on the proposition of Mr. R. Ling to amend Rule 4, which stated that Society peals shall be entered in the peal book by a professional writer to a 'peal writer approved by the Society's officers.'

Mr. T. Bevan said last year he appealed for a small donation for St. Anne's, Highgate. The cost of church repairs was £2,000 and that to the bells £80. He felt they should send a donation.

The meeting agreed to vote two guineas on the proposition of Mr. G. H. Cross.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Shoreditch and St. Martin-in-the-Fields for the use of the bells that day, Mr. Cross said the bells at Shoreditch should be boarded up and they were going to do it. They were all happy to hear that St. Martin's belfry was to be repainted and some new mats supplied.

Ringing took place after the meeting at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

North and East District

The meeting at Finchley on January 9th was attended by over 30 ringers, there being eight affiliated towers represented, and some visiting friends including Messrs. G. W. Pipe (Suffolk), D. W. Beard (Essex) and P. N. Bond (Sussex). A wide variety of method ringing was thus enjoyed on the light, well-going ring of eight bells but the time passed too quickly to enable a complete programme to be fulfilled. The parish is, at the moment, without an incumbent—the Rev. M. Ridley, hon. member, having died during last year—and it is to be hoped that the authorities responsible for selecting the new incumbent will recommend a person who takes an interest in, and encourages the art of bellringing.

The most important item of the business meeting, presided over by Mr. C. W. Ward, Monken Hadley, was, by election, the return of the Edgware tower to the Association, after a lapse of many years due to the bells not being rung. Edgware was one of the founding members of the Association. Six members of the tower, Messrs. R. G. Ouston, H. Clayton, B. O. Hughes, D. Porter, D. Ward and A. Warris were elected on the proposition of Mr. C. C. Mayne, who is teaching the band. Messrs. J. D. Taylor (Harrow Weald) and G. E. Powell and Miss M. Smith (Enfield) were also elected ringing members, whilst the provisional election of Mr. D. K. Adkins (Abbots Langley), as a non-resident life member, was duly ratified.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. M. Finch, curate, and to Mr. L. E. Tubb, local captain, for making arrangements for the meeting.

T. J. L.

A NORTH MUSKHAM WEDDING

Many congratulations have been extended to Mr. Frederick George Hooper, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hooper, of 31, Spring Gardens, Newark, and Miss Annie Kathleen Streeton, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Streeton, of North Muskham, who were married at St. Mildred's Church, North Muskham, on December 31st. They are both members of the local change ringing band. The bridegroom is also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Irish Association.

The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Rigden) officiated at the choral service, with Mr. S. Granger as organist.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Hollingworth, of Hayes, Kent, was attended by her niece, Miss Kathleen Hollingworth, as bridesmaid. Mr. J. L. Hooper was best man to his brother.

The bells were rung to Grandsire Doubles by the local band as the couple left the church. At the same time a wedding compliment was being paid to them by a quarter peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Nottingham, conducted by Mr. B. Buswell. The band here was representative of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Palmer 1, S. Lewis 2, R. Billings 3, F. Preece 4, T. Rushton (cond.) 5, G. Tong 6.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Crawley 1, Mrs. E. Glover (first quarter) 2, G. Nicholls (first quarter) 3, A. R. Groves 4, W. Glover 5, H. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Gerald Ridley.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Whalley (cond.) 1, Miss R. Snell (first 'inside') 2, W. Massey 3, G. D. Whalley 4, P. S. Whalley 5, R. S. Anderson 6, E. A. Edge 7, G. W. Biddulph 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect at the memorial service following the death of Mr. W. Wyborn.

BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

Boxing Day Outing

EVERY year on Boxing Day we sally forth into neighbouring counties and this time our choice was the area to the south of Northampton and included a part of Buckinghamshire.

A quarter peal started the day at Hanslope, a fine-toned ring of eight. It is said that from the height of the tower parapet on a clear day one can see the Wash, 70 miles distant. However, our eyes were more for the countryside round about. The morning continued with visits to Potterspury and Grafton Regis. Lunch at Alderton was enjoyed in the cosiness of the local hostelry or even more snugly in one of the cars. After the light five at Alderton the bells of Stoke Bruerne were in sharp contrast. Anyone with strength enough could have good exercise on this five; one 120 was enough for us. And then on to Courteenhall, a five of great charm.

We arrived at Roade to find the Vicar and many ringers waiting to welcome us. Here the ladies had no difficulty at all in ringing a touch, where the ringing space occupies the width of the chancel between the choir stalls. Then we just had to visit Ashton, the namesake of one of our party. These bells are a true Minor five, and to alleviate the melancholy the fall was in the order 14325.

Finally Stoke Goldington, Buckinghamshire, completed the day's nine towers, and after a day of mostly Doubles methods ringing on this musical six was quite refreshing. There was a supper waiting for us at Kempston and the tongues were wagging until a late hour.

PEAL ATTEMPT

Our very best wishes go to Douglas and Pat Johnston (née Gilbert), who were married on December 28th at Black Torrington, Devon. A peal of Cambridge Major was arranged for the same day at Bromham, but was lost after an hour and a half of good ringing. However, an excellent quarter peal of Little Bob Major was rung in honour of our ties of friendship with Pat, who was with us on our very first tour, in August, 1950, and on whose farm in Devon we stayed a week during the 1952 tour.

THE ANNUAL REUNION

Eleven members were present at the reunion held at Bromham on January 2nd. Ringing at the church during the afternoon gathered in members from all over the county and beyond. A few familiar faces were absent, notably that of our leader, Michael Stephens, languishing at home with a cold.

The party at Miss Swan Osborn's home launched us into the all-important planning of outings and the summer tour. A ringing weekend in the vicinity of Ely was decided upon for April 24th-25th. But as the voting for the third week in August was divided equally between Surrey and Somerset, the subject of the summer tour was shelved. Looking still further into the future, the rival attractions of canoeing and barge-cruising as alternatives to cycling were discussed and inquiries are to be made into the possibilities of the latter form of transport. Who knows but that in a few years' time the Bedfordshire Young Ringers may have taken to water like the proverbial duck?

This having concluded the business, a series of games enlivened the evening. During a period of recuperation following one of these, a toast was drunk in honour of the friends we have made in the course of our travels, to whom were added in 1953 many in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Huntingdonshire. More games followed, and finally ghost stories brought the evening to a close.

Originally the August tour was the only occasion of our all meeting together, and although our main activities are periodic outings and the annual tour, this social occasion just after Christmas is becoming one of the most enjoyable. R. W. S.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN BRASSINGTON

The Chester Diocesan Guild has lost a ringer of 50 years' standing by the death of Mr. John Brassington, of Fir Tree Cottage, Barthomley, aged 73 years. For many years a postman, 'Jack' was a lovely, quiet, unassuming character. He rang 88 peals for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

At the funeral service on January 12th at Barthomley Church the Rev. J. Bennett officiated. The six bearers were all ringing colleagues. They were Messrs. E. Allman, G. Astbury, F. Windsor, J. Timmis, H. Astbury and T. Skerratt.

MR. A. E. GASSON

It is with sincere regret that we record the death on January 12th of Mr. Albert E. Gasson at the age of 84 years.

Mr. Gasson was vice-captain of St. Mary's, Balcombe, Sussex, from 1908 to 1911, and captain from 1911 to 1938, and was also verger and sexton, carrying out these duties right up to the week previous to his death.

He had several six- and eight-bell peals to his credit and during his time as captain he taught many members to ring. He will be greatly missed by the local ringers and his many ringing friends.

A memorial service was held at St. Mary's on Sunday, January 17th, when the bells were rung half-muffled, and on Saturday, January 16th, a half-muffled memorial peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after two hours' ringing. Another attempt for a peal to his memory will be made. J. H. G. G.

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ENGAGEMENT

TRUEMAN—TESSON.—The engagement is announced between Ivor, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Trueman, of Ashbury, Blunsdon, Swindon, Wilts, and Heather, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Tesson, of McAdam, Stapehill, Wimborne, Dorset. 3865

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died February 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son Freddie, killed in Tunisia April, 1943. 3950

PUBLICATIONS

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF OXFORDSHIRE.' Vol. IV. (Final Volume). Price 10s. Supplied to purchasers of previous volumes only. Obtainable from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3566

'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS,' by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., now out of print. A few copies only left at original price, 21s. From the author, Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 3454

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Annual meeting, Stockport St. George, Jan. 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 3811

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, March (6), Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3828

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Shalford. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting and tea, S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, followed by social evening. Tickets for social 2s. each, obtainable from Mr. R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford; Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, West Farnborough, Hants; Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey; Mr. A. H. Smith, The Bungalow, Bookham Rec., Leatherhead. 3812

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A.G.M. at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. 3831

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Sidcup, Saturday, Jan. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 3834

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting on Jan. 30th at St. James', Clerkenwell. Bells from 3-4.30 p.m. followed by service, tea and business Evening ringing St. George's-in-the-Borough 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Prockson, 37, Long Meadow Road, Sidcup, Kent.—A. E. Salter, Dis. Sec. 3803

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, All Saints', Poplar. Ringing 3-4.45. Tea Lyons' Cafe. Short service 6 o'clock. Business in tower and further ringing to follow.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 3829

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Everyone welcome. 3830

SURREY ASSOCIATION—North Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Christ Church (8) 3 p.m. Tea at the Cricketers', Epsom Common, 4.30, followed by meeting. St. Martin's (10) after meeting. Election of District officers and committee. Nominations for general officers also three Central Council representatives. Notice for tea to Mr. Oakshott, Downs View, Lewins Road, Epsom. — R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3782

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church Cottage. — John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3785

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, Feb. 1st, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 2.15 to 4.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, 2.30 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral 3.45 to 4.45 and after meeting. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, 6. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 3841

ANNUAL EAST HARLING DINNER MARDLE.—To Norwich Area and all Norfolk Associations.—Saturday, Feb. 6th, Swan Inn, East Harling, 7 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, limited to 50. Bells available: Quidenham (8), North Lopham (8), East Harling (6), Bur Street bell (1) and handbells. Please book early.—Dr. P. Jonason, White House, E. Harling, Norwich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 6th. Ringing at St. Peter's, Bedford (8) at 2.30 Service 4.30 in St. Peter's Church. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea **must** be sent, **before** the day, to Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 3874

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Annual meeting of the Northwich Branch at Witton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present please inform, not later than Thursday, Feb. 4th, H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich. 3871

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Ladbroke, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Social in evening. Harbury bells available 3-4.15. Good bus service Leamington-Harbury. Arrangements being made for conveyance from Harbury to Ladbroke. Bus leaves Ladbroke for Leamington at 9.35 p.m. All welcome, but please notify for tea—**this is most important**.—Edden, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. (Harbury 314.) 3849

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting, Egremont, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday, please.—J. A. Maile, 1, Main Street, St. Bees. 3879

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8) 3-4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m.; St. Benet's (6) 2.30-4 p.m., 6.45-8 p.m.: R.C. (8) 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road. —H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3870

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Painswick (12), Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. —S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 3861

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Stone (6), Feb. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Feb. 2nd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3855

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Feb. 6th. St. Michael's (City) (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Good attendance, please.—A. Bennett. 3880

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Chertsey. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea **essential** by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd.—R. I. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham. 3826

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service, St. Leonard's, 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Notifications for tea, not later than Thursday, Feb. 4th, to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 3847

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Watford District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Watford (10) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Friday, 5th.—R. G. Bell, 1341, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. (Tel.: Watford 7936.) 3864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Blackburn, Feb. 6th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. A tea will be provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3851

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's Church, Blackpool, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3878

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m.-7 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3881

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Feb. 6th. Bells 2.40. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 3rd, to G. W. Moody, Walcot, Scunthorpe. 3837

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tunstall, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Own arrangements for tea.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at East Garston, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. West Shefford bells at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb 3rd, to G. Woodley, 3, School Lane, East Garston, Newbury. 3815

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckland, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to M. J. Prior, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon, Berks. 3833

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Loughton, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 3872

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Feb. 6th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room 5 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Notify for tea by Feb. 2nd.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 3846

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Annual, St. Giles', Northampton, Feb. 6th. Names for tea **essential** (catered 2s.), to reach me by Feb. 2nd. Branch committee 3 p.m. at Buildings.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 14, Millway, Duston. 3823

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Spratton, Feb. 6th. Names for tea essential, by Feb 2nd, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. Creaton bells available after 6 p.m. 3844

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting at Warminster, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3854

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting at Sheffield, Saturday, Feb. 6th. St. Marie's 3 p.m.; Cathedral evening. Tea only by request to:—Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. 3858

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8), Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m.: please take own food. 3819

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Feb. 6th. Bells (8 and 10) from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea for ratification for altering date of annual meeting and increasing annual subscription to 4s. or adopting sixpenny peal levy. Limited number for tea. Notify Mr. William Stannard, South Cottage, Raingate Street, Bury St. Edmunds.—C W. Pipe. 3848

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting at Horsham, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Feb. 3rd.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3875

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual meeting of Winchester District combined with dedication of Guild's War Memorial in Cathedral belfry on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells: Cathedral (12) 1-2, 6-7; St. Maurice (6) 7.30. Business meeting in St. Maurice Hall 2.30. Followed by tea at 3.30. Dedication at 4.45. **No one will be permitted to enter belfry after 4.40.** Evensong in choir 5.15. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3836

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Annual meeting, Feb. 6th, at Alton. Bells (8) available 4.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by Feb. 3rd. —C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 3856

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Watergate Road, Newport. Business meeting follows. 3862

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Business: Proposed alteration of rules. 3857

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The District annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Farnham (8). Ringing from 2-4.30 p.m. only. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Owen Hall at 5 p.m followed by the business meeting. Social evening from 7-9 p.m. Inclusive price of tea and social 2s. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3816

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Feb. 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 9th, please, to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, Ashford Road, Bethersden. 3866

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Wateringbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone 3867

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Emmanuel, Everton. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea must be sent, before Wednesday, Feb 10th. to:—Mr. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Road, Tuebrook, Liverpool 6. (Tel.: ANF 2930.) 3853

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting at Sileby on Feb. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Pochin Hall, **but only** for application received not later than Feb. 10th. Names to Mr. W. Draper, Highgate Road, Sileby, near Loughborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen Sec. 3863

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Annual meeting, Aberdare, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by Feb. 9th, to Mr. G. Kerley, 49, Monk Street, Aberdare.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 3845

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. at the Corn Hall. The usual welcome to Suffolk ringers. Palgrave bells available evening. Names for tea, by Feb. 9th, to A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Annual meeting, Feb. 13th, Mortimer, St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6), 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Burghfield (6) 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 8th to Nancie Swann, 49, Whiteknights Road, Reading. 3868

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Names for tea to me by Saturday, Feb. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 3869

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Alloa meeting on Feb. 13th from 2.30. Names for tea, by Thursday previous, to Alexander Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa. Annual meeting in Edinburgh, May 8th—details later.—R. St. C. Wilson. 3877

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Names for tea by 9th, to Mr. S. S. Hurst, Park Farm, Blyth, Worksop.—H. Denman. 3860

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner and social evening will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Ringing: St. Andrew's, Derby (10) 3 p.m.-5 p.m. and St. Alkmund's, Derby (8), 3-5.30 p.m. Morning peals are being arranged by request. Tickets 10s. from G. A. Halls, 672, Harvey Road, Derby. 3876

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 66th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on March 6th at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, when the chair will be taken by Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, M.C., D.L. Tickets 14s. 6d. each—early application advisable.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3808

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Audrey White (first quarter) 1, F. L. Andrews 2, H. G. White 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. Doel 5, E. Raymond 6. A birthday compliment to H. Doel.

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BELFRY CUSTOMS

WITH the contemporary desire for speed has also come a general slackening of moral standards and a departure from the way of life which our forefathers enjoyed. As a result the familiar 'couldn't-care-less' attitude has crept in and spread into most walks of life, even affecting the art of campanology. Yes, for all over the country belfry customs are dying out and are sadly neglected.

By way of an example, the customs observed, or now lapsed, by the ringers of Knowle, Warwickshire, can be adduced to represent hundreds of similar cases. It is hoped to create new interest in old customs by this article and also determine the cause of the disappearance of so many of them.

From November 5th (when the full octave is rung) until Christmas Eve the inhabitants of Knowle are reminded by the curfew of the restrictions imposed upon their remote ancestors by William the Conqueror, in whose day the curfew meant that no person must roam the streets between the hours of dusk and dawn. The first record of the curfew in Knowle is in 1672, but there is little doubt that it was rung long anterior to that date.

It seems, on consulting the Chapel Wardens' Accounts, that the bells were always rung in former days for such events as Christmas Day, Coronation Day and anniversary, Sovereign's birthday and on May 29th, Restoration Day. Except at Christmas and Coronations these customs have become obsolete, but another has been observed now for a number of years—the ringing out of the Old Year and the ringing in of the New Year. A peculiar use not mentioned in records but observed for a period extending beyond the limit of living memory is the chiming of the seventh bell for Catechism each Tuesday for six weeks prior to a Confirmation.

There is a wealth of interest behind the hundreds of old customs handed down to us if only one would spare the time to make inquiries. Many uses remaining to-day have origins so obscured by the mists of time as to be unknown —and therefore well worth investigation. On the other hand, customs only recently started will, in future centuries, be adhered to by our successors who will be equally inquisitive of our purpose in commencing them.

For instance, a custom at Knowle since 1931 has been to chime the Soldiers' Bell (the 2nd, given in memory of those who fell in the Great War) instead of the tenor for five minutes prior to service on Remembrance Sunday morning. Time will erase memories of this custom and this custom will be regarded as very strange, no doubt, in three centuries' time. A thought worth consideration.

Various reasons could be cited to account for the decline of belfry customs, but they can be broadly classified under two generic headings: (a) lack of interest on the part of ringers themselves; (b) the general public.

Ringers, on the whole, are normal folk—no bats in the belfry!—who are equally susceptible as their fellows to the common failures of the human race, so that a number of them remains apathetic towards observing customs. The common plea, 'I haven't time,' occurs again, and belfry custom slowly dies. Not that ringers should shoulder all the blame.

Often one finds a busy little town where only fifty years ago a sleepy hamlet existed. More people appreciate good ringing than ever before, but there is a minority who dislike it intensely and show it in characteristic fashion. It would be foolish to neglect their views altogether, for to unwilling ears bells rung continuously can be very monotonous. Therefore, nights on which customs are annually observed should never be utilised for the purpose of introducing learners to ring, or by attempting a fresh method. Good ringing should be the aim and not dubious methods.

Custom nights where the full number of bells is required should be well known beforehand and ringers reminded a week or two before the event. It could, if the area is well populated, take the place of practice night — with no practice, though. Naturally, where circumstances allow, it should be in addition to practice, for no keen ringer will miss the opportunity of ringing twice in one week.

Perhaps some will be spurred to consult past records of their church to trace and record old customs observed and now forgotten. Three questions can be asked in this study: (1) Who started the custom? (2) When? (3) Why? To those who take this trouble succeeding generations will be indebted.

England would be the poorer if the Guards wore only khaki, the Beefeaters wore mufti, the Trooping of the Colour forbidden and Coronations reduced to mere formalities of swearings-in. None of them is really necessary —nor are belfry customs, but there is much to be gained by their retention. The example of Coronation Year, with all the traditional pomp and pageantry it witnessed, would be fitting to add yet another chapter by the revival of as many as possible of age-old customs. Our belfries would lose their greatest attraction if customs are allowed to lapse, so to all those with a love of the traditional, get thinking, and reintroduce those customs to *your* belfry.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	8
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On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
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ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
TERRY R. HAMPTON	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

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SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Treble*	D. CECIL WILLIAMS	6
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DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	†RICHARD M. CURRIE	8
FREDK. W. ROGERS	4	†JOHN GILBERT	9
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Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* 25th peal on the bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS W. HESKETH	*Treble*	FRANK VARTY	6
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*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
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A compliment to the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, on the birth of a son.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
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JOHN SCOTT	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HENRY PARKER	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Cecil Raddon.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
W. RODNEY HARRISON	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
Rung to welcome home Maurice Bailey, now returned from H.M. Forces. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. H. Jones, of Repton.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*DAVID J. LAKER	*Treble*	*IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	5
ERIC H. KNAPP	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
*JOHN H. G. GARDNER	4	†KENNETH A. TRINICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert E. T. Gasson.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*CYNTHIA BIBBY (aged 13)	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
HENRY O. BIBBY	2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
*HAROLD MATTHIAS	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bibby.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
*STANLEY W. COPLING	2	BERT GOGLE	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
†DAVID HEIGHTON	4	JOHN MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 150th peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells, whose centenary as an eight will be celebrated this year.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	*MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
*GEORGE E. FEARN	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
*VINCENT A. HEMMING	3	*EDWARD T. LLOYD	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

BRYAN S. COPE	*Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON	5
CHARLES H. HARDING	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	HARRY PARKES	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 RAMSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First in the method for the Guild, and by all.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
*ROLAND BENISTON	2	*MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*RONALD G. EDWARDS	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

IAN JONES	*Treble*	ERIC BALDWIN	5
*MARGARET E. OPENSHAW	2	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	6
*STANLEY WALMSLEY	3	JAMES BLACKBURN	7
*G. BRIAN DICKINSON	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	5
*EDMUND MALIN	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	6
PETER BERESFORD	3	‡WALTER J. COPE	7
†ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 100th peal. ‡ First peal in the method.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Cope.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*JUDITH K. E. HARRIS	*Treble*	ALBAN DISNEY	5
JEANETTE M. SIMPSON	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
*RALPH ELKINGTON	3	GORDON H. ARGUILE	7
ROBERT D. WILSON	4	DAVID S. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal.
Rung by the local band for the enthronement of the Right Rev. R. R. Williams, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Leicester.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 47 lb. in F.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
EDMUND E. PEARSON	3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*DAVID N. PENROSE	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
*MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
†PATRICIA D. PROWSE	3	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	7
‡REV. A. S. ROBERTS	4	CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal on eight bells † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 175th peal.
First peal of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. I. S. Jenkins, Vicar of St. Ives, on being appointed Hon. Canon of Truro Cathedral.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

JAMES B. MORLEY	*Treble*	TOM C. FORD	5
ALBERT G. HARRISON	2	*WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR E. COOK	7
*LEWIS J. BATLEY	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. Mr. Slocombe is from Wellington, Somerset.
In memoriam Canon James A. Appleton, a former Rector of Diss.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*BARRY W. RICE	*Treble*	GEORGE SCHLUETER	5
H. WALTER SMITH	2	CECIL BARKER	6
*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	3	FRANK W. J. ROPER	7
PETER L. WOOD	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., in 1953.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul; and as a 64th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Schlueter.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	BRIAN PIDGEON	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT	6
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Charles G. Glass at the special request of the Vicar, Rev. A. Johnson.

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HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	6
ALBERT E. WHITING	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to William J. G. Brown, of Ipswich.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*IVOR SCOTT	*Treble*	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	5
†BRIAN WOODRUFFE	2	JAMES A. MILNER	6
MRS. A. RICHARDSON	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
ERIC SIMPSON	4	C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal. †First peal of Major away from treble.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Frances M. Laflin and Arthur Hibbert, who were married earlier in the day at St. George's Church, Stockport.

LOUTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

GWEN I. RUSBY	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Dorset Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11 cwt.

F. LEONARD TAYLOR	*Treble*	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	5
MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	CANON C. CAREW COX	6
HENRY G. KEELEY	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	4	CUTHBERT W. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CANON C. CAREW COX.

First peal on the bells after recasting and rehanging.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
*MURIEL REAY	3	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal in the method.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	RICHARD S. SLATFORD	6
*BRIAN BLADON	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	B. ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	THOMAS E. SONE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	*THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* 100th peal on the bells. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt.

HAROLD SMITH	*Treble*	WALTER HUNT	5
MRS. B. C. CASTLE	2	WILLIAM J. BROOKS	6
BERNARD C. CASTLE	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
LAURIE HALL	4	JACK PRINCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MURIEL PIPE	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
RUSSELL G. PARKER	4	ALBERT E. WHITING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. WHITING.

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

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt, 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
SIDNEY H. JONES	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Specially rung to commemorate the Enthronement of the Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Leicester.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 4¼ cwt. in C sharp.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN	3
*CHRISTOPHER R. F. MUNCEY	2	MICHAEL N. BLAND	4
MARIE K. ROBERTS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal 'inside.'

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS E. MALLARD	*Treble*	ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS	4
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	T. CHARLES BROWNE	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	*JOHN MOORE	5
*CECIL A. THOMPSON	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of Mr. C. A. Thompson joining the Norwich Association.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Five callings (5th Observation). Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

*ERIC FORD (16)	*Treble*	WALTER STEVENS	4
†MICHAEL J. STONE (15)	2	*JOHN J. FORD	5
RONALD D. SHORT	3	CECIL T. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

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

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: C.C.C., Nos. 34, 35, 36, 37, 49, 50, 51. Tenor 13 cwt.

SAMUEL JACKSON	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE	4
FRED INGALL	2	PETER MASON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

First peal of Bob Minor by all except the tenor ringer.

Rung as a compliment for the 94th birthday of Mrs. E. Ingall, mother of the 2nd and 3rd ringers.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD RIVERS	*Treble*	DONALD A. THEEDOM	4
†GILLIAN E. BROWN	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
FRANK W. LEWIS	3	WILLIAM KEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*PAMELA COOLING	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4
PETER JARVIS	2	WILFRED W. RING	5
HARRY BAKER	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	FRANK PEARSON	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK PEARSON.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as birthday compliments to T. C. Browne and F. Pearson.

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On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*RONALD HILL	*Treble*	†RONALD RUSSELL	4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	†JOHN H. BLUFF	5
†PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of April Day and ten each of Old, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

HUGH FALKNER	*Treble*	MRS. W. A. GODWIN	4
JOYCE MORSE	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	5
*BRIAN R. MYLES	3	RAYMOND G. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal 'inside' and of Doubles.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. H. Peach, M.A., as Rector of Meysey-Hampton.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*BETTY OLNEY	*Treble*	DAVID J. MARSHALL	4
AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT	5
MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	3	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

* First peal.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 15 extents of Plain Bob, 15 extents of Reverse Canterbury and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES RANFORD	*Treble*	JAMES WARD	4
C. WILLIAM NUTT	2	FREDERICK MERRICK	5
ROLAND E. LEWIS	3	*JACK MERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

A. EDWARD DOBB	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
GEORGE CHALLENS	2	ARNOLD HILL	5
ERNEST PRESTON	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal on the bells since 1916.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four 120's each of Old, Norfolk, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, and thirteen each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, the last two methods being rung alternately (28 callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*PATRICIA M. HOWARD	*Treble*	CLEMENT F. BONNETT	4
JOHN A. HOWARD	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	3	H. JAMES WILDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal. First peal in six methods by all except the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Imogen Darell-Waters (first in method) 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, W. Edwards 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. N. Harrison 1, Miss M. Gibson 2, Miss M. A. Softley 3, Miss E. Softley 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, P. Draffan 6, H. Walker 7, J. A. Ainsworth 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. G. Beaglehole, M.A., M.Litt.), who was inducted the previous evening.

BOW, E.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, C. W. Ottley 4, A. E. Hoare 5, G. F. Bryant 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, F. R. L. Blewer 8.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hodgson (first of Minor) 1, J. Ling 2, J. B. Porter 3, A. Hodgson 4, J. Butterfield 5, J. Boustead 6, A. Forsyth cover. Conducting shared by 5 and 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. Hodgson.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. May 1, J. Salway 2, W. Wills 3, C. Burnett 4, Prebendary E. V. Cox (cond.) 5, S. Hartnoll 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bray) and his wife. First quarter peal on the bells since being rehung.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Ward 1, Joan Hoodless 2, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 3, P. E. Ball 4, J. Troughton (first in method) 5, A. Simpson 6, E. Clemence 7, W. Perkins 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Fisher (first quarter away from tenor) 1, D. Murfin 2, J. F. Murfin 3, F. R. Lowe 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, F. G. Murfin 6.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A White 1, R. Crago 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. March 4, D. Hill (first quarter 'inside') 5, J. Badman 6, J. Nicholls 7, D. Lee 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, I. Whitehead 10. Rung for Matins by the Sunday service band.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, J. H. Allsop 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, J. Waters 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, J. Chilcott 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Phillips (cond.) 10.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Smith 1, C. Chappell 2, H. Scott 3, J. Smith 4, H. Weaver (cond.) 5, L. Ward 6.

HADLOW, TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. E. Rose 1, G. Fry (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. J. Harden 3, C. G. Parsons 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, V. S. Rose 6. Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. P. Aldhause 1, A. R. Barrett 2, A. J. Barrett 3, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 4, G. Smith 5. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. P. Aldhause 1, S. T. Hauley (first 'inside') 2, A. R. Barrett (cond.) 3, H. M. Windsor 4, G. Smith 5.

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Chedzey 1, J. Hobbs 2, E. Reasons 3, M. Farthing (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, G. Cox 6. First quarter on the bells since being rehung. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, who was installed as a prebendary the same day.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 All Saints, 300 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Eileen M. Malden 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. First quarter by all in three methods. Rung for Confirmation service taken by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R. Carless 1, A. M. Flynn 2, J. Mary Funnell (first 'inside') 3, R. J. Stokes 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, C. E. J. Blake 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, R. Wallis 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Robert Dalby Reeve, hon. architect to the Parish Church.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Beryl Pittaway 1, P. Nash 2, R. W. Rex 3, G. K. Dodd 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. F. Crook 6, H. N. Reed 7, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

READING, BERKS.—On Jan. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Waldegrave (first quarter on eight bells) 1, A. Diserens 2, J. N. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, E. W. Colley 5, R. F. Diserens (first as cond.) 6, N. J. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. E. Brown (cond.) 1, Dorothy Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, R. Hall 5, A. Chapman 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Allan Chapman. Rung by the local band.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Clements 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. Whitehead 3, H. S. Peacock 4, W. Ransome 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester (cond.) 3, M. Saunders 4, L. Wootton 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Sulgrave (the Rev. W. S. Pakenham Walsh) on his 83rd birthday.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. C. Bonnett (14) 1, J. A. Howard (14) 2, G. F. Tizzard 3, I. A. C. Butcher 4, H. Meades (89) 5, C. F. Bonnett 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, H. J. Wilde 8. First quarter of Triples by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of the ringer of the 5th.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. A. Sydenham 7. A birthday compliment to Miss N. Hales.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Titt 1, H. Tudgay 2, J. Phippin (first quarter) 3, L. Hawkins 4, N. Knee (cond.) 5, T. E. Mullard 6. Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and as a compliment to J. Phippin, who journeys 20 miles each Sunday for service ringing.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. J. Taylor 1, R. Rowley 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, E. Durrant (first in the method 'inside') 4, S. H. Hoare 5, J. E. Rootes 6, W. Wenban 7, R. King 8.

WEST HARTLEPOOLS, CO. DURHAM.—At All Saints' Church Stranton, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret James 1, R. Webster 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Mrs. K. Lawson 4, K. Lawson 5, W. Maughan 6, H. Short (Whitby, cond.) 7, J. Maughan 8. Rung for Evensong.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Carless 1, Miss N. Evans 2, Miss S. Banks 3, Miss M. Jewkes (first quarter) 4, C. J. Shepherd (cond.) 5, D. A. Shepherd 6. Rung on the occasion of the 40th wedding anniversary of the parents of the treble ringer.

A WENSLEYDALE AUTHORITY

Mr. Henry Parrish Completes 51 Years' Service

Yorkshire ringers will congratulate Mr. Henry Parrish, of Kirk Lea, Middleham, on completing 51 years as a bellringer and chorister at Middleham Parish Church. He is an authority on Wensleydale, on which he has given many lantern lectures. The occasion was marked by a presentation from his fellow ringers, the gift being handed over by his sister. Miss J. Parrish, who has been a ringer for 42 years.

For many years Mr. Parrish has been conductor of St. Alkelda's Guild of Change Ringers and is the sole survivor of the six members who years ago had badges made from the metal of the discarded second bell of Middleham Parish Church.

Mr. Parrish has preserved many cards recording notable performances by St. Alkelda's Guild of Change Ringers, including one dated Thursday, November 29th, 1906, described as 'a peal of 5,040 changes of Minor, consisting of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob in three hours and eight minutes.' A footnote states: 'First peal ever rung on Middleham bells, also first peal by any of the ringers.'

On that occasion the tenor bell, weighing 9¼ cwt., was rung by the conductor, Dr. Henry Pauli, and the team comprised Messrs. John Sarginson, George Handley, Henry Parrish, Anthony Peacock and Henry Jones.

The earliest record is an extent of Bob Minor on Sunday, October 23rd, 1904, this being the first of Minor by the Guild under the instruction of Mr. Robert Burrows, of Richmond, and the first by Middleham ringers for about 20 years. Mr. Burrows rang the tenor bell and the team was Messrs. William Sykes, George Handley, Henry Parrish, Henry Jones and Dr. H. Pauli.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. Peter Crook

At the annual meeting of the Bolton Branch, held on January 23rd at Bolton Parish Church, a presentation was made to Mr. Peter Crook, Bolton's popular Branch secretary, who was resigning that position after 35 years' service.

The members of the Branch had previously decided that some form of recognition be made to Mr. Crook in view of his long service. The presentation was made by the Vicar and Rural Dean of Bolton (the Rev. R. G. Norburn) who expressed the good wishes of the whole Branch in most suitable words. Mr. Crook was then presented with a peal records book bound in leather with the inscription in gold: 'Ringing Records. Peter Crook.'

Peter will indeed have a very busy time filling in the peal records because by the time this goes to press he is expecting to have rung his 400th peal. Mr. Crook thanked the Rural Dean and the Branch members for their beautiful gift, and gave one or two reminiscences of his past experiences in Bolton and district in the good old days.

Mrs. Crook also came in for a present and this took the form of a brooch, for which she expressed her great thanks.

The meeting was a great success. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crook were in complete ignorance of any presentation and it was quite unexpected that Mrs. Crook would have been at the meeting at all.

The company sat down to a sumptuous tea provided by the Parish Church ringers and afterwards returned to the very fine tall tower where the excellent ring of eight (tenor 15¼ cwt.) was rung until 8.30 p.m. Thus ended a very happy and, indeed, memorable day.

J. T.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

S. and W. District Annual Meeting at Heston

Five changes were made in the officers of the South and West District elected for 1954 during the meeting held at Heston on January 16th. The officers are:—Master, Mr. F. T. Blagrove; Deputy Master, Mr. R. F. B. Speed; secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; assistant secretary, Mr. D. Judd; auditor, Mr. J. B. Sansom; and three members of the Central Committee—Messrs. F. A. Finch, H. J. Eldred and T. Collins.

The meetings rota was left in the hands of the secretary, who said that, as far as possible, meetings would be held on the third Saturday in each month. It was decided to invite the Cumberland Youths to Twickenham on July 17th, and the Oxford Guild to Hillingdon on October 16th.

The accounts showed a great improvement on the previous year, with a balance on the right side of £25.

The secretary's report (adopted by acclamation but no extra pay!) recorded 16 tower-bell peals rung in the District, of which eight were rung at Stanwell. Leading conductor was Mr. F. T. Blagrove with seven peals conducted. Quarter peals rung were 54, of which 28 (all conducted by Mr. F. T. Blagrove) were rung at Stanwell. New members elected during the year were 26. The average attendance at the seven District meetings was 34, and at the three joint meetings 70.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Reuben Sanders on his 80th birthday. One new member was elected, Mr. O. Haythorne, of Ruislip.

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S. Nicolas' bells, Guildford, which have been silent for six months, excepting Christmas Day, owing to tower repairs, are now available. Practice night is Wednesday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

It was Mr. Arthur Fidler, son of the well-known Mr. J. P. Fidler, who chimed the bells of St. Anne's, Alderney, on January 24th, which was mentioned in this column last week. J. P. informs his inquirers that he has a cast iron alibi and must decline the congratulations that have been showered upon him. 'We have not yet reached the stage where we can ring bells by remote control,' he adds.

The bells of St. Anne's, Alderney, have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. with a tenor of 13¼ cwt. and were rehung by Mr. Arthur Fidler. These bells were removed by the Germans during the occupation of the island, and after recovery were hung in the churchyard on wooden supports.

With the peal at Westbury, Wilts, Brian Bladon, from Swindon, has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Congratulations to Mr. A. C. Thompson, a member of Derby Cathedral band, who rang his 100th peal on January 23rd.

For the enthronement of the new Bishop of Leicester, the Leicester Cathedral ringers produced something new—the first peal of Langley Surprise Maximus.

The Lord Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the bells in Great Amwell Church, Herts, which were recently restored and augmented to a ring of five as a village memorial to the late King George VI. on Sunday, February 21st, at 11 a.m.

We apologise to Miss S. Davis for being credited with her first peal of Plain Bob Major at Bucklebury in our last issue. Her contribution to ringing covers a long period, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild have conferred upon her probably their highest honour by making her a vice-president.

On the day after his 89th birthday Mr. H. Meades, of Turners Hill, Sussex, rang his first quarter peal on eight bells (the fifth to Grandsire Triples). This keen and active 'young man' attends regularly two practices a week (East Grinstead and Turner's Hill) and rings every Sunday at the latter tower. Mr. Meades only commenced ringing again some two years ago after a lapse of 50 years. About 18 months ago he rang a quarter peal of Doubles, this being his first long touch for about 51 years.

Will the conductor of the peal of Doubles at Cuxton, Kent, on January 25th, please forward his name to the Editor?

Bedfordshire Young Ringers rang a quarter peal at Kempston, and not at Bromham as was recorded in our last issue. Their party was at the home of Miss Susan Osborn (see page 78).

The sympathy of his many ringing friends is extended to Mr. Frank E. Haynes, of Smethwick, in the sudden death of his wife on January 27th.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed and Mr. Alick Cutler rang their 100th peal together on January 30th at Twickenham. Ninety-nine of these peals were of Surprise.

Mr. A. E. Boylett, who for 26 years has been a ringer at Horsell Parish Church, Surrey, has retired. Fellow ringers rang a complimentary quarter last Sunday.

Mr. Ernest W. Beadsmore, the veteran tower-keeper at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, was prevented by illness at the last moment to stand in the first peal of London Surprise on his bells. Mrs. S. H. Jones, of Repton, came along at an hour's notice and filled the gap, and the band thank her accordingly.

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DEATH OF MR. G. M. KILBY

Three Times Master of the Middlesex County Association

As was briefly announced in our issue of January 29th, the Ringing Exercise has lost a valuable member in the person of George Martin Kilby, of Ruislip, who died on January 23rd, aged 71 years. The funeral and interment took place at St. Martin's, Ruislip, on January 28th. In spite of the bitter weather many of his old friends attended. The family mourners included the widow and only son, and Mr. E. H. Kilby (nephew). Amongst wreaths was a token of affection and respect in which members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild had for George Kilby.

After the church service the interment took place nearby. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. W. Coles (vice-president, North and East District) 1-2, W. H. Coles (vice-president South and West District) 3-4, F. W. Goodfellow (hon. secretary, South and West District and Central Council member) 5-6, W. N. Genna (assistant general secretary) 7-8. Also present at the graveside were Mrs. E. C. S. Turner (representing the general secretary), Messrs. T. J. Lock (North and East District secretary and Central Council member), F. Corke, G. H. Hart, T. E. and Mrs. Lankester and the Ruislip ringers. The bells of St. Martin's were rung half-muffled both before and after the funeral, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by Mrs. G. Savory 1, W. Bunce jun. 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Picthall 4, A. Hunter 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, T. Collins (conductor) 7, F. Corke 8.

George Kilby was a very keen and clever ringer, joining the Willesden band in the early part of the century, and later, in 1931, becoming a member of the Ruislip band. He started his ringing career as a six-bell ringer at Willesden, where the bells were not augmented to eight until 1915, and rang a good deal at Edgware, too (where, after a long silence, the bells are again being rung). His first peal was of Minor in five methods at Willesden on September 3rd, 1910. Several of his earliest peals were rung for the London County Association, but it was with the Middlesex County Association that George Kilby rang most of his peals. Under the leadership of William Pye, he was one of the band that pioneered the ringing of Spliced Surprise Major, and they rang peals in the full sequence of three to twelve methods inclusive.

209 SURPRISE PEALS

George Kilby also rang in the first peals of several Surprise methods, of which he rang 209. One hundred and eighty of his 362 tower-bell peals were rung at Willesden, where he evidently had his favourite bell, for he rang 96 peals on the third! His last peal was of London Surprise Major at Old Windsor, conducted by C. W. Roberts, on December 30th, 1950.

He was a very regular Sunday service ringer and took a keen interest in church affairs, being a sidesman and church councillor. He was a most loyal and enthusiastic member of the Middlesex Association and he was Master three times, and Deputy Master three times, of the South and West District, besides serving on the Central Committee for several years, resigning from the latter last year.

George was a noted wag, always ready with the humorous remark and the funny story—and what a store he had of the latter. He could be fiercely critical, and how he liked to enunciate those long adjectives! But his fierceness usually subsided in a mischievous grin and his normal good nature reasserted itself. His health had troubled him of late years and he had been unable to ring recently. He remained avid for news of ringing till the last, and the day before he died was able to appreciate a message of good cheer from the District annual meeting. George kept a record of the ringers (406) with whom he had rung peals, and marked with a cross the names of those (as he put it) 'who have passed for ever from the dream of bells.' They numbered 113. Now he has joined them. God rest his soul.

HIS PEALS

The following is George Kilby's list of peals:—

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 9, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Isleworth Bob 1.

Caters.—Stedman 5 (1), Grandsire 1.

Triples.—Stedman 25 (1), Grandsire 16 (4).

Major Surprise.—London 25, Bristol 26. Cambridge 53, Superlative 31, Yorkshire 5, Rutland 3, Norfolk 2, Lincolnshire 2, Ealing 2, Wembley 1, Pudsey 1, New Cambridge 1, Eastcote 1, Willesden 1, Bayswater 1.

Spliced Surprise Major.—Three methods 1, four methods 26, five methods 4, six methods 2, seven methods 2, eight methods 1, nine methods 2, ten methods 1, eleven methods 1, twelve methods 1.

Major.—Kent Treble Bob 18, Oxford Treble Bob 8, Little Albion Treble Bob 1, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 23, Plain Bob 19 (1), Double Oxford Bob 2, Edmonton Bob 2, Winchester Bob 1, Marlborough Bob 1, Double Coslany Court Bob 1, Little Bob 2, St. Clement's Bob 1.

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 2, Plain Bob 4, three methods 4, four methods 3, five methods 1, seven plain methods 1, seven Treble Bob methods 4, seven methods 7. 362 (7).

Total.—369, including 209 in Surprise methods.

The figures in parentheses refer to handbell peals.

IN BERLIN FOR FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, January 24th, the bells of Berlin, this great but now devastated city, rang a peal to commemorate the opening of the Four-Power Foreign Ministers' Conference (so reported the German Press).

Among the bells which contributed to this great tumult of sound was the Freedom Bell, which is suspended high in the belfry of Schomberg Town Hall, which since the East-West split of Berlin has become the seat of the Senate of Berlin and the political centre of the free city in front of the Iron Curtain.

The Freedom Bell, replica of the famous American Liberty Bell, whose resounding tones daily reverberate from aloft, exhorts the inhabitants of the city not to weaken, not to flag in their resistance against tyranny.

As one whose work recently has daily taken me behind the Iron Curtain, the beautiful tone of this bell echoing across the city has provided welcome relief from an uneasy atmosphere and heralded the approach of another night in the freedom of the Western Sector, where in the Kurfürstendamm, the theme of so many songs, the subject of lovers' dreams, and yearned for by all exiled Berliners, has once more regained its former splendour, and where from many delightful restaurants we British Pressman can observe this great German boulevard which at night is transformed into a thrilling fairyland, glittering with myriads of coloured lights. To all of us the sound of this great bell is a reminder of something that is truly English and a greater realisation of the part bells play in the lives of us all.

—Yours faithfully, DONALD G. CLIFT.

Berlin.

NEW ZEALAND RINGERS HONOUR THE QUEEN

Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers were very proud to have the honour of ringing for the visit to Christchurch of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

On their arrival Grandsire Triples were rung as they passed the Cathedral, set changes on the ten bells having been rung previously.

The next day, January 19th, a touch of 480 Grandsire Triples was rung on the heavy eight prior to Evensong, which was attended by the royal visitors.

To mark this great occasion in the records of the Exercise a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on Saturday, January 23rd, conducted by Mr. Fred Savage. Fittingly, the band consisted of three New Zealand and three English ringers. Two of the band travelled over 100 miles to take part.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE, 1954

Headquarters for the Council's meeting at Whitsun, 1954, will be the CROWN HOTEL, CLAYTON STREET WEST, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE 1. The charge for BED & BREAKFAST IS 22s.

A further list of hotels will be published shortly.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on January 23rd, 49 members and visitors being present. The Rector of St. Martin's (the Rev. A. D. F. Mackenzie) conducted the Guild service and preached. The Rev. A. Phillips (Vicar of Damerham) assisted in the service, and the Branch chairman was at the organ. Some of the ringers' wives and families provided and prepared tea in the Parish Hall, which was followed by the business meeting.

The secretary and treasurer presented the balance sheet showing a balance carried forward of £28 15s 4d., and the report of the Branch activities during the year, which included three peals (two for the Coronation), the new Coronation treble at Durrington and the welcome of the new band there. The chairman read the Branch report for 1886, which had recently come into his hands, and made an interesting contrast.

Most of the Branch officers were re-elected:—Chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Chalk; secretary, Miss Y. L. Eloie; Ringing Masters, Messrs. A. Haines, J. Mussell, H. Abrahams, J. Maidment and Miss J. Gray. Members of committee, Mr. J Lewis and Mr. C. Haines. Six ringing members were elected: Messrs. N. Bush and J. Baverstock (Damerham), F. R. Haines (Wilton), E. Reeves (Martin), Miss A. Bacon (Sarum St. Martin) and Miss J. Hillier (Sarum St. Thomas). The Rev. and Mrs. A. Phillips were welcomed as honorary members, having come from the Dorchester Branch.

A resolution was passed that the meeting urge that the motion deprecating the introduction into churches of recordings of bells be reconsidered by the Church Assembly.

A donation of two guineas was voted towards a memorial plaque to the Rev. H. W. Moule in Damerham Church.

Ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening at St. Paul's, St. Martin's and St. Thomas'.

HEAVITREE HONOURS MR. CHARLES G. GLASS

An 80th Birthday Peal

In the peal columns will be found an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles G. Glass. This effort was especially requested by the Vicar of Heavitree (the Rev. Arthur Johnson), by whom, as well as by all his ringing friends, he is held in very high esteem. A gentleman of the 'old school,' the best wishes of all are most heartily extended to him for his continued good health and well being—on to the hundred!

Mr. Glass learned to ring at Clyst St. George as long ago as 1884 and was a boyhood admirer of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, who was then in his closing years. He was awarded the proficiency certificate in 1887.

He moved to Heavitree in 1907, where he has been an active member ever since. Recently, on Friday, January 22nd, his birthday, he could have been seen climbing the many steps to the bell chamber to oil and prepare the bearings and fittings for his birthday peal.

Mr. Glass, for the past 20 years, has been steeplekeeper and Ringing Master at Heavitree and much of the credit is due to him and his care and maintenance for the fine condition the bells are in to-day. The bells were new in 1897 and have been rung regularly ever since without the bellhanger's attention.

In the words of his Vicar, a staunch supporter of all the activities of Heavitree Church, regular communicant, church councillor, feoffee administrator, a man we delight to honour. Other honours have not passed him by. He was a member of the Exeter Cathedral band (1915-1951), 13 years of which he was Ringing Master. He is also a past chairman of the Exeter Branch, Devon Guild. Mr. Glass, now an octogenarian, still renders his devoted service to church, ringers and bells—long may he continue to do so. F. W.

PRESENTATION TO NAILSEA'S RETIRING CAPTAIN

The Nailsea ringers, at their practice on January 18th, were joined by the Rector (the Rev. W. Russell Davey), who presented an inscribed pewter tankard to Mr. E. J. Baker in recognition of his many years' service and his resignation of the captaincy after 21 years.

The Rector thanked the ringers in general, and Mr. Baker in particular, for their valuable service to the Church and then presented the gift.

Mr. Baker suitably replied, and recalled that when he started ringing, 60 years ago, he was one of three who started on that evening. One never came again and the other came only once more whilst he (the speaker) had been ringing ever since and would still be pleased to come along when he was needed.

The tankard is inscribed:—'E. J. Baker. 60 years Bellringer. Nailsea Parish Church. (21 years Captain.) From his fellow ringers. January, 1954.' M. J. H.

'CIRCLING THE TOWER'

With the peal at Rolvenden, Kent, on January 20th, Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, 'completed the circle' in his 14th tower. His record is unusual.

'Completed the circle' twice and conducted round the circle once at Marden, Staplehurst, Linton and Brenchley.

'Completed the circle' once and conducted round the circle once at Headcorn, Aylesford, West Malling and Hadlow.

'Completed the circle once' at Tunbridge Wells, Leeds, Penshurst, Rolvenden, Rotherfield and Salehurst.

A STOCKPORT WEDDING

Mr. Arthur Hibbert — Miss Frances Laflin

A wedding of much interest to Cheshire ringers was solemnised at St. George's Church, Stockport, on January 23rd, between Mr. Arthur Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, and Miss Frances Muriel Laflin, of Stockport. The bride has been for nine years a regular Sunday service ringer at St. George's and for the last three or four years hon. secretary of the North-Western District of the Ladies' Guild.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick, Vicar of St. George's, assisted by Canon W. Green, Vicar of St. Thomas à Becket, Chapel-en-le-Frith. The magnificent church was lit up with its new lighting system and there were 12 boy choristers to lead the singing.

The bride was attended by her younger sister, Mrs. Winifred B. Browett, who acted as matron of honour. Mr. Harold Hibbert was best man to his brother.

As the happy couple left the church and organ music behind, the bells above crashed out in rounds and firing successively until the bridal car had left the church avenue on its way to the reception. After this a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by ringers from other towers mixed with some of the home band.

The reception, which was held at a local cinema cafe, was attended by intimate friends and relations of bride and bridegroom and included enough ringers to give a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells whilst the cake was being cut. It was thought that, as the bride made the cake (a two-tiered piece of architecture), she must have known exactly where to put the knife in—it looked so easy. The usual toasts were given and replied to, speeches made and all too soon the time came for the newly-married couple to leave for their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert will reside at Chapel-en-le-Frith, where the former is teaching a young band to ring the six bells.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Gained 26 New Members in 1953

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at Hitchin on January 23rd. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock followed by a short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. O. Walsh). Canon J. Bailey (former Vicar of Norton and an honorary member of the Association) gave the address. One could not have wished for better encouragement than that given in this sermon reminding all present that although we liked to ring on higher numbers of bells, the five-bell towers must not be neglected, as one day they might have more, as was the case in his own parish of Norton.

Some 33 members sat down to tea at the Triangle Cafe. The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber with the Vicar in the chair. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Thomas Werrett, the only member to have passed on to higher service during the year.

The secretary reported that 26 new members had been elected during the year and that 22 peals had been rung in the District, six of which were for the Coronation. The balance sheet showed a balance of £29 10s.

Mr. D. P. Jones was elected as Ringing Master, Mr. E. G. Buck District secretary, and Messrs. B. Marks, D. P. Jones, E. Winters, J. Dear, F. Croft and H. Werrett committee.

Three new members were elected, viz:—Misses F. Welsh (Walkern) and M. Collins (Norton) and Master A. Tuttle (Hitchin) With the usual vote of thanks the meeting closed and further ringing continued until 9 o'clock.

E. G. B

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Good Sunday Service Report From Northern District

There was an attendance of 83 members at the annual meeting of the Northern District, which was held at Bocking on January 16th. The service in the Deanery Church was conducted by Mr. R. Suckling, Miss H. G. Snowden (the District Master) read the lesson, and the Dean preached.

The business meeting was held in the Workman's Hall after a fine tea which was prepared by Miss Snowden and some lady friends of the ringers. Miss Snowden extended a hearty welcome to all the members and visitors, which included Mr. R. C. Heazel (the Association's Master), who presided over the meeting.

The District Master reported that with the exception of two churches all the bells in the District were rung for Sunday services and that 37 peals had been rung during 1953.

The secretary, in his report, stated that six meetings had been held with an average attendance of 46, and welcomed into the Association the towers at Belchamp St. Paul and Shalford.

Two nominations were received for the position of District Master, and Miss H. G. Snowden was re-elected. Mr. H. A. Pratt was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. J. Elliott and J. Warner as committee members.

Colne Engaine was chosen for the next meeting in March. Four new members were elected. Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean, the ladies who prepared the tea and all who had helped to make the meeting a great success. Some were present from Mistley, Ardleigh, Wanstead, Great Waltham, Thaxted, Bures, Clare, Bocking, Kelvedon, Braintree, Stebbing, Great Dunmow, Black Notley, Pebmarsh, Witham, Finchingfield, Sible Hedingham, Great Bardfield, Wickham St. Paul, Halstead, Feering, Earls Colne and Stisted.

Ringing on the Deanery Church bells was resumed after the meeting; the handbells were also made good use of.

HOCKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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4ths place bob.

Rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, January 4th, 1954.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION FEES
Notice Given the Previous Year

Dear Sir,—In the report of the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. G. H. Cross is reported to have said that the Central Council 'had no right to spend a Society's money before the matter had been referred to the members.' Mr. F. E. Hawthorne added that 'the recommendation came as a bombshell.'

Both Mr. Cross and Mr. Hawthorne, as well as the Society's other two representatives, were present at the 1952 meeting at Lincoln when Mr. G. W. Fletcher announced that he had been asked by the Standing Committee to give notice of an increase in affiliation fees. This was reported on page 379 of 'The Ringing World' of June 13th, 1952, and the leading article in the same issue commented that 'The Council has now come to a review of its own budget . . . . The obvious course is to increase the affiliation fee, and in giving notice of this at Lincoln the Standing Committee will enable the Council to enter the new chapter of its career free of financial embarrassment.'

There was, therefore, ample opportunity for the Cumberlands, in common with all other affiliated Societies, to consult their members before the motion was voted on at Bournemouth.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Sec., Central Council.

NON-WORKING BELLS IN PEALS

Dear Sir,—In your leader of January 22nd the question was raised at to whether a treble or tenor ringer is entitled to claim a peal if he does not do the inside work. You say it is difficult, if not impossible, to assert with complete exactitude this interesting point.

The B.B.C. in 'What's My Line?' often introduce the word 'loosely.' Let all the ringers claim the honour of the peal, even the trebles and tenors, with the proviso 'loosely' for the last-named two.

I may say there used to be an expert tenor ringer here named Monk. He rang no bell but the tenor and kept a steady pace for three hours, disregarding any neglect of the treble in widening out in Doubl~ Triples or Caters. He was in great demand by conductors for pulling the peal through.

Give the trebles and tenors their due, with the proviso 'loosely' to pacify the precisionists.

J. M. TURNER.

Moulton, Northampton.

THE STISTED PEAL

Dear Sir,—Valuable space is taken week by week in 'The Ringing World' by footnotes appended to peals. I am in favour of footnotes which are of genuine interest, but the one attached to the Stisted peal of Cambridge Minor in the issue of January 22nd is not only unnecessary, but also in **very bad taste.**

The Essex Association do not, I feel sure, wish to enter into any controversy in 'The Ringing World' over peals that have been rung and published.

Before writing to the Press, correspondents should make certain that their facts are correct.

The Essex Association has not yet taken any action regarding this peal and the conductor has not withdrawn it through the columns of 'The Ringing World.' That your correspondent thinks the peal has been withdrawn perhaps indicates his own dissatisfaction with it.

I hope, sir, that instead of using footnotes, you will perhaps consider some articles on the etiquette expected amongst members of the ringing fraternity.—Yours sincerely,

HILDA G. SNOWDEN,
Northern District Master,
Essex Association

ACCEPT THE 'NEW' SCIENTIFIC RINGING

Dear Sir,—Having had some 15 years' electronics experience (R.A.F. and commercial), the correspondence on 'synthetic' bells is of more than usual interest to me.

Moses summoned the children of Israel to worship by blowing a silver trumpet; it was not until the Roman Empire became Christian that bells were introduced to announce the holding of divine worship.

I have witnessed a priest from the Church of St. Sargious, built over the cellar in which the Holy Family lived in Cairo, walking about the streets clashing cymbals to call the faithful, and in the same city heard recordings of English bellringing from the tall grey tower of All Soints' Cathedral.

During the last 12 months between 10.45 and 11 a.m. on Sundays I have heard recorded bells two miles away and these sound very well. At the same time I have heard the discordant jangling of individual bells.

I feel sure that we bellringers should take this 'new' (we were thankful enough for radar) scientific ringing. We will not kill it if the best arguments are those we have read to date. The fact that the Church Assembly vote was not proceeded with was surely because some people did not want to see that body of Church workers, known as ringers, suffer further. We certainly put up a poor show over St. Bride's.

How many ringers know that just 12 months ago a device was introduced into St. Paul's Cathedral to travel the instantaneous electron in the slow company of sound to enable the whole congregation to hear and understand and lose the rumbling echo of unintelligibility. No words such as sham or farce were then used.

I don't think the arguments against amplified recordings will cut any ice except with those who want to silence bell-ringing. We would do better to set up a Central Council Committee on the subject to report. (Unfortunately, the Central Council is only interested in peals, otherwise it would have called for a report on 'silent' towers and no ringers long ago.)—Yours faithfully,

E. L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

WHERE 'CANNED' BELLS WERE A TONIC

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'canned' ringing, it may interest fellow-ringers to know that the Parish Church of St. Paul, Lisson Grove, until recently sounded forth bell-recordings from the roof top (as well as hymns and carols, etc., in season). This has now had to cease—a by-law here grants the fact that three people complaining against it can legally cause it to cease. The doleful single bell will have to be used to summon worshippers and to witness to the non-worshippers.

If I may add a personal point, it is that I shall miss this 'canned' ringing greatly. During training here for the Master's full-time service as Evangelists, we have very little free time to pursue ringing, and to the two sister-ringers and two brother-ringers here, the sound of even 'canned' through some of London's back streets—away from live ringing—is a real tonic. The other brother-ringer here, incidentally, was not impressed favourably with some 'canned' ringing he heard in Aylesbury—he considered the recording itself as either not the best available, or else worn.—Yours sincerely.

NOEL DENSON
(ex-Bristol Rural Branch Secretary).
Church Army Training College,
Cosway Street, N.W.1

'THE INDEFINABLE'

Dear Sir,—While admitting that from time to time 'forms of inquiry and speculation have found problems that seem to admit of no solution,' I do feel that the cases cited by E. C. S. do not justifiably come under the heading 'The Indefinable.'

Let us first consider the problem of Achilles and the tortoise. The argument uses the statement that 'space is infinitely divisible'; now, by similar reasoning (what a wonderful phrase that is), it will follow that time is infinitely divisible. Using this, I feel it is possible to reach a more satisfactory conclusion than that of 'the tortoise must always be a fraction ahead of the runner.'

Secondly, the problem of the frog jumping to the centre of the pond. Mathematical reasoning (and if it is mathematical it will be strict) proves that if we have a frog which is travelling to the centre of a pond, which always jumps half the distance between itself and its goal, then the frog will take infinite time to achieve its object; but, and here is a point for consideration, the mathemetician does not suggest for a moment he can find a frog which will be physically capable af satisfying the above limitations; he does not even suggest that he could verify whether a frog has performed satisfactorily. There is no contradiction: because a theoretical solution to a problem is obtained, it does not follow that either the solution or the problem is capable of practical achievement.

Now to the question of ringing. We will consider 'whether a man ringing the treble to Cambridge should describe himself as having rung a peal of Cambridge.' What exactly do we mean? What is required for a peal of Cambridge to be rung? I suggest that when eight bells (considering Major) are rung in changes and the order of those changes is such that it corresponds to the order which is defined as the Cambridge method and the number of changes is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of a peal, then a peal of Cambridge Major has been rung. 'But that is obvious,' you reply. It may be obvious, but it drives home the fact that a peal is rung by a team of ringers. I have yet to hear of a peal of Major being rung by less than two ringers! No, let us state our claims clearly; a man cannot ring a peal of Cambridge, he rings with a team of ringers who ring a peal of the method.

The argument, as given, confuses the issue. Don't let us cloud the problem by considering also whether the ringer about whom we are talking achieved another task as well (suppose the treble conducts the peal). A team of ringers is required for a peal and neither commonsense X nor commonsense Y is aptly named. They consider one man can ring a peal.

Similar clarity of expression will remove the suggested differences of opinion in the other examples considered by E. C. S.

'We leave the rights and wrongs of peal claims to the judgment of common opinion' only when we do not analyse what we have stated and see that it is precisely what we wish to claim.—Yours faithfully,

PETER E. PARRY.

West Byfleet, Surrey.

FIRST PEAL OF RUTLAND IN BEDFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I have just been informed that a peal of Rutland Surprise Major was rung at Bromham, Beds, on November 24th, 1951.

Please accept my apologies for claiming a peal of this method rung at Maulden a fortnight ago as being the first in the county.—Yours sincerely,

C. E. JEFFRIES.

Bedford.

LETTERS—Continued

RINGING IN MELBOURNE

Dear Sir,—I stand corrected by Mr. Philip M. J. Gray, captain of St. Paul's Cathedral (Melbourne) ringers. I am very penitent and chastened. I should have known better than publish Major Stretton's letter.

What I really had more in my mind was the liking for real, live change ringing was just as strong in Australia as in the Motherland.

However, I have written to both 'Captain' of the St. Paul's ringers and Major Stretton, admitting my indiscretion, promised not to do it again and passed on the very kind invitation of the Melbourne ringers to Major Stretton to look in on them, which I am sure he will do.

Finally, no offence thought of, much less intended, I would like to be included, as one, in those Mr. Gray mentions—'all ringing friends.'

Happy ringing, St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, ringers.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Christ Church, Crewe.

BURTON'S PIONEERS OF SURPRISE RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to your report of the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild in the January 29th issue of 'The Ringing World,' may I please make a correction?

It was William Wakley, father of W. C. Wakley, who must be associated with the 'Pioneers of Surprise Ringing.'

William Wakley was leader of the band (1874—until his death—1906) that made history in the 1880's.

W. C. Wakley did not join the band until 1896.—Yours truly,

W. C. WAKLEY.

Paignton, Devon.

SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir,—Church bells are placed in the church tower to be used as a service to God.

I remember being in a Roman Catholic church when a priest was showing a lady round. On coming to a statue decorated with flowers she asked the priest if they were artificial. The priest's answer was, 'No, Madam, nothing is good enough in the service of God but the real thing.'

If our bishops and clergy took the same view there would be no argument about synthetic bells.—Yours,

S. FLINT.

Liverpool.

5,056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By WILLIAM THORNLEY

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46325			—
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65324			—
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25346		—	—
32654	—		
63425	—		
24365		—	—
32546	—		
53624	—		
26354		—	—
32465	—		

Repeat

A=2 & 7, making an 8 lead course. The 36 C.H. with 4.5.6 in 6ths. Sixths place bobs.

Rung at All Saints', Leicester, on November 12th, 1953, conducted by the composer.

THE RINGER'S REWARD

From Aching Muscles and Blistered Hands to . . . .

A delightful article entitled 'Christmas Changes' appeared in 'Paks,' the house magazine of Eburite Corrugated Containers, Ltd., London, N.W.10, written by Miss Cynthia Clarke, a Middlesex ringer.

She tells of the initiation of the young ringer and adds expressively, 'In short, for the first few weeks, the ringer's lot is not a happy one, and he sees no reward for his labours other than aching muscles and blistered hands.

'Why, then, does he not give up the struggle? Perhaps because he knows that bells have something to say to him. Just as another person will find a complete expression of his individuality in music, painting or literature, so the true ringer will find complete satisfaction in the sonorous notes of bells. That is why he perseveres in his efforts until he has acquired the art of striking, and goes on from there to master the intricacies of change-ringing. He learns to understand the meaning of such expressions as "holding up," "hunting out to the back," "dodging" and "running in to lead.' He has become a regular member of the band.

'Now he begins to reap the reward of his early struggles. In addition to regular service ringing on Sundays, he will be able to participate in the changes rung in celebration of such national events as the recent Coronation. He will assist in the half-muffled ringing reserved for days of national mourning, and so hear—perhaps for the first time—the splendour and solemnity of bells used as a lament. Midnight on New Year's Eve will see him "ringing in" the New Year, and when, as now, we come to the year's ending, he will again be found in the belfry late on Christmas Eve night to ring for the celebration of a midnight service.

'Why does he do it? A hard question to answer, indeed. But as the last notes of his own salute to Christmas die away, the ringer puts on his coat and comes down the worn stone steps, out into the cold darkness which is the dawn of another Christmas Day, and knows that he has his reward. As he walks slowly towards home, he hears again in his mind the sound of the bells running round, than which there is no sweeter music in his ears.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

First Annual of North-Eastern District

The first annual meeting of the North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Mary's, Gateshead, on January 9th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The Guild service, conducted by the Rector (Canon Stephenson), was held at 4.30 p.m. and was followed by an excellent tea prepared by the ladies of St. Mary's, and enjoyed by 38 members and friends.

At the business meeting which followed tea Mrs. H. McGuiness was re-elected vice-president, and Mrs. N. I. Lea was re-elected hon. secretary. Mrs. M. Ranken resigned from both the District and General Committees and in her place Mrs. M. Lawson and Miss J. B. Softley were elected to the respective committees. Other members were re-elected to these committees. One hon. life member became a ringing member and eleven new ringing members were elected.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

In her report, the vice-president said that although the District had the very short life of one year, the ladies could be well satisfied with the results of the year's working.

It is hoped that the next meeting of the North-Eastern District will be held at Morpeth on May 1st, during the term of office of the Lady Mayor.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

V. WHAT HAPPENS AT THE BOBS

In an earlier chapter we said that as well as knowing the order of the bells, the conductor who used the Coursing Order technique would also know which bells were concerned in the bob and what work they did there. Let us examine our Coursing Orders again.

From the plain course a bob W brings up the course end 52436. But that won't tell the normal ringer which bells ran out, ran in, or made fourths place six leads earlier when the bob was called.

But that bob W changes the Coursing Order from 53246 to 32546 (ABC into BCA). If you write the figures out you will see that the three bells we have changed are the three which were concerned in the bob and that 3 ran out, 2 ran in and 5 made fourths place (i.e., **B ran out, C ran in and A made fourths).**

A bob M from the plain course brings up the course end 43652. But again this won't tell the ordinary ringer which bells were concerned in the bob a lead earlier.

But that bob M changes the Coursing Order from 53246 to 53462 (ABC into BCA).

If you write the figures out you will see that the three bells we have changed are the three which were concerned in the bob and that 4 ran out, 6 ran in and 2 made fourths place (i.e., **B ran out, C ran in and A made fourths).**

Similarly a bob H from the plain course changes the Coursing Order from 53246 to 52436 (ABC into BCA). You will again see that the three bells we have changed were the three which were concerned in the bob and that 2 ran out, 4 ran in and 3 made fourths place (i.e., **B ran out, C ran in and A made fourths),**

At the bob Before the tenors run out and in and we only need to know that our last bell in Coursing Order makes the bob and becomes first in Coursing Order.

You may find it helpful to remember that of the three bells concerned in the bob, it is the one that jumps over the other two which actually makes the bob. It is often the ringer of this bell who goes wrong and to be able to establish his position quickly is very useful.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' February 6th, 1914

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 28th, 1914, in 3 hours and 36 minutes

At the Church of All Saints

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

5,057 CHANGES

Tenor 33 cwt.

Henry G. Naish	Treble
John Howes	2
George E. Naish	3
William Shepherd	4
Frederick G. Goddard	5
Charles Slade	6
John H. B. Hesse	7
George Spencer	8
James N. Frossell	9
James Chandler	Tenor

Composed by John Wright. Conducted by John Howes.

Rung in celebration of the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Wright, who has been a ringer at the above church for more than 60 years.

[An exceptional span for those days. Mr. Wright, who had begun ringing somewhere about 1850, took part in muffled ringing for the Duke of Wellington's funeral in 1853.]

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

Civic Support for Second Annual Dinner

The Society held its second annual dinner on Saturday, January 23rd, in the Market Cross Hotel, Beverley. A total of 50 guests, friends and ringers responded to the good humour of the photographer, who set the event off on a happy tone.

After a good dinner the toast 'The Queen' was proposed by the chairman, Mr. A. E. Sellers, and the diners sat back to listen to the words of wisdom from the speakers.

Mr. C. W. Tye, of Hull, took the listeners back into the past by bringing the historical figures of Cardinal Wolsey, Bishop Alcock, of Ely, and the Beverley-born Bishop Fisher, of Rochester, into his toast of 'Church and State.'

The Society's chaplain, the Rev. G. Storer, responded to Mr. Tye, quoting modern statesmen who were good churchmen and had made their mark as such.

Mr. D. Fewster, of Patrington, welcomed the 'Visitors' and members of the 'Kindred Ringing Societies.' Changes had taken place during his ringing career; he remembered when visitors were tolerated more than welcomed, and the change had been brought about solely through the work of ringing societies.

The Mayor of Beverley, Councillor P. D. Dunn, replied for the visitors. Having taken ringing for granted until New Year's Eve, when he entered a belfry for the first time, he realised that there was more in change ringing than the pulling of a rope. Climbing 60 stairs to a very austere ringing chamber was not a very easy way to make a hobby, especially when compared to the conveniences of a modern club room. The good purposes to which ringing had been used made him proud to give the Society full civic recognition.

THE SPADE WORK

Mr. C. Glenn travelled from Nottingham to speak for 'The Kindred Societies.' He named six other Societies in Yorkshire which, together with Beverley Society, did the spade work for the Yorkshire Association through their monthly meetings, a total of 84. The Society had also re-awakened interest in bells and ringing in places where no ringing had been heard for years until the Society had visited the towers.

Canon T. H. Tardrew, of Beverley St. Mary, in proposing the toast 'The Beverley and District Ringing Society,' stated that the year had started well from St. Mary's belfry due to a joint effort of the two bands in the town. Amid laughter, the Canon explained how the two Vicars of Beverley had achieved perfect unity even down to the style of collar they wore. As ringers with their bells are the advance party to Sunday services and are heard by everyone, he asked that ringers should make it a point of discipline to start right on time with all the bells and give to visitors and friends alike the feeling that here was a church well worth attending.

Miss A. Davie, of Beverley, replied for the Society. Explaining that the Society was still quite young, she said some of its members were just the opposite. Three ringers present had served the church for 180 years between them and their efforts were an inspiration to the youthful ringers of to-day. The success of the Society depended on the co-operation of the clergy, and Miss Davie thanked them for giving it so generously.

The toast to 'The Chairman' was given by the Rev. R. C. Collwyn Hargreaves. As both gentlemen serve the Minster, Mr. Hargreaves had been able to trace the chairman's career from the old churchwardens' accounts, and he was pleased to congratulate him on reaching his 50th year as a ringer.

The entertainments between the speeches were changes on handbells and a record of changes on St. Mary's bells. The selection by the choir on the other side of the record also received loud applause.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Winter Meeting Attracts 78 Members

For the winter meeting on January 23rd the members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford went to the county town of Stafford. The weather was bright but very cold.

The Society's president, Venerable W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford, is also Rector of the Parish Church of St. Mary, where ringing took place on the pleasing ring of ten bells.

The fully choral service in this fine old church was conducted by the Archdeacon, assisted by the sub-rector. In a short address the Ven. W. A. Parker said that he had arranged for his full choir to be in attendance so that both choristers and ringers would realise how together they played an important part in the services of the church.

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Room, after which Mr. F. Bennett, lay secretary, thanked the Archdeacon, the sub-rector, organist and choir, together with Messrs. R. J. Warrilow and Garbett and the numerous lady helpers for the work they had put in to make the meeting so successful. The attendance of 78 was an indication of the regard which the members of the Society have for their president, the Archdeacon.

In a brief reply, Ven. W. A. Parker said it gave him much pleasure to have the members of the Society holding a meeting at St. Mary's.

Further ringing took place during the evening under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Wednesbury in March, the actual date to be announced later.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District at Horley

Meeting in January are arranged with justifiable trepidation as to the reaction of the elements and it was, therefore, a pleasant surprise to find a fine day for the annual District meeting at Horley on January 16th. This no doubt, helped to attract the 37 ringers who attended, among whom were included visitors from Croydon, Guildford and Turners Hill as well as 25 District ringers representing 12 towers.

Ringing started at about 3.15 and continued until the service at 4 which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Torrens), who gave a very thought-provoking address. After this the company repaired to the Cafe Collette and, all inner needs having been supplied, proceeded to the business meeting, at which the Vicar took the chair.

Nine new members were elected and two elections prior to peals were ratified.

The committee's report, which was presented by the secretary (Mr. C. J. Champion), showed that while all meetings held had been very much enjoyed and some progress had been made, there was still considerable room for improvement in all fields. The statement of accounts for 1953 showed that District funds had remained steady.

The following District officers were elected for 1954:—Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon; hon. secretary, Mr. C. J. Champion; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; committee, Miss B. J. Mayers, Messrs. G. Olliver and D. J. Parr; hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover.

After nominations had been received for officers of the Surrey Association for 1954 and matters for the annual general meeting had been discussed, the meeting turned to the programme for 1954, which proved to be the most lively item on the agenda.

The annual District meeting for 1955 was fixed for Dorking, if available, otherwise Godstone, and an invitation from the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association to a joint meeting at Edenbridge on May 1st was accepted. A motion was then placed before the meeting to cut the number of meetings held during the year from twelve to seven or eight. This provoked considerable discussion and when put to the vote was lost by 13 to 10. A further motion that no meetings be held in August or September was carried.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for taking the chair, and to Mr. A. J. Bull for making the arrangements.

After a collection for the Belfry Repair Fund, which brought in £1 0s. 6d., many made their way back to the tower, where further ringing in a variety of methods up to Superlative Surprise Major was enjoyed until about 9 p.m.

5,300 STEDMAN CATERS — by Frank E. Darby

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Rung at Beddington, January 9th, 1953.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM J. G. BROWN

With the passing of Mr. William J. G. (Bill) Brown on January 20th at the age of 69 years, the Ipswich St. Mary-le-Tower Society loses one of its best-known members.

Coming to Ipswich in 1928 from Laxfield, where he had done some amount of ringing, he attached himself to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society and with them took part in many famous performances which helped to make ringing history. Amongst these were the first peals of New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rochester and York Surprise Maximus ever rung; he rang the tenor to the Rochester.

Besides being a good and safe ringer, loving good striking, he was a reliable conductor. He was also a good handbell ringer and rang the tenor to peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, the latter being the first in the method for over a hundred years.

He took part in some of the later of the annual tours arranged by the late William Pye, notably the one to Ireland, where he rang peals in several towers. In all he rang about 300 peals, of which 200 were for the Suffolk Guild. His list included 45 peals of Surprise Maximus in seven methods. His last one on tower bells was Stedman Caters at Grundisburgh on September 24th, 1949, since when his health had been gradually failing, and he was seen no more in the belfry. He was, however, always keen and enjoyed talking about ringing and also a touch on handbells, and on these he rang his last peal of all, one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, on December 1st, 1951, when he conducted his own composition.

The cremation service, taken by the Rev. B. F. Hinde, M.C., on January 25th, was attended by Messrs. Charles E. Fisher (vice-president), Charles J. Sedgley (Ringing Master), Cecil W. Pipe (general secretary) of the Suffolk Guild, and George E. Symonds (secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society). Also present were Mrs. C. E. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Button, Messrs. William E. Tillett and Charles Woodcock. R.I.P.

MR. J. BEACH

By the death of Mr. Jim Beach at the age of 86 years, Horsmonden, Kent, has lost its oldest ringer.

He was a member of the Horsmonden band who, in 1882, left call changes to start change ringing. A sound ringer and a good striker, he took part in the first peal of Major on Tenterden bells and conducted the first peal ever rung on Lamberhurst bells. He rang his last peal in 1927. Mr. Beach had a long membership of the Kent County Association.

With the assistance of Mr. J. Hammond and Mr. Relfe, the bells of St. Margaret's, Horsmonden, were rung half-muffled in the evening of January 25th, the day of the funeral. Ringing included a course of Cambridge Surprise at the whole pull.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON, E.C.—On Jan. 17th, at St. Olave's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, J. Chilcott (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. J. Watts 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, A. A. Hughes 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips 7, H. M. Page 8.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Wykes 1, W. Brown 2, D. Griffin 3, J. Griffin 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5.

ROADE, NORTHANTS—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Old and 60 Grandsire): T. Osborne (first quarter) 1, T. Baker 2, J. Harrold 3, A. Cozens 4, I. J. Dickin (cond.) 5.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS—On Jan. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Black 1, Miss M. Roe 2, D. Haynes (first quarter) 3, L. Toseland 4, J. King 5, C. Lake 6, G. E. Watson (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. In memoriam Mrs. K. M. Billson.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S VIEWS ON RINGING STYLE

From 'The Ringing Towers' (N.S.W. Association's Monthly)

Style in rope handling seems to be one of the most neglected phases of ringing. One can watch a team ring and see as many different ways of handling the rope (including one-handed ringing) and contortions of the body as there are ringers. Actually, this part of ringing should have been learnt from the beginning. Surely good style in rope handling makes for easier and even more competent ringing. Not only does it seem that very few ringers do ring in a fashion that is pleasant to watch, but that those who do not so ring could not care less about it.

What is good style? I understand it to be standing upright, with only the arms moving or at the most a slight bend from the waist. Frequently one sees excessive movement from the waist which seems to come from the fact that the sally is caught too low or the rope's end not held high enough up and so that the arms are not rising above the head sufficiently for them to pull the bell down, but the body must also help. Incidentally, not holding the rope's end high enough and catching the sally too low, with beginners often (usually) results in the bell coming down before it is expected or bouncing off the stay (even breaking the stay), resulting usually in the bell getting out of control.

This bending is ugly to watch and although I suppose the aim of ringing is to ring the method correctly and to produce the best effects possible to the hearers by correct leading and even striking, there is no excuse for ugliness in producing this effect.

One other small point. There seem to be two ways of holding the rope's end. Some wait until the bell has almost completed its turn at handstroke before bringing the right hand to the rope, others place the right hand above the left (you'll have to read this the other way if you are left-handed) immediately on releasing the sally. Whether it matters or not which way you do it as far as the effect is concerned, it is certain that the second way looks the best. If you doubt it, have a look for yourself.

Finally, it seems rather obvious that style of rope handling should be included when judging ringing for the awarding of shields in competitions. Until this is done, general improvement in this field can't be expected but will lie with those genuinely interested in the improvement of the art of ringing. I. L.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The following towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Society held at Barnsley on January 9th:—Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Felkirk, Horbury, Rotherham Parish, Sandal, Silkstone, Shelley, Thrybergh, Wath and the local company.

After tea in the Rectory Rooms, the business meeting was held. In the absence of the hon. president (Canon Morley), the chair was occupied by the president (Mr. N. F. Moxon).

The balance sheets of the Society's funds, the contests and the annual dinner were all adopted unanimously and regarded as satisfactory. The secretary's report for the year ending December, 1953, was also adopted. All the officers were re-elected and ten new members.

It was agreed to arrange the annual outing on July 3rd to Chester and district. The next meeting will be held at Crofton on February 13th.

The usual votes of thanks to all concerned brought the meeting to a close. Further ringing followed until about 8.30 p.m.

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DEATH

HAYNES.—On January 27th, 1954, at 102, Vicarage Road, Smethwick, Staffs, Dorothy Florence, devoted wife of Frank Eric and loving mother of Pamela, passed away suddenly, and on February 1st, after a service at Holy Trinity Church, Smethwick, was cremated at Lodge Hill, Birmingham. Thanks to all ringing friends for sympathy, messages and flowers. 3903

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MEETINGS

ANNUAL EAST HARLING DINNER MARDLE.—To Norwich Area and all Norfolk Associations.—Saturday, Feb. 6th, Swan Inn, East Harling, 7 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, limited to 50. Bells available: Quidenham (8), North Lopham (8), East Harling (6), Bur Street bell (1) and handbells. Please book early.—Dr. P. Jonason, White House, E. Harling, Norwich.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8) 3–4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m.; St. Benet's (6) 2.30-4 p.m., 6.45-8 p.m.; R.C. (8) 7.30–8.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road. —H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3870

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Chertsey. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. — R. I. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham. 3826

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Watford (10) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 1341, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. (Tel: Watford 7936.) 3864

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 2.15 to 4.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, 2.30 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral 3.45 to 4.45 and after meeting. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, 6. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 3841

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Feb. 6th. Bells (8 and 10) from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea for ratification for altering date of annual meeting and increasing annual subscription to 4s. or adopting sixpenny peal levy. Limited number for tea. Notify Mr. William Stannard, South Cottage, Raingate Street, Bury St. Edmunds.—C W. Pipe. 3848

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting at Horsham, Saturday, Feb 6th, at 3 p.m.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3875

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Watergate Road, Newport. Business meeting follows. 3862

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Business: Proposed alteration of rules. 3857

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Crofton, near Wakefield, Feb. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than Feb. 10th, Mr. F. Townend, Bleak House, Doncaster Road, Crofton, near Wakefield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3904

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Golden Lion at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 3888

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Hull on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, by first post Wednesday, to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 3889

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by Feb. 10th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 3895

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business 6.15 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3905

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Tonbridge (8), Feb. 13th. Names to R. Wood, 70, Lavender Hill, Tonbridge. Please let us have any overdue subscriptions for 1953. Annual at East Grinstead, March 13th.—C. A. Bassett. 3890

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Hewelsfield (5 bells), Saturday, Feb. 13th. St. Briavels (8) available in the evening. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 10th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 3894

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Stratton-St.-Margaret (8), Feb. 13th. Tea — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 3897

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The District annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Farnham (8). Ringing from 2-4.30 p.m. only. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Owen Hall at 5 p.m followed by the business meeting. Social evening from 7-9 p.m. Inclusive price of tea and social 2s. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3816

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual at St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 4.30. Bells (10) 3-4.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Downes, Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 3900

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Annual meeting at Mathon (6), Feb. 13th. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, Wednesday, Feb. 10th, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 3887

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Feb. 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 9th, please, to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, Ashford Road, Bethersden. 3866

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Wateringbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone 3867

LADIES' GUILD.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting, Town Hall, Manchester, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Frances M. Hibbert, Hon. Sec. 3902

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Emmanuel, Everton. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea must be sent, before Wednesday, Feb 10th, to:—Mr. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Road, Tuebrook, Liverpool 6. (Tel.: ANF 2930.) 3853

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Feb. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley, Sec. 3842

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Heversham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland. — N. M. Newby, R. Eccles, Branch Secs. 3901

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Milnrow, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Practice method: Cambridge.—F. Pritchard. 3896

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting at Sileby on Feb. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Pochin Hall, **but only** for application received not later than Feb. 10th. Names to Mr. W. Draper, Highgate Road, Sileby, near Loughborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 3863

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Annual meeting, Aberdare, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by Feb. 9th, to Mr. G. Kerley, 49, Monk Street, Aberdare.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 3845

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1., on Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea shops nearby. Bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, E.C.1 3-4 p.m., and St. Margaret's, Westminster, in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 3885

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. at the Corn Hall. The usual welcome to Suffolk ringers. Palgrave bells available evening. Names for tea, by Feb. 9th, to A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 3873

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Annual meeting, Feb. 13th, Mortimer, St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6), 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Burghfield (6) 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 8th, to Nancie Swann, 49, Whiteknights Road, Reading. 3868

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Names for tea, by 9th, to Mr. S. S. Hurst, Park Farm, Blyth, Worksop.—H. Denman. 3860

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting at Chichester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Assembly Rooms. Meeting 6. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, 9th, to Mrs. G. W. Tamplin, 26, George Street, Chichester.—W. L. Weller. 3899

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting, Milford, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3891

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Feb. 20th. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify me number for tea by Thursday, 18th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard. 3893

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Ferndale, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich. Sorry, no names, no tea !—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3898

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Feb. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 20th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 3892

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 6th. Circulars and ringing arrangements to follow. Keep the date free.—J. R. Leeming, Hon. Sec. 3886

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QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 4th, at St. Stephen-the-Martyr, 1,383 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Parsons (first quarter of Stedman) 1, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 2, Miss J. Midgley 3, F. G. Leaker 4, D. Smith 5, A. E. Reeves 6, W. Webb 7, R. J. Bowden 8, R. G. Hooper 9, F. C. Mosford 10.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Vickers (first of Triples) 1, F. Townsend 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, F. Vickers 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for the service of dedication of a memorial table to those who lost their lives with the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry, 1939–1945.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. M. Davies (first in method) 1, P. G. Hartley 2, Miss J. Spurgin 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, S. T. Hume 6, A. W. Cansdale 7, L. D. Mills 8. Rung for the dedication of the Coronation peal tablet.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Johnson (first quarter) 1, Pat Jones 2, Jacqueline Evans 3, M. K. King 4, J. J. Sims 5, J. E. Morgan 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. G. Bryant 8. Rung on the occasion of the Bishop's visit for Confirmation.

COPLE, BEDS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 720 Cambridge Surprise): Miriam Pettitt 1, Evelyn Steel 2, Mary Stephens 3, Daphne Hare 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, J. M. Stephens 6.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (being 1,020 Grandsire and 240 Stedman): R. Marshall 1, J. Brown 2, T. Wilson 3, P. Bradshaw 4, F. Bishop (cond.) 5, J. Harrison 6. Rung for the wedding at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, that day of Mr. John A. Worsley and the Hon. Carolyne Hardinge.

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PROFIT AND LOSS — OR VICE VERSA

NO one likes losing a peal. Though it may be true that some peal attempts are better lost. In reading the weekly record in this journal of peals accomplished one is sometimes tempted to envy certain ringers and to assume that they rarely, if ever, fail to score! But brilliancy of conductorship and the ability to ring any method for hours without the suggestion of a trip do excite admiration.

However, that is not the lot of the majority of peal ringers; and how many whose list runs, say, to one or two hundred can only confess that as many more have been attempted and lost? It is this latter experience which makes the accomplished peal the more satisfying, whether in a simple or advanced method; especially the one in which mistakes have been well and truly corrected and first pealers have been among the band.

We venture to put forward some considerations which may provide a tinge of consolation when peals have come to grief—perhaps in the last stages after three hours or more of enjoyment and concentration. That is the sad side of the matter, filling one with chagrin and disappointment.

Of course, in some cases it may not always be the fault of the ringers. Broken ropes, bad going bells or sudden illness so often bring things to a premature conclusion. But apart from such circumstances the main contributory causes can and do lie with the ringers, among whom the conductor must carry the largest responsibility. A missed call is usually irretrievable; an inadequate knowledge of the composition he is calling, or of the position the bells should occupy at different points may make correction of mistakes just a gamble. Again members of the band may be wrongly placed. Some of the commonest causes are serious and over-frequent trips in the ringing; also bad striking and the breaking up of the beat; all of which make conditions uncomfortable for everybody. Another upsetting factor may be too many voices attempting to put things right, or, worst of all, a refusal to follow the conductor's direction.

In passing may we say here that it cannot be too clearly recognised that every member of the band should place himself in the hands of the conductor from the beginning, taking for granted that the latter has made himself fully cognisant of the job in prospect.

But while the sadness and disappointment weigh heavily they may be balanced somewhat by other reflections leading to a profitable outcome of the failure. It would not be good for us if success always crowned our efforts. This failure or that may make a useful demand upon our powers of self-discipline. It can, for example, be a salutary check to over-confidence, and test a ringer's ability to accept some humiliation. We can be the better for an honest recognition of our mistakes.

Again, a breakdown of the peal may provoke considerable discussion, but uncontrolled harsh words or any sort of recrimination cannot mend matters. That sort of thing has been known to result in a long-standing breach. Wherever the fault for the loss can be proved to lie—which is not always so easy to discover—it must be frankly acknowledged, leaving everyone in a friendly spirit ready to make a fresh attempt another day.

Especially should it be the policy of the more experienced ringer to cultivate in a younger member a philosophical attitude to losses and a determination not to be daunted. One can point to great peal ringers of forty or fifty years ago, like William Pye, Challis Winney and Bertram Prewett, who always had their meed of praise for the young ringer showing promise and perseverance and did not drop him because of one fatal mistake. Some, including the writer, owe much to the openings held out to them by such stars in the ringing firmament.

The conductor, too, may profit. Reflection afterwards can show him what he ought to have been on the look out for, say, in the coursing order; or the particular position in which the fatal trip occurred may impress itself so indelibly upon his memory that it will be a confident aid when next the same composition is attempted. And this leads to the suggestion that the conductor might find it worth while when studying the figures in a peal to imagine at any point a trip occurring and make quite sure of what he would then have to know about the correct position of the bells.

Some, undoubtedly, come into the category of born conductors. Their faculties are uncanny, both for mentally ringing other bells in addition to their own; also for that rapid mental transposition of course-ends as the peal proceeds, with the ability to keep everyone in view and to deal with a hesitation before anything serious materialises. But for those who are not so naturally gifted conducting may still be an ambition possible of achievement if they

will tread the hard road to what may be good average ability. That will involve, among other labours, taking every opportunity for training the memory and developing powers of observation. Patience will need to be exercised over a long period and will have tis reward.

We venture to recommend that every failure should be, not only technically, not morally and spiritually scrutinised; something not to be written off as a waste of time and energy, but as helping towards the realisation of one's own limitations, providing an enlargement of experience and forming, let it be hoped, another spoke in the wheel of ultimate perfection. C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 28 cwt. in G.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	‡LEONARD DRAKE	7
*†JOHN F. BRYANT	2	*JOHN PEARSON	8
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	3	*BERT SUTTON	9
‡ALBERT W. BOND	4	‡WILFRED L. ROBINSON	10
RONALD H. DOVE	5	*BARRY HOLLAND	11
NORMAN CHADDOCK	6	*EDWARD HUDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSON	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	ALFRED BALLARD	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	10
ERNEST MORRIS	5	S. ANTHONY JESSON	11
J. FREDERICK MILNER	6	G. RALPH EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Right Rev. R. R. Williams, M.A., D.D., as Bishop of Leicester.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
RAYMOND G. BURTON	2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	9
JOHN PHILLIPS	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	10
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5	MRS. PAT LEWINGTON	11
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	6	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	7
GEORGE W. HUGHES	2	EDGAR T. SMITH	8
*WILLIAM DAVIES	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	*ERNEST STITCH	10
GEORGE A. PACKER	5	SAMUEL BIRCH	11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6	†ANTHONY W. STONE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 50th peal together. † First peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	JOHN WILKINSON	8
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	ERNEST MORRIS	9
COLIN P. WALKER	5	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. GROVES. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Right Rev. R. R. Williams, M.A., D.D., as Lord Bishop of Leicester on this day at Leicester Cathedral.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

*DIANA M. MATTHEW	*Treble*	‡ERNEST WHITING	6
†LESLIE G. BRETT	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	8
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	BERT GOGLE	9
NOLAN GOLDEN	5	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First 'touch' on ten bells. † First 'touch' of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
*MOLLY MAY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	ALAN A. POTTS	7
ALEX RICHARDSON	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise away from treble.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt.

SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
JAMES FERNLEY	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. O. Baker and in honour of the marriage of Miss Frances Laflin to Mr. Arthur Hibbert, which took place at St. George's, Stockport, on the same date.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MURIEL PIPE	*Treble*	GEORGE FLEMING	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
RUSSELL G. PARKER	4	ALBERT E. WHITING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. WHITING.
* First peal. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
DAVID HARRIMAN	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	4	FRANK CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. Charles Hanmer-Strudwick, for many years Rector of Cranoe and Slawson, and who was closely associated with St. Mary's Church during the war years.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAWSTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
EDWARD G. CURSON	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	6
CEDRIC CURSON	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in a method in which the treble hunts only to thirds place.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM CARNWELL	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
ANNETTE M. GRATTON	2	*ALFRED H. COTTRELL	6
CHARLES S. RYLES	3	ARTHUR W. HALL	7
WILLIAM EDWARDS	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Carnwell, father of the conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

SYDNEY J. MERRY	*Treble*	*MARK J. BARKER	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	CYRIL WRIGHT	6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
*W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Wright, of Bolsover.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MAURICE SELBY	*Treble*	GRACE BURCHNALL	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	CLEMENT GLENN	6
BRIAN BUSWELL	3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
EDMUND E. PEARSON	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in this method

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST W. FURBANK	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
C. RONALD SMITH	3	JOHN F. GROVE	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 HOLYWOOD DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN SAVAGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM HALL	5
FRED E. DUKES	2	JEAN STEWART	6
HARRY BROWN	3	TOM E. SMELTZER	7
WILLIAM PRATT	4	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. D. C. L. Jamieson, B.A., senior curate of the parish of Holywood.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	*BRIAN J. LUFF	5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Bristol.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	*ROBERT SMITH	5
TERRY OWEN	2	GEORGE SKELLAND	6
JOHN LUNHAM	3	ROBERT GUY	7
ROBERT LARKEY	4	WILLIAM H. DEACON	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.
* First peal.

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STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

E. Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Graham Ball	*Treble*	†C. Roger Heyward	5
Nun L. Walker	2	William Thornley	6
†John Vernon	3	John H. Bailess	7
John A. Smith	4	Frederick Watson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Thornley.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Pamela Walker, a ringer at this church and grand-daughter of the 2nd ringer.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*David Brand	*Treble*	Harry D. Lister	5
†John S. Wybrew	2	†Alan G. Fever	6
Horace J. Mansfield	3	William J. Button	7
Robert E. Lester	4	Oliver G. Barnard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry D. Lister.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Lester.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Tony Price	*Treble*	John D. Rock	5
*†Roland W. Morant	2	‡Alick Cutler	6
Barbara A. Mitchell	3	‡Richard F. B. Speed	7
*Robert G. Lay	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal together.
A tribute to the memory of the late Mr. George M. Kilby.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 1, 1854, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt.

Eric N. Harrison	*Treble*	Thomas W. Crowe	5
Enid Softley	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	6
Kathleen Softley	3	Denis A. Bayles	7
*Frank G. Bloomfield	4	Thomas Sewell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Alan Ainsworth, who is joining H.M. Forces.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double and Single Oxford, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

C. Aubrey Harrison	*Treble*	Jack Bray	4
Harold Morwood	2	Harry Hall	5
Ronald Chafer	3	George W. Moody	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Jan. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Judith A. Walker	*Treble*	Thomas Gwilt	4
Richard G. Morris	2	Robert E. Tallis	5
A. Charles Morris	3	*Alfred Allwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Charles Morris.

* First peal.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 21 cwt.

Herbert W. Pearce	*Treble*	Albert W. Dyer	4
Walter H. Poole	2	William E. Turner	5
Raymond P. Selway	3	Sidney W. White	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter H. Poole.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.
THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, on the 'light six.'
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*William A. Saunders	*Treble*	†Raymond H. Idle	4
G. Nelson Sloan	2	†Fred Savage	5
John R. de Lambert	3	†Victor J. C. Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred Savage.

* First peal. † First peal in the Dominion.
Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to Christchurch.

HEVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Luther J. Honess	*Treble*	William R. Manser	4
John T. Medhurst	2	*Harold A. Huntley	5
Kevin S. Hohl	3	†John W. Dixon	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Manser.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cook on their wedding anniversary; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Dixon, wife of the tenor ringer.

CUXTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being twelve six-scores, 4 callings, St. Simon's; 18 six-scores, 10 callings, Grandsire; and 12 six-scores, 4 callings, Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Leonard C. Wells	*Treble*	George Kenward	3
*Peter F. Borer	2	*Trevor A. Cross	4
Cyril S. Jarrett	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.

* First peal in three Doubles methods. First peal of three Doubles methods as conductor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Sydney Foskett	*Treble*	Charles H. Harding	4
Evelyn Steel	2	C. Edward Jeffries	5
Leonard Williams	3	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.

GARSTANG, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Peter Crook, sen.	*Treble*	James A. Metcalf	4
Norman Tompkins	2	Joseph Thornley	5
Stanley Anderton	3	Richard Davis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.

* 100th tower for a peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. R. Cross, M.A., who, after the peal, kindly entertained the ringers to supper.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's of: (1) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Spliced, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Spliced, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Court, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	JOHN S. WYBREW	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
First peal in nine methods by all except the ringer of the treble.
In memoriam W. J. G. Brown, of Ipswich.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(The Bures St. Mary's Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G.

*RICHARD H. DAVIES (14)	*Treble*	†EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3
†PETER G. HARTLEY	2	DONALD L. MILLS	4
ALLEN W. CANSDALE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles for all the band. First peal on the bells for 27 years.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	DOREEN ARMSTRONG	4
HAROLD DENMAN	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	5
MARION BRADLEY	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 each of Netherseale, Bourne, Beverley, York, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDMUND MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN T. WILLIAMS	4
HARRY BOYCE	2	GWLN I. LEWIS	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On *Sat., Jan.* 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

*PHILLIP DUNDERDALE	*Treble*	†FRED HOWARTH	4
†ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOHN BAILEY	5
†RICHARD PRICE	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
A.D. Gloria Deum.
All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

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SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

MYRTLE A. CASS	*Treble*	ANN M. COX	4
*ROLAND W. MORANT ..	2	*E. JOHN WELLS	5
EILEEN M. TURNER ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*25th peal together. Mr A. P. Cannon's 250th different tenor 'turned-in' to a peal.

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Beverley, and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*DEREK G. BROYD	*Treble*	*BRYAN PATTISON	4
JAMES G. NEWMAN ..	2	RONALD J. SHARP	5
C. HENRY HARDING ..	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD J. SHARP.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Sharp and Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield, of Maulden.

HANDBELL PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob, (4) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob, (5) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's and College, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*HOWARD SCOTT	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	3—4
		*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	5—6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First handbell peal in 14 methods.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNBER ..	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD ..	9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5—6	*JOHN A. ACRES	11—12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques and first peal on 12 handbells. The conductor's 100th peal on handbells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

QUARTER PEALS

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,320 New Doubles: K. Timbury 1, M. Orme 2, D. Jones (cond.) 3, P. Mehew 4, M. Collings 5, A. Holder 6. First in the method by all. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans for Confirmation service.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. B. Scoot 1, Miss P. K. Hutton 2, S. Bonnett 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, C. Harwood 5, W. Collins 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, L. Hughes 8. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

BALLARAT, AUSTRALIA.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Kerrman 1, W. Wilson 2, G. Heyes 3, G. Wilson 4, J. Eggleton (Adelaide) 5, W. Rowe (Sydney, cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4.

BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. W. Carbutt 1, E. Stainrod 2, Rev. C. G. Woodhead 3, O. A. Over 4, P. Carbutt 5, E. Atkinson 6, N. F. Moxon 1, D. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a first grandchild to the treble ringer.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Hoodless 1, A. W. Hoodless 2, N. Bell 3, A. W. Crowder 4, G. Thompson 5, G. Dobbs 6, W. Goddard (cond.) 7, T. Johnson 8. First quarter of Triples for 3 and 8. Rung as a compliment to Ronald Naylor and Dorothy Allen, whose marriage took place at this church this day. First quarter on the bells since the augmentation to 8.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, Moira I. Hemer 2, Joyce S. Coward 3, S. A. Read 4, Brenda F. J. Foley 5, F. A. Gooding 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Coward, father of the third ringer.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pole 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Kesterton 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Roger Tennant, who, on February 5th, went to Korea as a missionary.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Lewis (first quarter of Minor) 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, E. Phillips 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, B. Williams 6. Rung for the passing of the old year.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 240 All Saints'): D. Borley 1, A. E. Barker 2, G. Bradbury (cond.) 3, A. Armstrong 4, W. Benton 5, E. Borley 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, J. Trout 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, S. Lunn 4, R. Blick 5, I. Davies 6, H. Blick 7, K. Vaughan 8. Rung, with 7, 6, 8 covering, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Rosemary Pratt to Mr. Ilid Radcliffe.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, St. Columb, Old, Plain Bob, April Day, 600 Grandsire): D. N. Penrose 1, A. H. Eplett 2, A. R. Jones 3, A. Carveth 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts 6. First in six methods for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. B. Blond (cond.) 1, F. S. Smith 2, E. Garrard 3, J. Berry 4, T. S. Bowles 5, C. Corderoy 6, J. Seymour 7, J. P. Blond 8. First quarter of Kent for 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Olliver 1, W. G. Paternoster 2, T. Bird 3, F. Bird 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, W. G. Cook 6, L. A. Tidy 7, J. W. Knight 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major by 2, 3 and 4.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Vinters (first of Triples) 1, R. C. Blakey (cond.) 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, S. Proctor 4, D. A. Frith 5, T. A. Relf 6, H. R. Woods 7, R. Pick 8. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, D. Gullick 3, A. Harris 4, J. Church 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Timbury 1, P. Croft 2, L. Fidler 3, W. Todd 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6. For the passing of the old year. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: P. Croft 1, K. Timbury (first in the method) 2, E. Winters 3, W. Todd 4, G. Cherry 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Minor (consisting of 360 Cambridge, 360 each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): W. E. Geary 1, T. Isom 2, T. E. Gardner 3, E. Geary 4, V. Geary 5, S. R. Gardner (cond.) 6. Rung in celebration of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey. Mrs. Harvey (nee Brown) is a member of the local band.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples (by A. J. Pitman): W. Turner 1, K. Salter 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, A. Glazzard 4, B. Lawton 5, T. Hemming 6, J. Lloyd 7, J. Hicks 8. First quarter of Spliced Triples by 1, 2, 4 and 8, and on the bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Glazzard.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Warner 1, Miss P. Drury (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Sibbick 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung as a compliment to A. E. Boylett on his retirement after 26 years as a ringer in this tower.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harniess (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Everest 2, S. A. Hill 3, A. J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung prior to G. Harniess joining H.M. Forces.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Betty J. Marsh (first quarter) 1, R. F. Symonds 2, A. J. Slade 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, J. W. Rose (first of Plain Bob Minor) 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Molly Cooper 1, Jean Abbott 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, S. Cockell 4, W. C. West (cond.) 5, R. Southwood 6, C. F. Andrews 7, H. Cockell 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Canon Howe).

OXFORD.—On Jan. 24th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. H. Niblett (cond.) 1, G. Harper 2, D. A. Edwards 3, W. H. Jackson 4, D. G. Goodman 5, G. F. Jenkins 6, J. H. Smart 7, D. Hodgson (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. P. Ellams (first quarter) 1, W. H. Jackson 2, M. H. R. Glover 3, D. G. Goodman 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, J. H. Smart 6.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Buckley (first quarter) 1, Beatrice Wood 2, I. W. Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagements of Miss M. Leach to Mr. E. Hanson, and Miss E. Westcott to Mr. P. J. H. Hudson.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elsie Savory 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Picthall 4, A. Hunter 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, F. Corke 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of George Martin Kilby, interred at Ruislip on that day.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. A. Naylor 1, S. M. Evans 2, C. S. Jarrett 3, G. Kenward 4, T. A. Cross 5, Doris Dobbie 6, S. Dobbie 7, E. Naylor (cond.) 8.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): J. Bateman 1, W. Brown 2, D. Griffin 3, G. Wykes 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5.

STOCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): M. Stone 1, R. Short (cond.) 2, H. Pople 3, C. Clarke 4, W. Stevens 5. A 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. C. G. Duckham, churchwarden for 42 years.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, S. M. Evans 2, T. Barton (first quarter in the method) 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. A. Naylor 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, G. Kenward 7, P. Borer 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Naylor, father of the treble and 5th ringers.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): W. Fulker 1, F. Godden 2, W. Absolom 3, R. Tuckwell 4, J. Godman (cond.) 5, P. Coggins 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 23rd, at St. Oswald's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Park 1, Mrs. K. Lawson 2, W. N. Park 3, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 4, F. Robson 5, T. Templeman 6, K. Lawson 7, J. Clouston 8, J. A. Ainsworth 9, H. Nielsen 10. Rung to mark the golden jubilee of the church, consecrated January 16th, 1904.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London and 576 Cambridge): Anne Holmes 1, A. S. Richards 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Mary Fuller 4, R. Stephens (of Kempston, first extent of London) 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. R. Whittington Resigns From the Executive

The resignation was received with great regret at the annual meeting of the Guildford District at Guildford on January 30th of Mr. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, from the Guild Executive, because of his inability to make the journey to Guildford. Mr. R. Whittington had represented the District on the Executives of the Winchester and Guildford Diocesan Guilds for an unbroken period of 43 years. His long service was recorded in the minutes with an expression of appreciation. Mr. T. Mark White was elected to fill the vacancy.

Officers elected were:—Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Robinson; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. Morant; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Kenward; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. Morant; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horsman; committee, Messrs. F. A. Munday, T. Mark White and Fincher.

New members elected were: Ann Trenchard (S. Nicolas', Guildford), J. Stevenson, G. Sexton, J. Clark and Maureen Goode (Haslemere). The existing Guild officers were renominated.

Meetings suggested for the coming year were Haslemere, Puttenham, Chiddingfold, Dunsfold, Shalford and Guildford.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden announced that the bells of S. Nicolas', Guildford, which had been silent for six months owing to repairs to the tower, would be re-opened for Wednesday practices and also for Sunday ringing.

Mr. T. W. White, who presided, thanked the Vicar of Shalford for the use of the bells and arranging for the service, and also the ladies who had prepared such an excellent tea. A social evening followed, which was not so well attended as desired owing to the inclement weather, but nevertheless was most enjoyable.

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By LOUIS HEAD

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District at Birchington

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Birchington on January 23rd. In very cold weather 65 members and friends attended, and the warm welcome they always receive at All Saints' made up for the cold journey. A welcome visitor, if only on a fleeting visit, was Dr. Hatcher.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the usual service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. M. Granville-Sharp). At the outset of the service he asked if the company included an electrician as the organ had developed a fault on the electric side. None was forthcoming and it was felt that the 'guerillas' had reached this part of the country. The piano was brought into action and the singing lost none of its heartiness.

From the church to the Church House, where a splendid tea had been arranged by friends of the local ringers, and to which the District were the guests of the Vicar and churchwardens, who were sincerely thanked for their kindness.

The usual business was proceeded with. Two new members were elected. Whitstable was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, with a by-meeting at St. Lawrence previous. The collection was voted to be given to the funds of the Church House.

The meeting over, members wended their way either to All Saints' or across the fields to Quex Park or to remain in the Church House for handbells, and on being told that the room was required for another function, to find their way into Fred's place at the Queen's Head. Here the chairman was enticed into taking the tenors for tune ringing, he receiving a kick on the leg when he had to ring a certain bell. He appeared, however, to enjoy it all.

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A fall of stone from the vaulting of the south transept of Hereford Cathedral has necessitated stopping all ringing until temporary security measures have been taken. For the Hereford District annual meeting next Saturday, St. Nicholas' (6) will be available during the afternoon and All Saints' (8) after the meeting.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In a letter to 'The Times' of February 1st, Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, makes a correction to 'The Times' special correspondent's report that the only change ringing to be found in New Zealand is at Christchurch Cathedral.

Mr. Barnett writes: 'I have before me the December, 1953, issue of a circular published by the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers, in which appears a letter from the captain of the ringers at St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton (North Island), referring, inter alia, to the third anniversary of the commencement of change ringing at that tower. There are bells hung for ringing in at least two other New Zealand churches, at one of which, St. Matthew's, Auckland, change ringing was first started in that country some 40 years ago. I understand that the bells are not now used.'

We regret that three notices for the issue of February 5th were inadvertently wrongly filed. Will the senders please accept our apologies?

Mr. Ernest Morris has had his manuscript of 'English Towers' accepted by Robert Hale for publication later in the year.

Slow but steady progress is reported by Mr. L. J. Fox from St. Dunstan's, Stepney. The local band, having accomplished a quarter of Grandsire Doubles, have hopes of a quarter of Triples in the not too distant future.

The first peal of Holywood Delight Major has been rung at Holywood, Co. Down. The method is similar to Pontefract Delight Major, the difference being that places are in 5-6 instead of 3-4 when the treble is in 1-2.

A recording of Sketty bells. Swansea, together with their history, has been made by the B.B.C., and will be broadcast some time towards the end of the month. The exact date and time will be given in 'The Radio Times' later.

The Rev. J. G. Murphy, curate of Lurgan and a member of the Irish Association, played at full-back for the Ulster XV. v. the All-Blacks on January 2nd, and for Ireland on the following Saturday. Is he the first ringer to gain International honours at Rugby?

The Durham and Newcastle Association will miss Mr. Alan Ainsworth, who reported to the Army, at Aldershot, on February 4th. His competence as a ringer on all numbers of bells will be a great asset to any tower in the vicinity of his Army camp.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden, of 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex, offers through 'The Ringing World' her congratulations to Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts on her performance of ringing the 35 cwt. Westbury tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples. She extends an invitation to Miss Roberts to ring in an all ladies peal attempt of Royal if she is interested.

Miss Barbara Harris, who for several years was secretary and treasurer of the All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, Society of Bell Ringers, left England on February 4th to take up a post in the Foreign Office at Bonn. An attempt at a peal of Cambridge Royal as a farewell on January 16th unfortunately came to grief, as did an attempt at a quarter of Cambridge Major on January 24th.

Mr. Graeme W. Heyes, of Ballarat, has accepted an appointment for two years with M.I.M., at Mount Isa, Queensland, which is about 2,500 miles from his home and about 1,000 miles from the nearest ring of bells. As he will not be taking a holiday, he hopes to keep slightly in touch with ringing by means of both 'The Ringing World' and 'The Ringing Towers.' He sends regards to all English ringers.

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YORK MINSTER SOCIETY'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Bells One of the Greatest Joys of Sunday—The Dean

THE 100th anniversary celebrations of the York Minster Society commenced on Friday evening, January 29th, with a short broadcast talk on the Minster ringers in the North Region programme, 'The North Countryman,' given by the president, Mr. Harold Walker. The talk was preceded by the sound of the Minster bells as recorded on Coronation night. It is regretted adequate notice could not be given of the intended broadcast but the arrangements were made at the last minute.

On the following day the Society acted as hosts to the Yorkshire Association. A report of the meeting of the Association is given elsewhere.

In the evening a celebration dinner was held at the Windmill Hotel, the venue of so many Snowdon Dinners in past years. A company of 50 sat down to an excellent five-course dinner of almost pre-war standard.

The chair was taken by the president, who was accompanied by Mrs. Walker, and supported by the secretary, Mr. S. H. Steel, and Mrs. Steel, and the chaplain, the Rev. A. J. McMullen, M.A. (Sacrist of York Minster) and Mrs. MacMullen. The City was represented by the Sheriff, Councillor John Shannon. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. Eric Milner-White, D.S.O., C.B.E., D.D., was the guest of honour, and he was accompanied by Canon F. Harrison, chancellor, Canon G. W. O. Addleshaw, treasurer, and the Rev. G. D. C. M. Senior, chamberlain.

The Yorkshire Association was represented by the Ven. C. O. Ellison, president, and other Association officers present were Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. A. Sellars, vice-presidents; Mr. L. W. G. Morris, general secretary; Mr. G. Benfield, general treasurer; Mr. W. E. Critchley, peal secretary; and Mr. H. Morley and Mr. A. E. Marsh, District secretaries. Others present were: Miss P. M. Reeves, Miss S. M. Kingdon, Miss E. J. Walker, Miss M. Shearsmith, Mrs. A. E. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bower, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Darbourne, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott, Mr. F. Atkinson, Mr. F. Horner, Mr. D. Forth, Mr. L. Rodmell, Mr. J. Ambler, Mr. D. Holland, Mr. J. Gibson, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. B. Rodgers, Mr. H. Lofthouse, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. J. M. Thorley, Mr. A. H. Walker, Mr. W. Oakley and Mr. C. L. Sutcliffe.

'PRICELESS HERITAGE'

In proposing the toast 'The Minster,' Mr. S. H. Steel said he did not think people fully appreciated the priceless heritage of the Minster with its beautiful stained glass and other treasures which had been handed down through the ages. Great credit was due to the Dean and Chapter for the care undertaken to preserve those beauties and treasures.

Responding, Canon Harrison said he had been associated with the Minster since 1919 and there was always something to be learned from it. Nothing delighted the Dean more than to find, say, the head of a figure in one window which had been missing from another window for perhaps 300 years and to have it restored to its original place. All in the Minster family, the Dean, the Residentiary Canons, the Vicars-Choral, the organist and choir, the clerk-of-the-works and other staff were all fully employed and no one was idle It gladdened the heart to hear the bells and he wished the Society every success and many happy returns!

The Rev. A. J. McMullen proposed 'The Visitors,' and said the Society was honoured on this, its 100th anniversary, by the presence of the Sheriff of York, also by Archdeacon Ellison and by visitors from as far away as Newcastle. He loved to hear the bells and no mechanical device could ever sound the same. One of his duties was to be chaplain to the Prey-Cust Nursing Home, and he often asked if the bells were an annoyance, but all loved to hear them, either chiming for Evensong or ringing on Sundays. One old lady said she did not like them being chimed down the scale for five minutes but preferred variation. Another asked why, during Advent, the bells were chimed in a minor key on a Feast Day. So people did notice the bells and appreciated their message.

'RINGING-THE-CHANGES'

The Sheriff, replying, said that during his training as a solicitor he learned much about an offence known as 'ringing-the-changes' and he felt rather apprehensive when asked to meet a Society whose business was change ringing. One hundred years may seem a long time but it was only a short spell in the life of a city 2,000 years old. During his term of office he had met many little-known Societies and learned of many little-known byways all of which meant something in the life of the city and had some influence on the life of the people. It had been a pleasure meeting the Society and he tendered his warmest thanks, together with those of the other guests, for a very pleasant evening.

Archdeacon Ellison responded for the ringing visitors and said that over 70 years ago a daughter society was born and was now known as the Yorkshire Association — the Minster Society was really the mother society and he congratulated it on attaining its centenary and wished it every success in the future and many happy returns of the day. On behalf of the Association he thanked the Dean for allowing the bells to be rung that day and for the privilege in taking part in a very beautiful service, the music for which, including Purcell's 'Bell Anthem,' seemed to have been specially chosen for the occasion. The use of recorded bells was not to be compared with the proper ringing of church bells and ringers were against such substitutes. So far as the Ripon Diocese was concerned they would have no more of them.

The Dean of York, in rising to propose the toast 'The Society,' was received with acclamation. He said he believed the Society to be one of the oldest in the country except for the College Youths, which was over 300 years old, but then, that was a national Society. He was approaching his 70th year but could never catch up with the Minster Society—it goes on and on and may it go on for many, many years; many happy returns of the day! The very first time he heard the Minster bells was when the embargo was lifted to ring for the victory at El Alamein and he was overcome with emotion. (He had then been in York for two years.)

RINGING, A BEAUTY ALL ITS OWN

Continuing, he said that one of the great joys of Sunday was the ringing of the bells. There was a time when we did not know whether the young Englishman would come back to his bell-ringing but now the young Englishwoman was coming into her own. Ringing has a beauty all its own and it is an art which none of these substitutes can possibly replace, and this line is being taken by the York Advisory Committee and by most other Advisory Committees in the country. It is a beauty which records every joy—it is always joyful. Finally the Dean reminded his listeners that the purpose for which the bells were rung was to bring the people to the Church of God and that the link had become essential between the ringing of bells and the worship of God, and on this 100th birthday he was glad to thank the ringers from the bottom of his heart.

In reply, the president said he did not propose to enlarge on the history of the Society during the past 100 years as those who had read 'The Ringing World' would know as much about it as he did. What must be considered was the future and the continuance of the work of the Society. In this connection Drake's prayer seemed appropriate:—

> 'When Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuance of the same which yieldeth the true glory.'

Continuing, he said that there were over 5,000 rings of five or more bells in this country and it was of equal importance that the bells of the smallest village church should be rung on Sundays as were the great bells of our Cathedrals, and it was as well to remember the Society was only one of many such Societies. Much had been said of a shortage of ringers but three firms of bellfounders were kept busy casting new bells and restoring old ones and in every case new ringers were found to ring them.

More ringers were needed in York but the real shortage in the city was one of ringable bells. The ring of six at St. Mary's, Bishopshill Senior, was unringable and it was proposed to transfer these to Acomb. The six at Clifton also needed rehanging. The most interesting scheme in the offing was the proposal to restore the tower of St. Martin's, Coney Street, and to rehang the eight bells. The Archbishop's Committee responsible for this proposal had stated this would provide a useful practice ring for the Minster ringers. It was obvious someone on that committee—and he strongly suspected it was the Dean, although he had not admitted it — had the interests of the Minster ringers very much in mind and he thanked him for it. When this restoration had taken place he thought the City Council would find it had authority to organise evening classes in bell-ringing: this had been done in Essex and what other people could do York could do as well.

A well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells as was also a touch of 'The Scalded Witch,' musical items interspersed the speeches, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Not to be outdone by the Sheffield people, name cards tastefully written in Old English by Miss P. M. Reeves were provided and were much admired. H. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District Reports Progress

The annual meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild was held on January 30th at All Saints', Newport.

Despite the unusually cold weather, some 62 ringers attended. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. R. Lewis), who welcomed the Guild to All Saints'. The excellent tea, provided in the Mission House, was greatly appreciated and the ladies were most sincerely thanked by Mr. F. Hannington.

At the business meeting great progress was reported by the secretary, who mentioned that the District had now 56 members. Meetings had been extremely well attended. The District is a very large one and most members had to travel long distances. New members were elected from Newport (St. Woolos'), Sketty, Ebbw Vale and Radyr.

Miss Dilys Hulbert (St. Mellons) was elected vice-president, and Miss Jacqueline Evans (Chepstow) re-elected secretary. Committee members were: Mrs. R. Price, Mrs. R. E. Coles, Mrs. Temlett and Mrs. D. Attwell.

Mrs. T. Roderick and the secretary were elected to the General Committee.

Sketty was chosen for the next meeting, in May. J. S. E.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Historic Meeting in Ringing Chamber of York Minster

The January general meeting was held at York on January 30th in conjunction with the Centenary Celebration Dinner of the York Minster Society. Ringing on the fine twelve was enjoyed by visitors at intervals during the day, and those attending the service in the Minster choir were treated to a superb rendering of the 'Bell' anthem, among other things, by the choir.

The president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison) presided at the business meeting which followed in the ringing chamber, and opened the proceedings by saying how privileged they were to be holding that meeting at York at the historic moment when the Minster Society had reached its centenary. He felt sure that all present would congratulate them upon it, and join in wishing them every success in the future.

He then read a letter from one of the Society's oldest members, Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, now resident in Birmingham, who regretted his inability to attend. Other apologies for absence were received from Mr. S. F. Palmer (formerly treasurer of the Association), Messrs. R. B. Smith, D. Smith and W. Barton (formerly hon. peal secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. S. Morley, Mr. P. J. Johnson moved that their best thanks be accorded to the Dean of York (the Very Rev. E. Milner-White) and Minster authorities for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir for the most excellent service. This was seconded by Mr. E. Hudson and carried unanimously.

In support, the president said he was greatly impressed by the excellence of the choir, which he felt must be at its peak of perfection.

A vote of thanks to the Minster Society for their kind invitation to hold this meeting at York in conjunction with their Celebration Dinner, and for the arrangements made, was moved by the president, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sellers and carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Walker acknowledged, saying how pleased they were to welcome the Association to York, and hoped that all were enjoying themselves.

The president announced that as no invitations had been received, the committee had considered the matter of the next meeting, which would be the annual general meeting, and had decided to recommend that it be held at Doncaster on May 1st, if suitable arrangements could be made. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved, and Mr. J. Ambler seconded that the committee's recommendation be accepted. This was carried.

REVISION OF RULES

The next business was the sub-committee's report regarding the reinstatement of the rules in the annual report. The president announced that the committee had met and had considered a draft copy which represented some 14 years' research work by the general secretary, as many amendments and a number of new rules had become operative since they were last included in the report. This had minimised the work of the sub-committee very considerably, and apart from a few minor alterations in the wording of some of the old rules, they were unanimously agreed that the draft was an up-to-date schedule.

The general secretary said that he had been pleased to undertake the research work and compile the draft, but felt that no useful purpose would be served by taking up time going into detail at that meeting. The sub-committee had carried out its task in accordance with the terms of reference conferred upon it, and he hoped that as a result a long-felt need was now a practical accomplishment.

Mr. N. Chaddock moved and Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded that the draft be incorporated in the report. This was carried.

THE SNOWDON DINNER

Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert gave an interesting and very gratifying report on the Snowdon Dinner, which took place at Sheffield on October 24th last. A net profit of £4 2s. 6d. had been made which the Dinner Committee had pleasure in handing over to the Association's funds. The president thanked Mr. Gilbert for his encouraging report, and said he felt sure all would join in both thanking and congratulating their Sheffield members on this excellent result. Mr. P. J. Johnson added his support, saying he had been very actively associated with many such functions, and believed this was the best result yet attained.

PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

The next business was to receive nominations for the office of president. The retiring president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds) said that the committee were unanimous in accepting him as their nomineee to go before the annual meeting, but he had told them that attendant upon the increasing duties he was called upon to undertake, he could not devote as much time to the office as he would wish. He had assured them, however, that if they were prepared to accept him in the light of this, he would do his utmost. This was greeted with applause.

The following new members were elected:—Miss Sheila M. Taylor, Miss M. Vivien Copping and Miss Patricia Lord (All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax), Mr. A. H. Walker (York), Michael Brooke, D. Armstrong and J. S. Seager (Sheffield Cathedral), Peter Harrison (Handsworth), R. H. Woodall (Rotherham), Miss Valerie Massam (Rothwell), J. B. Wood, D. M. Dane and G. W. Haley (St. Michael's, Headingley).

It was then announced that Mr. Walter Whittaker, of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, had passed away recently, and the meeting stood in silence as a tribute of respect. This concluded the business and further ringing took place until 6.30 p.m., when most of the visitors made their way to the Windmill Hotel, there to participate in the Centenary Celebration Dinner of the York Minster Society.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD

Dear Sir,—Mr. William J. Cope, now living in Alrewas, but formerly of Lichfield, has just rung his first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major—and the peal was rung as a 70th birthday compliment to him!

Although he has been ringing since he was a boy, Grandsire Triples on the treble was his limit until just after the war, since when he has made such progress in change ringing as would do credit to someone 50 years his junior. Very few people of his age, we feel, would have troubled to look up such methods as Cambridge and London Minor, Stedman and Double Norwich, but whenever a certain method was mentioned for the next practice he had always 'had a look at it.'

Whenever quarter peal or peal attempts are arranged, Mr. Cope will always 'make one' as his enthusiasm is boundless and—he never lets you down.

We are sure that the whole Exercise will join in congratulating this ever-young ringer, who still continues to look up new methods—Cambridge Major being his goal at the moment. We in Lichfield, at least, are extremely proud of him.—Yours faithfully,

PETER, DENNIS & JOAN BERESFORD.
Lichfield.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Increase in Annual Subscription Turned Down

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Bury St. Edmunds on February 6th, which was well attended. A short committee meeting took place when Mr. L. D. Mills stated that many West Suffolk members objected to subsidising performances published in the annual report which were not true peals. It was noted that several such cases which took place during the past year had been published in 'The Ringing World.'

The dirty belfry and unoiled bells at St. Mary's were not appreciated although the latter was soon remedied, and the fine ring was set going to greet the last wedding couple of the day.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. Canon A. C. Pelly, Vicar of St. Mary's, and the resolutions of the Halesworth meeting took an opposite turn as everyone except two voted solidly that the annual meeting be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, as usual.

The proposed increase of the annual subscription was unanimously turned down and everyone appeared in favour of a levy of 6d. per person per peal. It must be noted that no one opposed this decision, which comes into operation at once.

Thanks were accorded to Canon Pelly and Provost J. L. White, for permission to use the bells at St. Mary's and the Cathedral, by Insp. A. Gillings, who also voiced an appreciation of the good work by Miss Dora M. Reeve, who had recently relinquished the duties of secretary of the Mildenhall District. This was warmly seconded by the general secretary, who asked for the same loyal support to her successor, Miss Edna Peckett, of Lakenheath.

Further ringing took place at the Norman Tower, where it was noticed that the bells required the attention of the bellhanger.

C. W. P.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Axbridge Branch's Objective — 200 Members

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch, held at Burnham-on-Sea on January 23rd, was well attended. Members from the following towers were present:—Keynsham, Marksbury, Durleigh, North Petherton, Kewstoke, Berrow, Winscombe, Locking, Uphill, Chew Magna, Burnham, Worle, Bleadon, Weston and Cheddar. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. with touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major. A service was conducted in the Parish Church of St. Andrew by the Rev. Hugh Parnell, Vicar of Burnham, and the Rev. W. Bromham preached.

Mr. E. C. Wickham (hon. secretary) told the annual meeting that there were 180 members in the Branch and it was hoped to increase the number to over 200 this year. Wedmore, with ten members, was welcomed back in the Association, and three members from Uphill and one from Mark were among newcomers welcomed.

Mr. Wickham reported that income was £21 12s., and after meeting expenses, £15 12s. was sent to the general secretary.

Officers elected were:—President, Preb. Alford; vice-president, Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Weston-super-Mare); Ringing Master, Mr. George Prescott; secretary, Mr. E. C. Wickham.

E. C. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNUSUAL HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—I have a set of handbells, tenor 18G, cast by W.D. (William Dunn) which have round clappers. These are made of boxwood with a groove round the middle and inset with soft leather. The late W. H. Fussell greatly admired these bells and told me he had never seen any like them in all his perambulations.

Curiously enough, there is another set in this town cast by W. D. but these are fitted with ordinary clappers. William Dunn was Master of St. James' Society 1834-5, and died about 1850. His moulds, etc., passed on to George Stockham, a well-known London ringer, then to George Welch and finally to J. F. Mallaby and Co., of Doncaster.

I have been asked so many times about these bells that I should be glad to know if there is another set like them, and I should also welcome any information about William Dunn.—Yours, etc., L. STILWELL.

Horsham.

'THE BAND RINGS THE PEAL'

Dear Sir,—I have just read in the January 29th issue of 'The Ringing World' of a ringer who has rung peals of Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus. It is also reported that two ringers rang over 100 peals in 1953 and one ringer is stated to have rung peals in 41 different towers. I am wondering if it is quite fair to poke fun at 'The Daily Telegraph' for reporting that a ringer rang the first peal on a restored ring of six. Should we not be a little more precise in our vocabulary?

The leading article in a previous issue brought up the question of the treble ringer to Cambridge. Has he rung a peal of Cambridge? Surely the obvious answer is—No, of course he hasn't, but then, neither has the ringer of the second nor any of the others. The **band** rings the peal, and whether more or less skill is required to ring any particular bell is quite beside the point; the fact remains that the treble ringer has, like the others, rung a bell to a peal of Cambridge.—Yours truly,

C. A. LEVETT.

St. Leonards-on-Sea.

NO EXTERMINATION OF ART IN CANNED BELLS

Dear Sir,—Through your columns in 'The Ringing World' I should like to endorse the views of Mr. Wratten on the subject of canned bells.

I do not see any reason for prejudice of the use of bell recordings in the case of the churches which cannot afford, or where it is a practicable impossibility to have bells.

I think that there are thousands of the non-ringing community who, when they hear the bells calling them to worship, do not even know how many bells there are ringing and are completely ignorant of campanology.

But the chief point is that they are reminded of the presence of the church, and the service, by the sound of the bells, be it a gramophone recording or performed by a body of ringers.

As Mr. Wratten points out, it is the **sound** of the bells, and—as much as possible— a smooth production, or reproduction, that really matters.

I do not consider that we ringers should really worry unduly, except in a case where a ring of bells is unjustifiably disposed of and replaced by the use of recordings, occasions of which, I think, are very rare.

We should not get alarmed that canned bells will gradually exterminate our art. This, in my opinion, is a very remote possibility.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS R. LOWE.

Derby.

CANNED RINGING BAD ART

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. C. A. Wratten, in his letter concerning 'canned' bells ('Ringing World,' January 29th), has missed a very significant point. True, ringers, among others, object to this practice on account of its unreality, and measures are proposed condemning it, partly on those grounds, and also because it is bad art. It is utterly ridiculous to hear the sound of a heavy ten coming from a church with only a tiny bell-cote containing two clearly visible 'ting-tangs.'

But, the plea that recordings are the only alternative to tower bells is both futile and untrue. The sound of the bells calls people to worship, but the effort of the ringers to produce that sound is undoubtedly worship and service to God on the part of the ringers. The ringers give of themselves in this work. If the use of amplifier and loud-speaker is justified by the impossibility of installing tower bells, the individual effort and service on the part of ringers may still be utilised and encouraged, by replacing the pick-up by a microphone, and the record by a set of handbells.

I feel that few ringers would object to such a practice. I, personally, dislike the loud-speaker, but my main objection is to the use of a recording. One cannot have the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the house, but one can attempt to produce one's own music, with a penny whistle, if necessary. In the matter of Church work, it is **personal** service that counts. —Yours faithfully, S. J. HART.

Barry, Glam.

A REPLY TO MR. WRATTEN

Dear Sir,—In his letter on synthetic bells, published on January 29th, Mr. Wratten says, 'As it is clearly impossible to have the London Philharmonic Orchestra or even Humphrey Lyttleton in one's house, a record is used instead. In the same way . . . .

May I suggest that his argument is very far from being 'in the same way.' However much I might like the Orchestra, and however many records I had of their playing, I should object strongly were I to go to the Festival Hall or the Albert Hall and hear not the Orchestra but a record of them. In other words, by all means have records of orchestras, or of bells, come to that, for home use and enjoyment, but when we come to public performance let us have the real thing.

Two other points arise from Mr. Wratten's letter. Firstly, he talks of 'modern churches built in a less substantial manner than their elder brethren.' That there are such churches is a fact, but a very regrettable fact. It is, I think, a matter of ignorance on the architect's part, and in future cases could surely be overcome beforehand now that the difficulties are realised. When a designer can make ample arrangement for a choir, surely the ringers can have at least as good a chance.

Secondly, Mr. Wratten refers to bells calling people to church and says 'it is the **sound** of the bells that does this, not the bells themselves.' Which would Mr. Wratten prefer to be called by, a record either the same day in and day out or one of the limited selections available, or, on the other hand, by genuine bells, which, if they have their faults in striking, etc., have at least human faults, not electrical ones, and **are rung by people who have made an effort to get to church and do it?**

Not least to be considered is the fact that not all of us can preach and not all of us can sing. Ringing is a means whereby another large body of men can give God their service in a manner suited to their skill. May we long be able to do so.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S CLOKE.

Harwell, Berks.

SHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Wratten, five of the six bells at Perlethorpe, Notts, have been sold, and I understand on good authority that gramophone recordings have been substituted.

It may be true that ringers are the **principal,** but not the **only** objectors to sham bells, but it does not necessarily follow that despite its seeming apathy the general public actually **likes** these abominations. I, personally, know of one parishioner who refuses to attend his church because of what he rightly considers the dishonesty of recorded bells.

Mr. Wratten cites the hypothetical case of the towerless or otherwise unsuitable church for bells and one might be tempted to feel slightly less antagonistic were the makers to confine themselves to such buildings, but unfortunately they do not do so.

They employ door-to-door touts who will canvass any church whether it possesses tower or bells or botfi—for instance, they endeavoured to interest a former Leeds vicar whose church possesses a magnificent tower and already the nucleus of a ring, but fortunately the Vicar 'sent them packing' in no uncertain manner. Then again, there is on the outskirts of Leeds a Pearson church, which, like all churches which have been completed to this famous architect's original design, has as its crowning architectural glory a lofty tower and spire. Its crowning shame is now a gramophone outfit, installed moreover when a former Archdeacon of Leeds was Vicar.

What does it matter if we are considered prejudiced as Mr. Wratten implies, so long as we stop the travesty of our art by acting as Mr. Stenson suggests or by any other means which may be open to us?—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

RE RINGERS' RALLY, BOURNEMOUTH

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arthur Davis would now seem to be trying to say that he, together with Mr. David Reed, was going to attempt to arrange the dinner now to be held at Wick Ferry Restaurant, Christchurch, on Saturday, May 8th.

When the item, 'Dinner,' came before the meeting on December 5th my first proposal was 'that the dinner be held'; this was seconded by Mr. George Preston, and was immediately followed by the statement from Mr. Davis — which took us unawares — that he would not participate. During the discussion which followed I said that unless someone would be prepared to do the work the dinner must lapse, and it was only when it was obvious that further discussion then was useless—Mr. Davis repeating that he would not do it—that I proposed that the dinner should lapse.

Mr. Davis was in personal contact with me and at least one other member of the committee, till Christmas, but he neither expressed surprise at the turn of events nor mentioned another meeting of the committee.

When, on Tuesday, January 12th, I personally acquainted him with the position, he said he had been warned that no one else would do the job. How then can he claim to have been taken unawares? He said he was pleased the dinner was not to be allowed to lapse, and that he would give us his support.

This statement was received with pleasure by the Dinner Committee at their next meeting. To make this event a success we need the support and goodwill of Mr. Davis and all who can help, and that this will be forthcoming is the sincere wish of—Yours truly,

FRED PRICE.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

VI. EXAMPLE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR

Let us now examine a short two-course touch of Bob Major which has an example of every type of call. Here it is as the composer writes it out and as the bob-caller would try to conduct it:—

'Natural' Course Ends from 23456

W	B	M	H	W	B	M	H
52436	52436	42635	64235	—		—	—
36245	36245 64352	34256	**23456**	—	1	—	—

At each of these calls except the two Homes a five-figure transposition is necessary to get the new 'natural' course end—that is the course end which would come up if no more bobs were called. These 'natural' course end figures give no idea (except at the Homes) which bells were doing which work at the bobs and not many bob-callers would know which bell was following which at any time except perhaps for the one lead after the Home.

Now let us write out the same touch again as the conductor calls it—by the Coursing Orders:—

Coursing Orders from 53246

W	B	M	H	W	B	M	H
32546		32465	34625	—		—	—
46325	54632	54326	**53246**	—	1	—	—

Starting off with the Coursing Order 53246 our conductor knows, by applying his formula ABC into BCA to the **first** three bells that the bob W will give him Coursing Order 32546 and that 3 will run out, 2 run in and 5 make fourths place. If he is ringing either of these three bells nothing could be simpler. (In this method he could, of course, merely remember to call his bob W at the first lead end, but the W position does not come at the first lead in all methods. It often comes after the M or the M and the B.) If he is ringing the treble it will be equally easy to see when 3 can be called to run out. If he is ringing or can see 7 and 8 he will be able to check his position by these. From either of the other two bells he should have no difficulty in seeing the bells in the front or the tenor at the back.

As well as having all these pointers to what is happening when the bob is made, he will know the order in which the bells go down to the lead and up to the back (i.e., his new Coursing Order) and, therefore, the order in which, allowing for his own bell, he will have to pass the others. This, of course, is hunting made easy. If the treble or any of the others goes wrong, the conductor can put the offender right by telling him the order in which he will meet the other bells.

This Coursing Order will remain unchanged until the bob M is reached. Our conductor knows the order of the bells and at any time during the five plain leads he can apply the ABC into BCA code to the **back** three bells. When he calls the bob M he **knows** that his new Coursing Order will be 32465 and that 4 will run out, 6 run in and 5 make fourths place.

One lead in this new Coursing Order and he has only to apply his by now familiar code ABC into BCA to the **middle** three bells (246 into 462) to know exactly what will happen at his bob H and what will be the Coursing Order (34625) of the start of the second course.

For this second course, our conductor would find it even less easy to make mental five-figure transpositions of his course ends, because he would be trying to do it not from rounds but from his new course end.

But by using Coursing Orders and our simple code he will find that starting from a course end other than rounds makes no difference at all. A bob W applied to his Coursing Order 34625 gives 46325—4 ran out, 6 ran in and 3 made fourths place. This new Coursing Order 46325 continues unchanged until the bob B is reached. So our conductor has three leads in which he can work out the simple fact that at the bob B when he calls 8 to run out and 7 to run in, the bell (5) which was last in his five-figure Coursing Order will make fourths place, and the new Coursing Order will be the old one with the 5 in front instead of at the end (i.e., 54632). This Coursing Order continues until the next bob (a M) but our conductor does not have to spend the time in between wondering and trying to see whether the tenor has yet reached the 5-6 down position. He only has to wait until the back three bells of his Coursing Order (6, 3 and 2) get into the appropriate positions for 3 to run out, 2 run in and 6 make fourths place and then call his bob.

One final three-figure transposition at the H from Coursing Order 54326 to Coursing Order 53246 brings the touch round with 3 running out, 2 running in and 4 making fourths place.

We have seen that all through this two-course touch, with its seven bobs, our conductor can have full control over the ringing and, therefore, the confidence that makes all the difference between getting and losing a peal. What is more, he did not have to work out his touch beforehand. He needed only to be told a moment before he started 'Call W, M and H and then call W, B, M and H.' On the other hand if he wished to practise his calling he could have done so on his way to the tower—changing three bells at each call, always with the same simple code, knowing the order of the bells all the time and seeing which bells do which work at the calls.

I have written out the Coursing Orders of the touches and peals in these articles in three or four columns as does the composer. But there is no need to do this unless you wish. If you find it simpler, just write them down one after the other exactly as you would work them out in your head or ring them in the tower. Our example touch of Bob Major given above will then look like this. A useful outcome of this method is that each part of a multi-part composition can be written out in a separate column side by side with the other parts and comparison of various checking points is facilitated.

53246	
32546	W
32465	M
34625	H
46325	W
54632	B
54326	M
53246	H

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Babbacombe

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, on January 30th, when despite arctic weather conditions the event was quite successful.

Ringing took place during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dixon, assistant priest.

After an excellent tea at Oswalds Hotel the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair.

Three apologies for absence were received, whilst six new members from Brixham and two from Dean Prior were elected.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented and adopted, the latter showing a reduced balance in hand.

Officers elected were:—Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; three General Committee members, the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, Mr. E. M. Atkins, and Mr. W. C. Wakley.

Brixham is to be the venue for the next meeting on Saturday, April 24th, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Babbacombe for the use of his church and bells, and to the Branch secretary for making such excellent arrangements concluded the meeting.

A. L. B.

IN SOMERSET WITH THE N.S.T.G.

The lure of Somerset rings and hospitality being irresistible, on Friday, January 22nd, the full express from east to west carried two bound for another week-end with the N.S.T.G.

On Saturday the usual tower-grabbing efforts were somewhat diluted by the prospect of a peal in the evening, and, accordingly, two towers only were visited in the morning—the light sixes at Rowberrow and Shipham—each being put to varied methods for three-quarters of an hour.

The afternoon programme contained no ringing but after a pleasant drive over the hills and along the coast road had brought us to Clevedon, a brisk walk along the pier enabled us to make the acquaintance of the clapperless Warner 1902 which hangs at the end of it.

The evening peal of Plain Bob Minor on the good-going Nailsea six was brought home happily with scarcely a word spoken, and then the lighter proceedings of the evening commenced with a ham supper. A visit to the local hostelry enabled us to slake our thirst with the now traditional cider, and we then adjourned to Mr. Derrick's house for further toasts and a ring on his set of diminutive handbells. Another short walk brought us to our last house of the day, where coffee, songs and chatter were enjoyed until the party dispersed at midnight.

Three fine-toned rings were visited on Sunday, the first being at Kingston Seymour, where we spent a most enjoyable hour ringing for morning service. Fortified by a feast of turkey and plum pudding, we spent half an hour at Easton-in-Gordano, and were then joined by members of the local band (one of whom has been ringing regularly since 1897) at Long Ashton, our only eight of the week-end.

Methods rung included:—Triples: Grandsire; Minor: Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Treble Bob; Doubles: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington.

To M. J. H. for his fine organisation, and to to all who contributed to the happiness and success of the week-end, many thanks. B. O.

THE RINGER'S DECALOGUE

From 'The Ringing Towers'

1.—Remember Friday evenings to keep them wholly for practices.

2.—Thou shalt not tarry without the tower.

3.—Thou shalt give ear unto the voice of the instructor and hearken not unto the babble of thy neighbour.

4.—Thou shalt not clash thy bell with thy neighbours, for this is the whole ringing law.

5.—Thou shalt not worship the method unduly for the eyes are the window of the soul, and if they be glued to the paper, how shall the soul be lighted?

6.—Thou shalt not lean upon thy neighbour, but cultivate thine own understanding for he that followeth his neighbour from lead to lead shall stumble and perish, but he that counteth his own place can in no wise dodge at the wrong place.

7.—Thou shalt not grouse.

8.—Thou shalt not contemplate thy neighbour's clothes, nor her shoes nor any new thing that is thy neighbour's lest when thy turn comes thou be taken unawares and be utterly confounded.

9.—Thou shalt not break the covenant with the band to follow after thy wife, nor thy best girl, nor thy friend, nor thy enemy for the ringers will not hold him worthy that turneth his yea to nay.

10.—Honour thy band and thy captain and forget not that regular attendance is also expected of thee on Sunday.

METHOD EXTENSION

Arising out of the Methods Committee's Report, it is now possible to state what extensions in Corrigan's Surprise Royal and Maximus Book are to be retained under their original names, and the methods where the names given should be deleted.

Section 1—Surprise Royal methods which have been rung to peals

Acceptable names (Royal)

†501 Albanian
502 Belgrave
*503 Bristol
504 Cambridge
505 New Cambridge
†506 Clifton
†507 Goldsborough
‡508 Leicester
509 Lincolnshire
*510 London (No. 1 version)
*511 London (Brighton version)
*512 London (No. 3 version)
‡513 Melton
‡514 Middlesex
*515 Painswick
†516 Prittlewell
517 Pudsey
518 Rochester
*519 Rutland
*520 Superlative (Shipway's version)
*521 Superlative (No. 2 version)
522 York
523 Yorkshire

Section 2 — Extensions of Methods included in the Surprise Major Section

Acceptable names (Royal)

525 Bedford
*526 Birmingham
‡533 Caister
534 Pontefract
535 Clacton
538 Devon
540 Essex
548 Langley
550 Leicestershire
†564 Lindsey
566 Lowestoft
‡570 Oakham
573 Selborne
*574 Staffordshire
*576 Wembley
‡578 Westcote
581 Woodstock
582 Wycombe

* Not in accordance with the Methods Committee's requirements, but rung before the date of the adoption of the report.
† Parent method, no relative Major.
‡ No corresponding Major or Maximus.

Section 2 (continued) — Unacceptable names which should now be deleted (Royal)

524 Beaconsfield
527 Bolton
528 Bosmere
529 Bristol (E. B. James)
530 Bristol (Drayton)
531 Bristol (Drayton)
532 Bromley
536 Cornwall
537 Daventry
539 Doncaster
541 Falmouth
542 Gloucester
543 Helmingham
544 Howden
545 Hughenden
546 Kent
547 Lancashire
549 Lavenham
565 London (U.A. version)
567 Mildenhall
568 Monewden
569 Newcastle
571 Orwell
572 Peterborough
575 Superlative (Drayton)
577 Wendover (this is Albanian, 501)
579 Whitbourne
580 Willesden

The undermentioned is included in Section 2, but the relative Major method is not shown in the Major section:—

559 Extends from —.38.—.14.—.12.—.38.14.—.14.38.—.14.—.7 (Lindoff's No. 64)

Section 3 — Surprise methods first published for 10 bells

609 Duplicate of 548 (Langley)
613 Extends from —.34.—.14.—.58.—.16.—.14.—.38.—.16.—.5
622 Solihull

Section 1—Surprise Maximus Methods which have been rung to peals

Acceptable Names (Maximus)

801 Bedford
802 Belgrave
803 Cambridge
804 New Cambridge
805 Lincolnshire
806 Lindsey
807 Pudsey
808 Rochester
*809 Superlative
810 York
811 Yorkshire

Section 2—Extensions to 12 bells of Surprise Methods for 8 or 10 bells

813 Albanian
814 Birmingham
*816 Bristol
822 Bromley
824 Caerleon
825 Pontefract
826 Devon
832 Leicestershire
844 Lowestoft
848 Prittlewell
*849 Rutland (since renamed Belvoir)
†850 S. Hugh
†851 S. Margaret's
852 Selborne
†857 Verona
858 Wembley
861 Wycombe

* Not in accordance with the Methods Committee's requirements, but rung before the adoption of the Report.
† No Major or Royal.

Section 2 (continued) — Unacceptable names which should now be deleted (Maximus)

815 Bolton
817 Bristol (Drayton)
818 Bristol (Drayton)
819 Bristol (E. B. James)
820 Bristol (E. B. James)
821 Bristol (A. Y. Bramble)
823 Burslem
827 Doncaster
828 Hughenden
829 Kent
830 Lancashire
831 Lavenham
840 London (Drayton)
841 London (Drayton)
842 London (W. Taylor)
843 London (U.A. Version)
845 Manchester
846 Oakham
847 Peterborough
853 Staffordshire
854 Superlative (Drayton)
855 Superlative (Drayton)
856 Superlative (A. Y. Bramble)
859 Whitbourne
860 Willesden

Section 2 (continued)—Unnamed methods. Acceptable extensions

860 Parent 580 (late Willesden)
§835 extends from —.38.—.14.—.12.—.38.—.14.—.58.14.—.14.5 (Lindoff's No. 61)
836 extends from —.38.—.14.—.12.—.38.14.—.14.38.—.14.—.7 (Lindoff's No. 64) (No. 559 is in the same family)
§837 extends from —.38.—.14.58.12.—.16.—.14.—.58.14.—.14.3 (Lindoff's No. 83)
§838 extends from —.38.—.16.—.56.—.38.—.14.—.58.14.—.14.5 (Lindoff's No. 110)

§ Ultimate place lead-head only.

N.B. — These four Major methods are in Corrigan's Unnamed Methods Collection.

Section 2 (continued)—Unnamed methods. Unacceptable extensions

833 shown as relative to 552 (Lindoff's No. 8)
834 shown as relative to 556 (Lindoff's No. 35)
835 shown as relative to 558 (Lindoff's No. 61)
837 shown as relative to 561 (Lindoff's No. 83)
838 shown as relative to 562 (Lindoff's No. 110)
839 shown as relative to 563 (Lindoff's No. 112)

Section 3—Methods first published for 12 bells

864 Langley
866 Solihull
868 extends from 627

Acceptable names—Extensions not published in Corrigan's Surprise book

Royal	Maximus
*Warwickshire	*Aldenham
*Aldenham	Buckingham
Wye	Wigston
	Wye

* Not in accordance with the Methods Committee's requirements, but rung before the date of the Report.

In regard to Birmingham Royal, Painswick Royal and Warwickshire Royal, all of which have been accepted solely on account of their being rung before the date of the Report, the following Maximus extensions will be recognised:—

Birmingham as 814
Painswick —.36.—.14.—.5T.—.16.—.12.—.5T.—.16.—.5T.—.18.—.7T.—.10.—.E
Warwickshire —.3T.—.14.—.12.—.3T.—.12.—.3T.—.14.—.5T.—.16.—.9T.—.10.—.E

On behalf of the Methods Committee.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD AT RUSHDEN

Wellingborough Branch Test New Eight

At the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch held at Rushden on January 30th, representatives were present from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Easton Maudit, Earls Barton, Ecton, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Mears Ashby, Great Doddington, Bozeat, Stanwick, Burton Latimer, Cranford, Kettering, Brafield, Raunds, Hargrave, Long Buckby, with members of the Bedford Guild.

The Guild service was held in St. Mary's Church during the afternoon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Green), who also gave an address.

A company of 85 enjoyed the excellent tea in the Institute arranged and served by the local ringers' wives and friends, supervised by Mrs L. Priestley.

At the business proceedings the secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. Bigley, Irthlingborough) presented the report and balance sheet for 1953. A balance of £3 14s. 7d. increased the Branch assets. The officers were all re-elected. It was decided to visit the six-bell tower of Mears Ashby for the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. S. P. Warwick (Wellingborough) was elected an honorary member, and three new ringing members of Irthlingborough, Messrs. P. Smart, M. Munton and J. Britchford, were also elected. After reference to the recent death of Mr. A. Minney, of Wollaston, the party stood in silent tribute.

A quantity of the 'Booklet for Beginners,' by Mr. W. G. Wilson, were eagerly bought up during the afternoon. Thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., and to the organist and ladies were proposed by the Branch president (the Rev. W. C. Knight, Bozeat). Mr. C. Clifton also had a word to say concerning the work of the secretary. After words of appreciation, he said that members could help by collective and prompt paying of subscriptions.

The new ring of eight was kept going during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods, interspersed with rounds for the lesser skilled.

A. B.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society started the year well with a good meeting in Hull. The bells of St. Mary's, Lowgate, were rung during the afternoon to standard methods.

A service was held in St. Luke's Chapel in Holy Trinity Church, owing to the choir being under repair and full of scaffolding. The Rev. G. Storer conducted the service and the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon) preached the sermon).

Forty members and friends had tea in the Trocadero Cafe, followed by a business meeting with Mr. A. E. Sellers in the chair.

Ringers from North Lincolnshire joined the company and proceeded to Holy Trinity Church to ring on the fine ten for the remainder of the evening.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN HART

Leader of the ringers at St. Nicholas', Cramlington, Northumberland, and a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for many years, Mr. John Hart passed away at the age of 61 years on Thursday, January 28th, following a seizure at his work in a local coal mine.

He was a staunch churchman, a some-time churchwarden of Cramlington and a most loyal member of his belfry, where he 'nursed' both bells and ringers and was ever a congenial host to the Association at meetings held there. Although not a change ringer, he was an excellent striker and could ring the tenor behind to perfection. He was always proud of the fact that he had rung-in the New Year for more than 40 years without a break apart from the war years.

The interment took place on Sunday, January 31st, at Cramlington Churchyard following a service in church. At the graveside a course of Bob Minor on handbells was rung by J. A. Ainsworth 1-2, K. Arthur 3-4, E. N. Harrison 5-6. Later the tower bells were rung half-muffled to a 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor by J. Anderson (first 720) 1, T. Sewell 2, K. Arthur 3, E. P. Crowdy 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. A. Ainsworth (conductor) 6. K. A.

MR. JOHN FOSTER

One of the older generation of ringers, Mr. John Foster died at Hitchin on January 28th, where he had lived and worked and rung most of his life, at the ripe age of 92.

Although he had not rung for nearly two decades, he commenced ringing as long ago as the 1880's, and rang the seventh at Hitchin to a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 25th, 1895, at a time when peals were scarce and the bells were presumably much the same condition as when first hung in 1762, for they were not rehung till 1901. He rang the sixth and seventh to three other peals of Triples and Bob Major early in the century. These are the only ones recorded on boards in the tower, but there may have been other successes of which record has been lost.

About this time he became assistant parish clerk, and later clerk, holding this office for about 40 years, under five Vicars. He attended about 1,700 weddings before retiring during the last war! He was for many years captain of the ringers. When increasing age caused him to give up change ringing, he still chimed on the Ellacombe apparatus for services when the bells were not normally rung.

On January 31st a half-muffled quarter peal, 1,260 Stedman Triples, was rung by present ringers prior to Evensong as a token of respect to Mr. Foster to his service to the church and the tower. The following took part:— C. V Hare 1, L. Fidler 2, M. Orme 3, F. Croft 4, E. Winters 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones (conductor) 7, W. Todd 8. D. P. J.

RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Rugby Surprise Major was rung for the first time on January 30th, conducted by Mr. Alan Pink. This method, writes Mr. Pink, differs from Yorkshire Surprise Major only in the 7-8 section. Although there is so little difference in the figures, there is a fair degree of difference in the blue line, and whereas Yorkshire has only one false course lead, 24365, Rugby has three, 24365, 46253 and 32546.

A comparison in the 7-8 section is given below:—

Yorkshire	Rugby
64728153	64728153
46782513	46782513
64875231	47685231
68472513	74862513
86745231	47682531
68472531	74865231

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Annual Dinner

This was held in Cambridge on January 30th. Yielding to pressure, the undersigned is reporting the function, but this report has little historic value as, not only did a wedding (someone else's) prevent his taking part in the ringing, but also, as he has lost his notes about the Dinner, he is reduced to the indignity of reporting what he thinks the speakers said—or even what they ought to have said.

Ringing took place during the day at St. Andrew's, in whose vestry a business meeting was held, the Roman Catholic Church, St. Benet's and elsewhere. The undersigned arrived just in time to see a goodly company emerging from St. Benet's and made his way with them to the West End Hotel, West Road (a crisis in St. John's College kitchen having made a dinner impossible for us there), John's having all they could do to feed themselves. At least the West End is superior to John's in not possessing a vast Victorian silent tower.

The president (the Rev. A. C. Blyth, of Selwyn) presided at the dinner, welcomed members and guests and proposed the loyal toast. Then Dr. F. S. Poole proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' In a charming speech he reminded his hearers of the noble past of the Guild, tiny in numbers compared with its strength to-day—there were over 40 at the Dinner—but splendid in spirit. A peal in the old days was quite an event, because of both the difficulty of getting men together and the limitations of travel. But the earlier days were grand days of achievement, all the same, and it was a great pleasure to senior members like himself both to join with the present-day Guild and to think over the past.

The Master of the Guild, replying, spoke warmly of the earlier efforts, and turning to the present told how the Guild goes for a peal almost every Saturday; numbers are not difficult to make up, and travel, partly with the help of Ichabod, an object on four wheels (the undersigned has not seen it and does not know whether this description is accurate at the moment) is also easy. We look forward to the Guild Week to be held at or near Abergavenny, August 30th to September 4th.

Mr. E. J. Lindley, proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' was not sure who were guests, or who, having paid for their dinner, could not be so described. Anyhow, he was very glad to see everybody there, in particular Messrs. Dennis and Quinney, of the Cambridge Youths, and the Master of the London University Society. 'The Other Place' was less well represented than he would have liked, possibly because of the charm of Bristol girls or the eminence of Bristol University Chancellor.

The Master of the London University Society, in reply, warmly thanked his hosts on behalf of the guests and expressed great pleasure at the flourishing state of the University Societies.

After Dinner, members adjourned to some part of Selwyn, but what they did there I know not, as Frances, Brian and Tim came on to Norwich with me instead. G. T.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION

N.W. District Annual Meeting

Harlow Town was the venue of the N.W. District's annual meeting on January 23rd when 52 members and visitors were present.

The service was conducted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. E. Bevan), assisted by the curate of Harlow (the Rev. W. Butler).

After an excellent tea at the Queen's Head the business meeting was held, the Rural Dean taking the chair. He welcomed all the ringers to Harlow and expressed his appreciation of how the District had grown in strength since the war.

The secretary reported that the average attendance at the six meetings held in 1953 had been 34. Ringing membership showed a slight decrease, although the honorary membership had been increased by six.

Mr. B. G. Burton was re-elected Master, Mr. G. Blake secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. W. Aley and R. Haydon as committee members.

After votes of thanks to the Rural Dean and all who had made the meeting possible, ringing was resumed.

The following ringing broadcasts will take place in connection with Western Region services at 9.30 a.m.:—February 28th, Truro Cathedral; March 7th, Uffculme; March 14th, Dawlish; March 21st, Exeter (St. Thomas'); March 28th, Kenn.

LATE NOTICES

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Annual meeting at Chichester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Assembly Rooms.—W. L. Weller. 3932

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Bell Hotel. — L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3935

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — J. W. Cotton, Tel. Overseal 264. 3934

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual committee meeting, Oxford, Saturday, March 13th. Details later.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 3931

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Business: Proposed alteration of rules. Ringing afterwards at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 5 p.m. 3857

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business 6.15 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3905

DEVON GUILD.—North-West Branch.—Annual meeting at Bradworthy, Feb. 13th. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 3882

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Alphington, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Carr's Cafe. More ringing after.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 3859

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The District annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Farnham (8). Ringing from 2-4.30 p.m. only. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Owen Hall at 5 p.m followed by the business meeting. Social evening from 7-9 p.m. Inclusive price of tea and social 2s.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3816

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual at St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 4.30. Bells (10) 3-4.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Downes, Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Heretord. 3900

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Feb. 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 3866

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Wateringbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone 3867

LADIES' GUILD.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting, Town Hall, Manchester, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Frances M. Hibbert, Hon. Sec. 3902

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1., on Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea shops nearby. Bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, E.C.1 3-4 p.m., and St. Margaret's, Westminster, in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 3885

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Hurst, Park Farm, Blyth, Worksop.—H. Denman. 3860

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Tickenham, Feb. 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3919

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Guisborough (6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3928

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rugby (St. Andrew's) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Clifton after tea. Good attendance requested.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Branch Sec. 3929

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Tibshelf, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 17th, to Mr. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbys.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3923

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots (6), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at The Forge.—H. S. Peacock. 3913

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3915

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Kilndown. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 3910

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Feb. 20th. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify me number for tea by Thursday, 18th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard. 3893

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Feb. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea. Special method: Double Oxford.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Philip's, Hulme (Chester Street, off Oxford Road, near Regal Cinema), Feb. 20th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3927

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3. A good attendance is requested. 3926

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Feb. 20th, St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8 bells), opposite Underground Station. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hut, Belmont Road, 5.15. Names, please. Subscriptions now due. —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039). 3925

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Ferndale, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich. Sorry, no names, no tea !—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3898

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Feb. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 20th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 3892

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3920

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Lyme Regis, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 15th.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3912

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual meeting, dinner and concert, Feb. 20th, at Selby Abbey. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Dinner (10s. each), Londesborough Arms Hotel, 6 p.m. Please send names and remittance, on or before Feb. 17th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3923

SURREY ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Merstham, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, by Feb. 17th, to W. J. Avernell, Clover, Netherne Lane, Merstham. 3916

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Feb. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3906

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Hardington Mandeville, Saturday, Feb. 27th Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3921

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Annual dinner and social evening will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Ringing: St. Andrew's, Derby (10) 3 p.m.-5 p.m. and St. Alkmund's, Derby (8), 3-5.30 p.m. Morning peals are being arranged by request. Tickets 10s. from G. A. Halls, 672, Harvey Road, Derby. 3876

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (free) 5.15 p.m. in the Church Hall.—G. Blake, Dis Sec. 3914

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Committee meeting, Feb. 27th, 3.30 p.m. in St. George's School Room, Bolton. Bells available: All Souls', Bolton, from 2 p.m.; St. George's from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. George's, nominal charge. Names, by Feb. 24th. to Mr. E. Ford, 384, Chorley Old Road, Bolton. 3924

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Ringing, Cassington and Eynsham, 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Social in the evening. All ringers and friends welcome. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. (Phone Eynsham 222.) 3918

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CHURCH BELLS AND THE SAINTS

SUGGESTION has been more than once made that the patronal and other festivals set out in the Church's Calendar might well be kept in reserve for peal and quarter peal attempts. The idea is a perfectly sound one, if only to give less excuse to those individuals who are none too favourably disposed towards bells, and who query the reason for long ringing, only to find out that 'Jack Jones wanted his first 5,040 in some method,' or that 'Tom Smith's wife had had a birthday'!

It might be asked—What have saints' days got to do with bells? In similar vein it could be asked—Why name certain methods of change ringing after saints, since the latter have all been dead and gone centuries before change ringing was thought of?

It was a common practice with many of our pre-Reformation bell founders to name certain bells after saints—and not always apostolic saints, the only ones of whom some people can ever think. Our church dedications and the Church's Calendar name many others. Already some have been used to identify a number of five- and six-bell methods, some extending to the higher numbers. Whilst St. Clement and St. Simon are perhaps the best known, others come to mind, such as St. Martin, St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas, St. Columb, St. Blaise, St. Giles, St. Peter, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Miles, St. Dunstan, St. Luke, St. John, St. Augustine, and in the Central Council's 1931 collection are two others not so much heard of nowadays, St. Vedost and St. Alphege, the former named after the church close by St. Paul's Cathedral, and the latter after the archbishop who was martyred by the Danes on the Thames estuary in 1012, to whom a church at Greenwich is dedicated. A more recent addition is All Saints.

On six bells one can, among others, think of St. Werburgh—the Mercia. Her home, it is said, was in Northants—at Weedon Bec. Some of these saints' names, and additional ones, can be seen on old bells still in existence, as well as on some recast and some modern bells, like one at Roade, Northants, recently dedicated.

Understandably, perhaps the most common dedication is St. Mary. Northants has a number of such examples, the oldest being the second of four bells at Cold Ashby, inscribed 'Maria Vocor. Ano. Dni. Mcccxvii.' This bell is believed to have been cast (in 1317) by William-de-Flint. Following it, by a few years, is the tenor of four in the leaning tower of Stowe-IX-Churches, which is inscribed, 'Ave Maria, gracia plena,' meaning 'Hail Mary, full of grace.' This same inscription will be found on the second of the five at Alderton, on the fourth of five at Grafton Regis, the fourth of eight at King's Sutton, the tenor of six at Potterspury, and the fifth of six at Wadenhoe.

'Sancta Maria ora pro nobis' can be seen on the treble of five at Passenham, and before being recast in 1884 was on the second of the five at Bozeat. Upton has one bell inscribed 'Sancta Maria' (the C is reversed and the S lying on its side). The third of five at Polebrook has on it 'S. Maria.' And on the tenor of three at Winwick (which is believed another William-de-Flint bell) is just 'Maria.'

A very interesting old bell is the second of three at Glapthorne, by a little heard of bell founder (Johannes Sleyt). It is inscribed 'Inndre Satti Maria. Johannes Sleyt me fecit.' The tenor of these same three commemorates St. Andrew, and is inscribed 'Sancte Andrea ora pro nobis.' This inscription is varied. On the smaller of two bells at Northborough is read 'Ista Campana facta est in honore St. Andree.' Polebrook's second is inscribed 'Andrea.' St. Thomas is the dedication on the fourth of five at Sudborough, inscribed 'Thomas,' and on the third of five at Geddington is seen 'S. Thomas.'

St. Katherine finds favour on a number of bells, as, for example, the second of three at Horton, believed to have come from the Reading foundry of Sanders between 1539 and 1559. This bell is unfortunately badly cracked, and is inscribed, 'Sancta Katerina ora pro nobis.' It was at Horton that the family of Catherine Parr (last wife of Henry VIII.) held residence. 'Campana vocor Katerina' will be seen on the first of two bells in the old tower at Slapton, where there is also a very old priest bell of circa 1310 inscribed 'Richard De Wambis me fesit.'

Intended obviously for 'Sancta Katerina' can be seen 'Sacan (reversed C) Cterina' on the second of four at Barby, and the fourth of five at Roade has on it 'Sancta Katerina ora pro nobis.' This bell, together with the tenor and the third, is believed the work of Henry Jordon, a London founder from 1442–1470. Considered to be cast by the same man are all four bells at Fawsley, some of the clearest examples of pre-Reformation work anywhere. Fawsley, a tiny parish in extensive parkland, is now threatened with extinction. From 1416 until about 30 years ago a famous family named Knightley had an estate there.

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The old mansion is now disgracefully used as a timber shop. The treble of Fawsley's four is inscribed 'Sancte Botolfe ora pro nobis,' being the only bell in Northants dedicated to St. Botolph. Another only dedication is the new treble to the recently augmented five at Roade, dedicated to St. Cecilia, patron saint of music, whose festival is on November 22nd.

Another, Hargrave, has the only bell I know of in Northants dedicated to St. Anthony, the tenor of four being inscribed 'S. Antonie.' Other references to St. Anthony can, however, be found at Stanford-on-Avon and at Lamport. S. Margareta, which could mean St. Margaret of Antioch or St. Margaret Queen of Scotland, is to be seen on the third of four at Charwelton, and was inscribed on the treble to old four prior to 1727 at Roade, in which year it was recast by Thomas Russell, of Woolton, Beds. Its inscription reads, 'Nova Campana Margareta est Honorata.' The tenor of five at Twywell appears to be the only one dedicated to St. Augustine, being inscribed 'Vox Augustini sonet in Aure Dei.' A very rare dedication is on the third of the heavy five bells at Castle Ashby, with a unique stamp, which shows, like the five bells in the Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, London, it is a Bullisdon bell of circa 1510. On it is inscribed 'Sancta Agatha ora pro nobis.' The festival of St. Agatha falls early in the year.

St. Anna is another favourite dedication. She is curiously inscribed 'Saauu' (S on its side) on the second at Great-worth of three bells there. She was commemorated on the old fourth of the original five (now eight) at Thrapston, viz., 'Sancta Anna ora pro nobis,' and the same inscription is on the second of six at Paulerspury.

A very historic bell by one of the early Newcombes of Leicester, which is undated, but which we know was put in at the time the church was built in 1534, is at Whiston, inscribed 'S. Anna.' It is the third of five. Anthony Catesby (whose family some years later got mixed up with the Fresham family in the Gunpowder Plot) sold a flock of sheep to provide this 'St. Anna bell.' He is reputed to have said to his wife on hearing it rung for the first time, 'Hark, can you hear my lambs bleating?'

St. Peter is commemorated on many old bells in other counties, but strangely on few in Northants. On the recast second of four at Holcot will be seen 'Sancti Petri.' Isham, with six bells, until 1907 had four, the old third of which was dedicated to St. Ambrose. St. Gabriel can be found on several bells, as on another old Henry Jordan bell (the fourth of five) at Old (sometimes called Wold), where the inscription reads, 'Missi de Celis (C reversed) hab Nomen Gabrielis.' And on the old fourth of five at Easton Maudit before being recast was 'Dulcis Sisto melis Campana Vocor Gabrielis,' meaning 'I am called the bell of Gabriel.'

All these inscriptions and others besides show there is ample reason why we should associate the saints' names with our ringing of the bells. P. A.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
JOHN WORTH	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	PETER BORDER	10
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	10
JOHN PINFOLD	5	HARRY PARKES	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt.

BRO. FREDERICK G. LEAKER, St. Keyna Lodge No. 1833	*Treble*
BRO. FREDERICK J. BAILEY, Trisant Lodge No. 4154	2
BRO. ALBERT M. TYLER, Burnett Lodge No. 6789	3
BRO. JOHN M. STALLARD, Burnett Lodge No. 6789	4
BRO. ARTHUR G. MASON, Rectitude Lodge No. 4727	5
BRO. REGINALD H. ADDIS, Unity Lodge No. 6030	6
W. BRO. FRANK HANSFORD, Brotherly Love Lodge No. 329	7
BRO. GILBERT H. HARDING, Concord Lodge No. 632	8
BRO. W. BERTRAM KYNASTON, Royal Sussex Lodge No. 355	9
BRO. ALAN A. HILLIAR, Burnett Lodge No. 6789	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

First peal to be rung in Wales by a band of Freemasons.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	HERBERT LOWMAN	6
BETTY BROWN	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	3	H. LESLIE PASK	8
GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JOHN WALDEN	9
CHARLES E. BROWN	5	RAYMOND F. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Betty Brown.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*John R. Norman	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	5
Glenys R. Bodycote	2	Ernest J. Jelley	6
John M. Jelley	3	Arthur E. Bodycote	7
G. Harry Bray	4	George V. Deacon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal away from tenor.
Rung to welcome the Right Reverend R. R. Williams, who was enthroned Bishop of Leicester in the Cathedral on January 23rd, 1954.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Bertie A. Cornell	*Treble*	Frederick J. Spicer	5
Eric Edmondson	2	*Frederick C. Jacklin	6
Stanley Huckle	3	Arthur Day	7
George W. Debenham	4	Thomas J. Southam	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Thomas J. Southam.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Mr. Day has now 'circled the tower.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5056 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Harold J. Poole	*Treble*	Ernest W. Rawson	5
*Winifred M. Burton	2	John A. Acres	6
J. Frederick Milner	3	*Brian G. Warwick	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	Terence A. Thornber	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5024 BARNET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Evelyn M. Fletcher	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	3	George E. Fearn	7
Peter Border	4	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
First in the method for the Guild, and by all.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 HARLESDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	*Brian D. Threlfall	6
Thomas H. Francis	3	Alfred J. House	7
Alick Cutler	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 25th Surprise Major method for a peal. 60th Surprise Major method on the bells. First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Ernest J. Jelley	*Treble*	Ernest W. Rawson	5
Winifred M. Burton	2	‡Harold J. Poole	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	‡John A. Acres	7
†John M. Jelley	4	S. Anthony Jesson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

George W. Pipe	*Treble*	John S. Wybrew	5
John W. C. Blythe	2	George E. Symonds	6
Patricia M. Clarke	3	Ronald W. Steward	7
Robert E. Lester	4	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by James Hunt. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

William J. Prescott	*Treble*	William F. J. Cope	5
*Eric Naylor	2	*Edward J. Fry	6
George Prescott	3	Roger O. Fry	7
Jesse Hallett	4	Kenneth F. Medway	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*John F. Wood	*Treble*	Fred Pritchard	5
Norman Tompkins	2	Frank Reynolds	6
George A. Bell	3	*†Peter Crook, sen.	7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	James L. Wright	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* 25th peal together. † 400th peal.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 4th and Mrs. Smith.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Nancy E. Marklew	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Terence A. Thornber	6
*Rita Stratford (16)	3	Alfred Ballard	7
*Christine Stratford (14)	4	Michael E. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

*H. Walter Smith	*Treble*	Ronald Suckling	5
George Schleuter	2	Dr. L. S. Castleden	6
*Harry Stebbings	3	George Saunders	7
Alfred T. M. Perry	4	Joseph C. Jennings	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeve. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal of Kent Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and in honour of the anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Albert J. Wilson	*Treble*	Harry J. Richardson	5
*David Priestley	2	Ernest E. Whitmore	6
Arthur Gibbs	3	William J. Whitmore	7
*John M. Clarke	4	*Ralph Whiting	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Ernest E. Whitmore.
* First peal and first attempt.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	EDWARD F. GOBEY	5
*MARION BRADLEY	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
*GORDON HALL	3	*FRANK BRADLEY	7
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.
* First peal in method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

STANLEY HUCKLE	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. JACKLIN	5
FREDERICK J. SPICER	2	†JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	6
*BARBARA MARKS	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
REGINALD W. DARVILL	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal 'inside' and first of Major. † First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	TERENCE A. THORNBER	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	JOHN A. ACRES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
C.C.C. No. 8. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*KENNETH CLARKE	*Treble*	†ERNEST W. ROWE	5
†ARTHUR TAPLEY	2	JACK SALWAY	6
†JOHN ARBURY	3	GEORGE E. RETTER	7
†REGINALD WOODLEY	4	‡FRANK SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung to mark the retirement of J. Arbury, sexton at this church for 27 years.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. A. Lambert's Variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 13 cwt.

BETTY A. TESTER	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
BERNARD W. PANKHURST	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
*JOHN T. MEDHURST	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung on the second anniversary of the Accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. A 16th birthday compliment to Betty A. Tester.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Treble*	PERCY GREEN	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	PETER J. EVES	7
†JOE E. G. ROAST	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

DERRICK G. CLARKE	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	AUBREY J. PROBERT	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	4
EDWARD MAUND	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER WILSHER	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4
*PATRICK SALTMARSH	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

PERCY H. HULL	*Treble*	MARJORIE LEGG	4
GWILYN SALMON	2	KENNETH MEDWAY	5
HARRY SMITH	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. Tongue, following his induction as Vicar of Locking.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

M. WRIGHT	*Treble*	W. SWAIN	4
G. HOLDGATE	2	E. STERLAND	5
H. FRANKLIN	3	P. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. STERLAND.
Rung by the local band as a birthday compliment to W. Swain, and in honour of the return to the company of E. Sterland, after serving with the R.A.F.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, viz., two extents of Stedman, eight April Day, twelve Plain Bob, and twenty Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

MICHAEL A. MESSAM	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD	3
*CECIL A. SWANN	2	DEREK E. GRIFFIN	4
GEORGE HOLLICK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE HOLLICK.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal in four Doubles methods as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Cecil A. Swann, who is joining H.M. Forces.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*JUNE HALL .. .. ..*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN.. 4
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 2	HAROLD WALKER 5
J. BRENDA SOFTLEY .. 3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
* First peal.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*JOHN A. MARTIN .. ..*Treble*	*ROBERT J. ANDREWS .. 4
ROLAND W. MORANT .. 2	*JAMES F. DODSON 5
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3	ROY COLLINS .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor in two methods. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. W. Morant, on being appointed a lay reader of Guildford Diocese on this date.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE DEAN .. .. ..*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH 4
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal. The first peal on the bells since being rehung.

COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BRAITHWAITE ..*Treble*	HERBERT RAINFORD .. 4
STANLEY ANDERTON 2	FRANK F. POSTLETHWAITE 5
JAMES W. METCALFE .. 3	*SIDNEY JEFFREY .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal of Minor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Norwich, Lightfoot, London, York, Beverley, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

ROBERT G. LAY .. ..*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK 4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL ..*Treble*	KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 4
†MICHAEL KEMP 2	JOHN NEWBERT 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* First peal. A farewell to Michael Kemp on joining the R.A.F.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BERYL H. UNSTEAD ..*Treble*	ERNEST E. BREED 4
FRANK H. BEENEY 2	GERALD L. GADD 5
GEORGE BEENEY 3	C. JOHN PIPER .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD L. GADD.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. First peal on the bells since restoration.
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. I. Gadd, ringers at this tower.

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STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Double Oxford, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

RONALD HILL	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
RONALD RUSSELL	3	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz., (1) Hereward Bob and Oxford Bob; (2) Thelwall and Childwall; (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (4) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

LEONARD A. TIDY	*Treble*	*ROLAND W. MORANT	4
RALPH BIRD	2	*JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
*COLIN J. CHAMPION	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in 11 methods. Messrs. A. P. Cannon and R. W. Morant's 25th peal together in 28 attempts.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	CECIL BARKER	4
*MRS. E. C. JARVIS	2	PETER L. WOOD	5
TERRY EARLE	3	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

* First peal in four methods

Rung to commemorate the second anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II., and as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 3rd.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

*EDWARD G. CURSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	4
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	*JOHN MOORE	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the donor of the 3rd bell.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.1.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5—6
WILFRID G. WILSON	3—4	GEORGE W. MASSEY	7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

LONDON, S.E.1.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 17 in A.

*GEORGE W. MASSEY	1—2	*WILFRID G. WILSON	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	7—8
		*THOMAS J. LOCK	9—10

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): M. W. Ford 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, A. J. Slade 3, Betty J. Marsh (first on an 'inside' bell) 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, H. Warmez (first quarter) 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. D. Brown (first away from a 'covering' bell) 1, S. W. Brown (cond.) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Mary W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. G. A. Steele.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Bennett 1, Miss R. Brown 2, A. T. Randall 3, J. P. Morriss 4, P. Reynolds 5, W. E. Clarke 6, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 7, B. H. Dalton 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 720 St. Clement's): E. J. Thurlow 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, R. J. Darch 3, R. S. Payne 4, C. J. Gibson 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. First 720 of Double Oxford 'inside' for 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Eade, of Blythburgh, and the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gibson.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. C. Brown (first quarter) 1, Anne P. Brown 2, Ruth M. Jackson 3, Stella P. Wain 4, A. Twyman 5, Jean C. Brown 6, A. T. Parker 7, A. J. Brown (cond.) 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Holloway 1, Audrey Castell 2, R. Willis 3, S. Turley 4, A. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Castell 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Sadler, for many years a fellow-ringer and parish clerk.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, at the Norman Tower, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Wm. Stannard (cond.) 1, R. Rose 2, C. Stannard 3, K. Brown 4, P. Everett 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. Rung before Evensong.

CARDIFF.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: T. Lewis 1, T. Yeomans 2, A. W. Heath 3, F. J. Hannington 4, J. Davies 5, L. Muller (first 'inside') 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, W. Dare 9, S. R. Barker 10.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Tyler 1, Mrs. D. T. Goodhew 2, R. Boykett 3, G. Schleuter 4, Dr. L. S. Castleden 5, H. W. Smith (cond.) 6, A. T. M. Perry 7, G. Saunders 8.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Cadman 1, Dawn V. Elson 2, N. Craddock 3, M. F. Amos (cond.) 4, W. J. Kinchin 5.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary J. Parsloe 1, J. A. Howard (first of Doubles in the method) 2, Elsie F. Feltwell 3, D. A. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, A. Jukes 6. First in method by 1 and 3.

HENDON, N.W.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, D. T. C. Smith 2, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 3, J. Parslow 4, J. Taylor 5, H. Arnold 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HUNTINGDON.—On Feb. 7th, at All Saints' Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Spicer (first quarter) 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Jan 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Wells (first of Major) 1, Miss E. Farrell 2, Mrs. S. E. Charnley 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Mrs. K. F. Parr 5, F. D. Bishop 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Wells (first of Caters) 1, Mrs. K. F. Parr 2, Miss J. Creak (first of Caters 'inside') 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, F. D. Bishop 7, B. G. Moore (first of Caters 'inside') 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, A. Tomblin 10.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mrs. D. Day 1, J. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, A. Hinman 4, G. H. Bailey 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Annie Wheller for her 78th birthday and for her 42 years' service as verger at St. Peter's Church.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alfred Nix 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, A. A. Upton 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, A. G. Morris 5, T. Gwilt 6, D. Harrison (cond.) 7, Albert Nix 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Arscott 1, C. W. Powell 2, E. L. Taylor 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, G. Whitemore 5, R. Keeley 6, H. G. Keeley 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. G. L. Tiarks as Vicar of Lyme Regis.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Abbott 1, C. F. Andrews 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, Miss R. Gibbons 4, W. C. West (cond.) 5, R. Southwood 6, J. Gilbert 7, H. Cockell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Amy Swanborough, interred this day.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Bawden 1, D. Miller (16) 2, M. Stone 3, C. Clarke 4, W. Stevens 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1 and 2. First of Minor on the bells. For the second anniversary of the induction of the Rev. W. Griffin.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Whitworth 1, H. Richardson 2, D. Priestley 3, A. Wilson 4, I. Clarke 5, D. Deighton 6, W. Whitmore (cond.) 7, S. Hodgkins (first quarter) 8. A compliment to the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Green), who was inducted Canon on this day.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. M. Currie 1, P. Nash 2, J. M. N. Lakin 3, R. F. Brewer 4, J. A. C. King (cond.) 5. A farewell quarter to R. M. Currie.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Parish Church of St. Dunstan, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hilton (first in method) 1, C. W. Ridgway 2, H. G. Weedon 3, L. J. Fox (cond.) 4, C. A. Hullyer (first quarter) 5, S. Smith 6. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Weedon (first on 10 bells) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, H. G. Hart 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, J. Euston 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, G. Spencer 8, N. W. Genna 9, A. W. Coles 10.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, S. Atkins 4, T. Stagg 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles.—Miss S. Hughes (14 years) 1, G. W. Hughes 2, Mrs. S. Thomas 3, J. S. Eastwood 4, A. Botterell (cond.) 5, R. E. Woolley (13 years) 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Denroche 1, J. Tomsett 2, P. Devenish 3, H. Cox 4, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 5, Mrs. P. Devenish 6, F. W. Wicks 7, J. Brickell (longest length) 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. David Rodgers as the new curate to St. Mary's, Wimbledon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Chertsey on February 6th. A breakdown of the central heating system in the church caused all but the hardiest of those present to keep well wrapped up when not taking part in the ringing.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Archibald, who later joined the company at tea in the Parish Hall.

The Guild secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover, was chairman for the somewhat lengthy business that followed. Apologies were received from Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury and Mr. J. Hessey.

The Ringing Master, Mr. F. J. Dodson, reviewed the year's activities and promised all possible support to those bands which were still struggling.

The secretary (acting), who took over from Mr. W. Simmonds when he left the district in August, reported in detail on the district membership and matters affecting the district. He made proposals for stimulating interest in handbell ringing, especially among the younger members.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. F. J. Dodson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. I. Shepherd; auditor, Mr. W. Shepherd; Guild Committee representative, Mr. J. R. Worrall.

Four ringing members and one honorary member were elected from Chertsey and two ringing members and seven junior members were elected from Egham.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting be held at Egham, it being left to the secretary to arrange the usual ringing meetings during the year.

The meeting concluded with handbell ringing in the Parish Hall, followed by further ringing at the church. R. I. S.

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	3rd four times	2nd " " " "	
	4th three times	7th " " " "	
	3rd " "	2nd " " " "	
	4th four times	7th " " " "	
	3rd three times	2nd " " " "	
B	5th three times	4th in 'hunt' as a guide	
	7th four times	2nd " " " "	
	5th three times	4th " " " "	
	7th " "	2nd " " " "	
	5th four times	4th " " " "	
	7th three times	2nd " " " "	
C	6th three times	5th in 'hunt' as a guide	
	4th four times	2nd " " " "	
	6th three times	5th " " " "	
	4th " "	2nd " " " "	
	6th four times	5th " " " "	
	4th three times	2nd " " " "	
D	7th three times	3rd in 'hunt' as a guide	
	6th four times	2nd " " " "	
	7th three times	3rd " " " "	
	6th " "	2nd " " " "	
	7th four times	3rd " " " "	
	6th three times	2nd " " " "	

20 calls only in each.

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Farthing (cond.) 1, J. Hobbs 2, E. Reasons 3, S. Chedzey 4, A. Turner 5, A. Fackrell 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Branch

The ringers of the Sonning Deanery Branch held their annual meeting at Wokingham on February 6th. Ringing commenced on the eight bells of St Paul's Church at 3 p.m., followed by divine service at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rector (the Ven. Thorndike Shaw), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. C. Wilson (Vicar of Waltham St. Lawrence). Tea followed in St. Paul's Parish Room, about 60 members sitting down.

Before the business meeting commenced the company stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. John Rance, foreman of Binfield tower, who passed away during the year.

In his report on the year's activities, the secretary spoke of the need for better support for Branch meetings and for the learners to pay more attention to their striking before attempting change ringing. He also stated that ten peals had been rung in the Branch, two being Coronation peals, and, with one exception, Branch members had taken part in all these performances.

All the retiring officials were re-elected for 1954 and 15 new members were enrolled. Monthly practices will be held as usual on the first Saturday in each month and a spring meeting was arranged at Arborfield for May 1st.

Mr. W. Hibbert, Guild general secretary, was present, and addressed the members and urged tower foremen and instructors not to be afraid to tell ringers if they were handling their rope wrongly or striking badly.

The meeting closed and members returned to the towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches for ringing until about 8.30 p.m.

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LATE NEWS

A new record in Spliced Surprise Major ringing has been established by a peal in 36 methods rung at Shefficld last Saturday. The peal was composed and conducted by Mr. W. Eric Critchley.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Hughenden Sunday service ringers have put up a fine performance by ringing a non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Parker's 12-part). Unfortunately, one of the ringers due to appear, who is on National Service, was absent. The umpire was called in to ring, thus depriving the band of an official referee.

During the year 1953 Mr. Alan Blair, of Acton, W.3, rang in 240 different and new towers. Is this a record for a year's 'tower-snatching'?

Mr. Arthur T. Parker has been appointed organist and choirmaster at Bowdon Parish Church, Cheshire. A quarter peal, in which he took part, was rung to welcome him.

A great service to ringing in Warwickshire was performed by Mr. J. H. W. White, whose death is reported in our obituary column. He called the first peal of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood at Bedworth.

In order that Mr. Justice Stable and Mr. Justice Lynskey might sleep undisturbed at the judges' lodgings near Lincoln Cathedral, the Cathedral bells, which strike the quarters, and Big Tom, which sounds the hours, were stopped from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. each day during the Assizes. The 'Sleep of the Just' is the 'Manchester Guardian's' heading.

The Shropshire Association are planning a summer festival at Shrewsbury on July 10th largely for the benefit of visitors. So many applications are received from visiting bands to ring at St. Chad's that many have to be refused, hence the idea of the festival. Adjoining St. Chad's is a beautiful park known as 'The Quarry,' which is a pleasant waiting place for non-ringing wives. St. Mary's bells will no doubt be available.

Mr. W. S. Palin, of Faversham, who is the Ringing Master of the Canterbury District, is in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital recovering from an operation. His friends will wish him a speedy recovery. The latest report on his condition states that he is improving.

Sketty bells will be on the air at 10.15 p.m. next Sunday, when a short history will also be broadcast.

Mr. Peter Cook, sen., rang his 400th peal at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on February 6th. Of these he has conducted 171 and one was a silent peal. His peals have been rung in 100 different towers in 16 counties.

After the peal at St. Martin's Church, Stamford (Lincs), on February 6th, the band were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Percy D. Baldock, to whom they accord their thanks.

The Editor has available a few separate sheets of 'The Ringing World' index for 1953, which ringers who bind their copies of 'The Ringing World' might like to include in their volume. When applying, please send a stamped addressed envelope.

There is a great joy to a conductor in shepherding his pupils through their first peal. Mr. Michael E. Brown, of Sapcote (Leics), taught Rita and Christine Stratford to handle a bell in March, 1952. On February 6th Rita (16) and Christine (14) rang their first peal of Major (Cambridge Surprise) at Earl Shilton. Previously Rita had rung a peal of Grandsire Triples but Christine's peals had been limited to six bells. Mr. Brown expresses thanks to the Hinckley ringers for giving them eight-bell practice.

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CHURCH ASSEMBLY AND RECORDED BELLS

Mr. Ivor Bulmer-Thomas is to move another motion at the spring session of the Church Assembly, 'That the Church Assembly deprecates the introduction into churches of recordings of bells and instruments simulating the sound of bells.'

In support of the motion Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, has sent to Mr. Ivor Bulmer-Thomas the following letter:—

'On behalf of the above Council, representing some 20,000 change ringers, may I wish you success with the motion which you are to move at the spring session of the Church Assembly next week. We thank you for your continued interest in the matter and offer you our fullest support to arouse public opinion against recorded and synthetic bells.

'I understand that those who favour such devices point out that organ stops are made to imitate other musical instruments; this, I feel, overlooks the fact that the organ is played by an artist, and not by a kind of pianola attachment.'

Mr. Barnett has received the following acknowledgment from Mr. Ivor Bulmer-Thomas:—

'Dear Mr. Barnett,—Thank you for your letter of the 10th inst. I am most grateful to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for the support you have given to my motion on the recording of church bells to be debated in the Church Assembly next week. The English tradition of change ringing is rightly held in honour, and I hope, with your help, that the Church Assembly will register its dislike of recordings and synthetic bells, which are bound to undermine that tradition.—Yours sincerely, Ivor Bulmer-Thomas.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

(continued)

Mr. P. W. Cave, of 3, The Rooley, Huyton, Liverpool, leaves this country by air on March 16th for a two months' business tour of Australia. He hopes to visit a number of the principal towns and cities and would be willing to pass on any messages which ringers may wish to convey.

His friends will be very sorry to learn that Mr. Michael Fuller, of West Wickham, Kent, sustained serious injury when his car was involved in a collision at Barnet recently, and he is now in Barnet General Hospital suffering from a fractured pelvis and a broken wrist. He is progressing as satisfactorily as can be expected, but it will, of course, be some months before he can become active again.

The esteem with which Mr. C. W. Denyer, of Farnham, Surrey, is held by his district was in evidence on Saturday, when upon his retirement from the office of District Ringing Master members showed their appreciation by presenting him with a 'gentleman's companion.' The district have nominated him as a vice-president of the Guild. Always dapper, Farnham ringers feel that Charlie with their gift will have that extra polish that should accompany the vice-presidency! There are hopes that what he has done for the Farnham District will extend to other parts of the Guildford Guild.

A company with enthusiasm and desire to progress is Blytheburgh, Suffolk. Last December they rang a peal of Minor in four methods with St. Clement's as something new. On February 6th they attempted a five-method peal with the addition of Double Oxford. Unfortunately this came to grief and there was not sufficient time for a second start. A quarter of Double Oxford and St. Clement's was, however, rung and hopes of the five-method peal are entertained for a date towards the end of February.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Increased Interest Reported at Annual Meeting

Almost arctic conditions prevailed at Shrewsbury on January 30th, when the Shropshire Association held their annual meeting.

Forty-five names had been received for tea, and as the meals were being cooked at a suitable cafe, the secretary became very worried as the meeting time approached. Attempts to check up numbers during the afternoon were frustrated, because owing to the sudden illness of the Vicar of St. Mary's, this belfry was closed.

The number at St. Chad's was not large, but on arrival at St. Michael's the tiny belfry was found to be full and overflowing.

Here, the Rev. C. J. Lawson (Vicar) conducted the usual service and said how happy he was that the Association had found it possible to visit the church, which was away from the town centre. They now had their own ringers for their six bells, but appreciated the way they sounded that afternoon. He quoted from letters which had survived from 1830, when the church was built, to point out that the Vicar of St. Mary's had given the bells, and Mr. Mottram, head of a firm still surviving, had given the first six ropes.

Car owners helped to augment the bus service back to town, when the officials were very glad to count 42 in the comfortable Tudor Room in Pride Hill. The Rev. C. J. Lawson was unable to be present but the Rev. R. A. R. Chapman, St. Chad's, gave great encouragement to the proposal for a ringing festival in July, when he offered to provide tea for the occasion.

Mr. A. Pritchard, Ringing Master, said that 1953 was probably the most successful year they had achieved, ringing for the Coronation being very satisfactory. Meetings had reached record proportions, but he regretted that peals were confined to a few enthusiasts, and the total remained small.

The treasurer said the accounts reflected the increased interest and the balance was slightly higher, despite four grants to restorations. A printed report for 1951 and 1952 was ready, and the thanks of all were due to Mr. F. H. Bennett, who had printed it for them. He warned members that they could not expect this on every occasion and more subscriptions would be necessary to meet the next charge.

Mr. Bennett was warmly thanked for his work, and a peal booking fee of sixpence per rope decided upon, with a charge for the next printed report.

A comprehensive programme for 1954 was agreed upon, to include a gathering in Shrewsbury, on July 10th, of the Shropshire Association, the Staffordshire Association and the Hereford Diocesan Guild, with meetings at Broseley or Claverley, Market Drayton, High Ercall, Westbury, Atcham (if rehung) or Clive and Cheswardine.

Ringing was resumed at St. Chad's, standard methods and Cambridge being heard.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Hilton 1, B. V. Collison 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. Wellington 4, J. A. Hilton 5, K. Hohl 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, G. Price (first quarter) 8.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

War Memorial Dedicated

In spite of the rather bad weather a fair attendance of between 40 and 50 attended the dedication of the Guild's War Memorial in the belfry of Winchester Cathedral on Saturday, February 6th. The dedication was incorporated with the annual meeting of the Winchester District of the Guild.

The bells of the Cathedral were first available between 1 and 2 p.m. although there were not many who were able to get there at that time.

The meeting itself took place in the afternoon under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. F. C. Brinkworth, supported by Mr. J. A. C. King (District secretary) and Mr. F. C. Morland (district treasurer).

The secretary, in his report, urged more members to attend meetings at isolated villages and reported a small drop in membership. The balance sheet, presented by the treasurer, showed a profit on the year's working of just over £11.

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the representatives to the Guild Committee, both of whom asked that their resignations be accepted. In their places Mr. F. C. Morland and Miss B. R. Pittaway were appointed. Three new ringing members were elected—Miss G. Howlett (Twyford), Miss R. Diamond (St. Maurice's, Winchester) and Mr. D. J. Roof (Winchester College). One honorary and two compounding members were also elected.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting be held on the first Saturday in February of next year. The quarterly meetings will be held at Wonston, New Alresford and Hursley, and the next practice meeting at Twyford.

Tea followed the meeting, after which a move was made to the Cathedral belfry for the dedication, performed by Canon C. P. Cowley, Vice-Dean of Winchester. In a short but impressive service he read out the names inscribed on the panels and finally performed the dedication. The service over, he asked relatives to step forward and shook each by the hand. The 1939-45 Guild War Memorial consists of two additional wooden panels fixed to the side of an existing memorial to the 1914-18 war.

Members then descended into the long nave of the Cathedral for evensong, at which the Rev. V. K. C. Logan gave a short address in which he stressed the importance of regarding the Church as a family rather than a club or society.

The bells of the Cathedral were again available after the service, at which the 12 bells were put to good use in standard methods.

I.W. District Report Successful Year

The annual meeting of the I.W. District was held at Newport on February 6th, the president, the Ven. A. Cory (Archdeacon of the Island) being in the chair. The secretary's report showed a very successful year's ringing and the balance sheets proved the financial situation to be quite satisfactory.

After ringing Carisbrooke bells during the afternoon, the members were more than pleased to sit down to an excellent tea provided by Mr. F. Chiverton and served by the ladies connected with St. Thomas' Bible Class. Newport bells were rung during the evening.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, who gave an excellent address. Miss Lower was at the organ and the District is most grateful to all those who contributed to the success of the meeting. A. M. G.

SHAFTESBURY — ITS CHURCHES AND BELLS

TWENTY miles to the west of Salisbury Cathedral and its soaring spire, and sitting astride the busy A30 main road to the south-western counties is the bold and ancient town of Shaftesbury, in Dorset county. Standing some 700 feet above sea level and reputed to be the second highest town in England would seem to make the adjective 'bold' an apt one, whilst its history, so closely connected with the kings and kingdom of Wessex of olden times, certainly imparts to it an ancient flavour.

According to one historian it was built by Hudibras, King of Britain in 950 B.C., but its real history begins with the foundation of the Abbey of Alfred the Great, in 880 A.D. The Abbey was razed to the ground after the Dissolution in 1539 and few traces of it remain. Here, during excavations in 1931, a leaden casket was found containing remains conjectured to be those of King Edward the Martyr, who was murdered at Corfe Castle in 978, and buried at Wareham, but three years later his remains were transferred to the Royal Abbey of Shaftesbury, which then became a place of pilgrimage.

Here, too, King Canute died on November 12th, 1035, to be interred at Winchester, where the casket containing his bones may still be seen in St. Swithin's Cathedral. In olden times, too, Shaftesbury possessed three mints, which have long since vanished, but is is from one of these that the famous Gold Hill most likely got its name.

It is, however, the churches of this little town which must now claim our attention.

FOUR CHURCHES TO-DAY

At one time Shaftesbury possessed twelve, but of the four remaining churches one only, St. Peter's, is of ancient date. Three of these possess a ring of six bells, whilst the fourth church, that of St. Edward-the-Martyr, which is now used by the Roman Catholic faith, has a tubular chime. On the south-east outskirts of the town is the Parish Church of Cann, which regales us with the music of four steel bells ringing each week.

Upon arrival in the widest part of the High Street which makes the best and most obvious stopping place, the visitor's attention is immediately drawn to the ancient Mother Church of St. Peter, which still takes precedence over the present-day churches of the town. It is a 15th century building with some exquisitely-carved parapeting along the north side, facing the street, and a massive, sturdily-built weather-beaten tower.

There is no churchyard or grass surrounding it whatsoever and the wall of the north aisle forms the pavement boundary, with what is now the main entrance door. But most remarkable is the fact that the church is built upon what is the very brow of Gold Hill—no wonder the ancient tower is well-buttressed and its walls are so thick and solid, for well it needs to be. A marvel of mediæval building, in truth. The houses straggling up the famous Hill come right up to the tower, using its south wall as their own.

The very fine entrance porch in the west wall of the tower was, unfortunately, almost completely blocked up by the building, in 1827, of the adjoining Town Hall, which comes to within a few feet of the door itself. This was the main entrance, having a large open space in front of it leading down Gold Hill and where, I have been told, were situated the old Town Cross, the stocks and the whipping post, which were all sacrificed to make room for the building one now sees there. Thus was lost one of the most attractive showpieces in the land, to Shaftesbury's disadvantage and, I should think, everlasting regret.

Inside the church there is no chancel proper but it is all one with the nave and the aisles, which extend right to the east end. Unfortunately some lovely woodwork and panelling was removed from within many years ago during some 'restoration' and cleaning operations, some of which still enriches some private houses in the town.

BEER CELLAR IN CRYPT

Underneath the south aisle there is now an attractive little crypt fitted out for use as a private chapel for quiet devotions. This has a little history all its own, for, within living memory, it used to serve as a beer cellar where adjoining inns stored their liquor and even brewed their beer. This must make it the only crypt in the land that can claim such a distinction! Fortunately, through the good offices of some local church-lovers, it is now dedicated to a higher and worthier sphere of service more in keeping with the old church itself. Owing to the noise and other inconveniences, Sunday services are held in St. Peter's only very occasionally now, the Church of Holy Trinity serving regularly instead in this respect, for the two parishes are now joined as one.

The bells of St. Peter's are a fine-toned ring of six with a tenor of 16 cwt. The fifth is said to be a little heavier than this—it certainly measures the same across the mouth. The oldest bell of the ring is the second, dated 1670, and it carries the following inscription: 'When I do ring prepare to pray.' Next in age is the tenor, 1672, which is inscribed: 'When you hear me for to toll, Then pray to God to save the soul.' Number five came from the Aldbourne foundry in 1776, carrying the words: 'While thus we join in cheerful sound, May love and loyalty abound.'

The treble is dated 1684 and informs us that: 'A wonder great my eye I fix, Where were but three you may see six. T. P.' The year 1738 gave the third and fourth bells to the church, the founder being a William Cockey, who, Mr. Fidler suggests, was probably a travelling bell-founder. The whole ring was reconditioned and rehung in 1926 by the Loughborough firm, and the good work then carried out is still evident.

FIRST KNOWN PEAL IN 1953

The first known peal, one of Plain Bob Minor, was rung on these bells on St. Valentine's Day, 1953, for the Salisbury Guild. The bells are rung for practices and special occasions, but Sunday ringing is at the 'other Church' of Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity Church is about two minutes' walk away and its lofty tower is a familiar landmark for many miles around, being well known to travellers on the main West of England line from Salisbury to Exeter at this point. The church itself is modern, but standing on the hallowed site of a much earlier church, and was completed in 1842. The former edifice used to serve the great Benedictine Abbey of olden times. This tower also contains a ring of six bells, with a tenor of 11 cwt. in G. Two of these evidently belonged to the previous church, number four being the oldest, having been cast in 1597 by John Wallis, of Salisbury, and the fifth in 1641 by William Purdue. The remaining four bells came from the Whitechapel foundry in 1844, which firm retuned and rehung the ring in 1952

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Nestling at the foot of the hills underneath the little town is the Parish and Church of St. James, the church being at the extreme western end. This church, too, is modern, replacing the older St. James' on the same spot, being completed in 1867. It follows the Early English style, being built of local green stone with dressings of Bath stone. Some parapeting and the stonework in the east window of the south aisle came from the old church—of which a good photograph hangs in the vestry.

The tower contains our third ring of six bells, three ancient and three modern. The older three, of course, came from the old St. James' tower, these being the second, third and fourth. Number three of the ring would appear to be the oldest bell in Shaftesbury, and though it carries no date, the Rector states that it is definitely a pre-Reformation bell. Its weight is 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. and on it are the words: 'Santie Jacobi. Ora Pro Nobis = (St. James, pray for us).' Number two has the date 1597 and the words: 'O Praise God,' whilst the fourth has the lettering: 'C.N.C.A.C.I.D. O give thanks unto God. 1629,' inscribed on it. The treble, fifth and tenor (which is 9¼ cwt.) came from the Whitechapel foundry in 1875, each bearing an inscription and the founder's name, and date. In 1937 the Croydon bell-founders set the ring in good order.

This completes our brief survey of churches with rings of bells, but there still remains much of interest in this ancient town. There are other churches and old buildings, steep hilly lanes and by-ways as well as the Abbey ruins and the glorious park-walk promenade with its magnificent views over the rolling Dorset countryside and the Blackmore vale.

YOUNG RINGERS' INTEREST

As for the ringing itself, it has been found a difficult matter to establish change ringing in this stronghold of the 'cards,' though we are making slow progress and are linked to the Guild. One heartening factor is the young people who have lately been brought into the belfries, and now the narrow old steps of St. Peter's tower resound to the eager excited tread of five girls from the local High School and three boys from the town who have all been taught to handle a bell within recent months. Even though we know that they will inevitably leave the district in time, we can still feel that something worthwhile has been accomplished if we can send them out to other bands well able to handle a bell correctly and confidently in rounds, and with some knowledge of elementary change ringing, and happy in their bond of love and service to their Church. So here we may finish where we began—outside St. Peter's in the old High Street on the busy road, which, on these modern summer Sundays, is just an inferno of din, filled with the 'noisome pestilence' (to borrow the psalmist's phrase) as pagan crowds roar by to coast and countryside in search of pleasure.

May the churches and bells of Shaftesbury never fail to send out their challenge and their appeal to all and sundry as long as the need exists—until God's work and will on earth is done: until bells no longer need to ring only to His Honour and Glory.

J. B. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A NON-RINGER AND RECORDED BELLS

Dear Sir,—It might not be inappropriate for a non-ringer to comment on the correspondence which has enjoyed the courtesy of your columns in the matter of 'canned' ringing. There is a great difference betwixt the sound of recorded bells, fixed bells that are struck, and free bells that are rung. It is wrong to quote gramophone musical records as proof that recordings are preferred or equal to the real thing. Many a lover of good music keeps records of his favourite pieces. If, however, the owner of such records is given the opportunity of hearing a favourite piece performed by a 'live' oprchestra he would rush to take advantage of it.

On the radio there is a noticeable difference in the production or reproduction of recorded programmes. It is at once unwise, ungrateful and untrue to accuse all ringers of being prejudiced when they put forward their objections to recorded bells.

To me it seems equally wrong to say that it is better for a church which cannot get a ring of bells to have a recording machine. On the contrary, the tolling of a single bell has a beauty of its own when heard over the hills and dales, but the tingling of obviously synthetic bells has to the sensitive ear the same effect as the jangle of an alarm clock on a frosty morning.

It was fatuous of one correspondent to refer to electronics and radar and to suggest—to put it mildly— that, therefore, we must have canned bells in preference to a band of humans.

Much more could be said, but I will content myself with the thought that bellringing should be encouraged if only for the fine influence it has on the youth of our country—a grand, healthy exercise with a glorious spiritual background.

With best wishes for your good work, believe me to be, yours faithfully,

ARTHUR M. MORRIS.

Penley, near Wrexham.

WORCESTERSHIRE PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—By an error on my part in transcribing a composition of 5,055 Stedman Caters by Mr. F. H. Dexter, I have now to withdraw a peal rung at Evesham bell tower on October 31st, 1953, for the Worcestershire Association.

For the same reason the following peals will also have to be deleted from the Association's records, numbers and years as follows:—2,638 (1946); 2,656 (1947); 2,722 (1948); 2,897 (1950); 2,913 (1950).

No question as to the accuracy of the original composition arises, for it was my own stupidity in wrongly interpreting the turning-course that produced repetition of changes.

In offering my humble apologies to all concerned, I can only hope they will in time be able to forgive me.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. LARGE.

Worcester.

GISLINGHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—I must thank Mr. Rush for his interesting letter in response to my inquiry concerning the Gislingham peal of 1822.

Some time ago I sent a photograph of the peal board to the 'East Anglian Magazine' and somewhat rashly stated that the peal was a record until beaten at Yass, Australia, a few years ago. This brought forth the letter from Mr. Steward pointing out longer lengths on six bells in England. I felt sure that when the Yass peal was rung it was stated that it surpassed the Gislingham record.

Now the Yass peal was on five bells, hence my inquiry whether the Gislingham method was Doubles or Minor. Perhaps someone will say when and where the record for Doubles was rung.

I pointed out that the bells at Gislingham were out of order and suggested that it would be rather nice if the bells were restored and the record regained.

However, record or no record, I think all will agree that these bells should be restored if possible. They were in a bad way before the war, and on a recent visit I found it impossible to ascend the tower as the staircase was choked full with nests, rubbish, etc.

Concerning the peal board, the treble is shown with a spade and a box-like object, which I took to be a coffin, and imagined the ringer was the sexton, but the tenor's emblem is clearly a shoemaker's awl.

The church is very interesting, having escaped the Victorian restoration, and contains some ancient stained glass showing the columbine and other wild flowers. The roof has recently been replaced but the restoration of the bells would probably be beyond the means of this small parish.

Alas, there are many rings of bells in a similar state where 'a stitch in time' would have saved many pounds. What a pity the Guilds, Societies and various experts do not interest themselves more in these matters; it would be so much better than arguing about 'canned' bells, methods, transpositions, grids and suchlike. They all sound much the same, anyway. Which do they think the ordinary 'man in the street' prefers, bells hanging silent or a recording of a mellow ring echoing quietly through the air? Let me whisper it, but he might even prefer 'canned' bells to the efforts of the local ringers, which may not always be so melodious!

L. SEWELL.

Long Melford, Suffolk.

BELFRY CUSTOMS

Dear Sir,—I was very glad to see the article on 'Belfry Customs' in your issue of February 5th. The restrictions on the use of bells in the two great wars have done more to effect the discontinuance of such traditions in 40 years than any other causes in the previous 400 years. It should be the endeavour of the present generation to trace and recover these interesting and romantic links with the past.

In this Dorset village two old customs have been handed on from ancient days. One is that of ringing a bell on Sundays at 8 a.m. independently of any service; the other is ringing a bell at the close of service on Sunday mornings.

I have lately been shocked to learn of even important cities having allowed the loyal tribute of ringing on royal anniversaries to fall into abeyance. When I was at school in Bath it was a grand experience to hear the bells of one church after another ring out in the early morning on these occasions, and the noble bells of the Abbey again at midday. It is true that in these prosaic times ringing during working hours may involve considerable difficulty and expense, but ringers may well take the matter into their own hands and ring in the evening without either orders or payment —as was done by the Cheltenham company in the days of Mr. W. T. Pates over 50 years ago.

In conclusion, let me make two practical suggestions. One is that, with last year's historic event still fresh in our minds, all bands of ringers make a point of ringing on Coronation Day, June 2nd. The other is that all ringers get together in their respective towers and ring on the day of the Queen's return from her imperial peregrination, so that she may be welcomed back to this country by the music of all the bells in the kingdom.—Yours sincerely,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

THE STISTED PEAL

Dear Sir,—I cannot allow Miss Snowden's letter, published in the issue of February 5th, to go unchallenged.

She states that the Essex Association has taken no official action regarding the peal of Kent Minor rung at Stisted. This, I believe, is not the case, for, following a committee meeting of the said Association, one of its oldest and most respected members took me aside in the belfry and told me that it had been withdrawn.

It was, I assume, the conductor of that peal who wrote to 'The Ringing World' withdrawing it and it was unfortunate that the editorial staff confused it with the peal of Cambridge. However, that unfortunate situation has now been rectified.

Miss Snowden then goes on to speak of the etiquette expected amongst members of the 'Ringing Fraternity.' I would remind her that the attitude of certain people, in the belfry and elsewhere, is causing much unrest in the Northern Division of the Association and undermining the quality of the ringing.

They cause people mental stress in worrying about the peace, and in this emotionally unsettled state they cannot hope to give of their best.

Until we have unity and good feeling in all our belfries, thus producing a happy atmosphere, we cannot hope to achieve good ringing.

I am not going to enter into any controversy about footnotes for this subject has already been fully considered in your columns. It is sufficient to say, however, that I was unashamedly responsible for the one in question. The peal was, of course, to the glory of God.

Let us all in this coming year make a real effort to blow away the clouds from all our belfries and thus make way for the best of ringing.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. LEEMING.

Clapham Common, S.W.4.

NOTE.—We have received an official notification from Mr. F. V. Gant, hon. secretary of the Essex Association, that the peal in question was not accepted by the Essex Association for the purpose of their records, and it is also not included in the records of the Peal Analysis Committee for 1953.

We regret that a typographical error occurred in Miss Snowden's letter. She asks us to point out that she does not object to footnotes, but to 'useless' footnotes.—ED.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' February 20th, 1914

ODD CHANGES

For the first time in history, the Exercise can boast of having in its ranks a Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Cherry having been elevated to the position of Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. . . . The new Lord Chief Justice, whenever his duties have permitted, has taken his place in the service ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and has taken part in several peals. He has identified himself very intimately in the affairs of the Irish Association, at the head of whose executive he still remains.

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The recent performance which we noted at Newcastle, where a visitor from Gosforth raised the tenor (37¼ cwt.) in 5 mins. 35 secs., recalls the occasion when Mr. James H. McCraken raised the tenor single-handed at Edinburgh Cathedral (42¼ cwt.) in exactly two minutes, timed by Messrs. W. R. Fyfe, J. R. Robertson and J. Whitson. This was on Jan. 25th, 1911.

[Mr. McCraken must have been a modern Hercules—or perhaps, as with Trooper Joseph Jones of the Life Guards, who was said to have raised St. Paul's Cathedral tenor by himself sometime in the 1880's, someone gave a little assistance from the bell-frame!]

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

VII. CONDUCTING A PEAL—OLD STYLE

Now let us consider an ordinary peal of Bob Major and how our conductor will find the benefit of this Coursing Order method of conducting. Like Chapter III. this short chapter is included as a warning of what not to do.

5,056 Changes by T. B. Worsley

23456	W	B	M	H
23645	—	2		—
62345				—
36245				—
24365	—			—
32465				—
54326	—		—	—
35426				—
43526				—
52346	S			—
35246				—
23546				—

Three times repeated. S instead of B half-way and end.

This is how our bob-caller will find the figures in a book. He must learn what bobs to call—nothing can save him that. He could learn those eleven course ends and then at each H he could check that the bells were still right. By mentally changing 4 and 5 he might remember the second block of eleven course ends. By mentally changing 2 and 3 he might also remember the third block (the half-way course end is 32456) and by mentally changing 4 and 5 again he might claim that he knew all the 44 course ends. That would be a considerable feat of memory, but it wouldn't help him at all unless any trips that developed happened to be at one of those 44 rows out of the 5,056. I couldn't do it and I certainly wouldn't try.

If our bob-caller were very conscientious he might even write out the whole peal (or one quarter of it) on the lines of the first example of a touch in Chapter VI. He would then be able to prove that the peal was true but that is about all.

But he is much more likely to confine himself to remembering the part ends, perhaps also the fifth course end of each part, as it is an easy one to remember, and then learn also the sixth place bells—5 and 6 in the first quarter, 4 and 6 in the second, and so on. If he wished to call the peal from any bell other than one of the tenors he would be worried all the time that he would miss a calling position unless he also learnt what one of the bells did at every bob. If he only wanted to do this for eleven courses he would have to ring the 6th, which is the only 'working' bell which repeats its work in each quarter.

There are, of course, many peals each week which are called in this manner—it is, I suppose, almost inevitable that one's early peals should be. But that they are successful is due, if we speak the truth, to the fact that no member of the band makes a serious mistake. If he does, and the method is a simple one, another member of the band may be able to help him, but in a difficult method the ordinary ringer must keep his thoughts on the work of his own bell.

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. J. Razzell 1, Miss P. M. Steere (first in the method) 2, S. H. Dearden 3, W. Williams 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, W. F. Oatway 6, G. H. Humphries 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Stedman, 660 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob): D. Hill 1, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 2, J. Nicholls 3, D. Lee 4, R. March 5, P. March 6. Also on Feb. 9th, 19260 Grandsire Triples: Marian March (aged 12, first quarter) 1, D. Hill 2, R. March 3, R. Crago 4, J. Nicholls 5, D. Lee 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March 8.

HONOURS FOR SURREY ASSOCIATION

Some 56 ringers from 22 towers braved the snow and bitter wind on January 30th to attend the annual general meeting of the North-West District of the Surrey Association at Epsom. Ringing commenced promptly at 3 p.m. at Christ Church and all tastes were catered for in the following hour and a half. The Master's most difficult task seemed to be to make room for ringing, as no one wanted to leave the warm belfry for the cold outside.

At 4.30 the company adjourned to the Cricketers', where, by Mr. F. Oakshott's arrangements, an excellent tea was enjoyed. The business meeting commenced afterwards under the chairmanship of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins.

The committee's report mentioned a ringing membership of 289, and 16 peals were rung in 1953. These included one on handbells and consisted of three Doubles, three Minor, three Triples, three Major and one of Royal. The total was one more than the previous year.

The accounts, which showed a small increase in the balance in hand, were adopted.

The following programme for 1954 was agreed to:—Easter Monday, Esher or Egham; July 3rd, Dorking and Ranmore; September 25th, Benhilton; November 27th, Barnes and Mortlake; January 25th, 1955, annual meeting at Streatham.

It was also agreed to take part in the Four Guilds' Festival on June 26th and to have the usual joint meetings with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild and the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association.

The following officers were elected for 1954, being the only nominees:—Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; secretary, Mr. W. Parrott (30, Hamilton Avenue, North Cheam); treasurer, Mr. H. Pitstow, M.B.E.; auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton.

After a ballot, Messrs. Adams, Lathbury and Peters were elected to the committee. A hearty vote of thanks was then passed by the meeting to Mr. Lathbury for his hard work and enthusiasm during his term of office as secretary.

The attention of the meeting was drawn to the unique succession of honours which had been bestowed upon active members of the District recently. The hon. treasurer had made history by being the first ringer to be awarded the M.B.E. for ringing activities. The Master, Mr. Collins, had just completed his term of office as Master of the College Youths, and Mr. Hawthorn had recently been elected Master of the Cumberlands. Mr. W. Hewitt had received a Coronation Medal. The meeting, in congratulating the individuals concerned, felt justly proud to count them as keen and loyal members of the District.

After the meeting ringing was enjoyed at St. Martin's for a further period.

THE VILLAGE BELLS

Trying to Please Everybody

We have a ring of eight in our village. It is the kind of ring that visitors will ring on once, to get the tower. When they do come they always ask in a surprised way, 'Don't you get complaints about the noise?' We didn't when we only rang on Sundays, but as soon as we resumed a practice night we got one persistent objector.

The Doctor, who lives right under the bells, after haranguing on their awfulness, said, 'Can't you ring them a bit softer?' I replied that perhaps we could do something about blocking up the louvres, if those people who lived near the church and objected to the bells cared to pay for it. As he is not particularly keen on parting with his money I thought that would probably be the end of the matter, but a few days later I met someone who had been to a sherry party the previous evening when the doctor was also present. My informant told me that the doctor had spent most of the evening canvassing his neighbours in the hope of getting support for his anti-bells campaign. The odd thing was that as soon as each person understood the purport of the matter, it was 'Oh, no, the bells don't bother us,' and 'We rather like the bells.' In the end the doctor got no support at all.

When I next met him I offered to block up the louvres at my own expense, and if he was satisfied perhaps he would recompense me a bit. We did a thoroughly good job, and boarded up all four windows three-parts of the way up at the expense of about £8 in materials. The doctor said that as far as he could see it made no difference and refused to pay.

This morning I was stopped in the village by the titled lady who lives at the Hall, the other side of the church, and is a little deaf. 'What's all this about the bells being muffled because one man objects to them? I never heard of such a thing. You take it all off, young man; we can't hear 'em at all.'

F. E.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Joint Meeting at Camborne

A joint meeting of the Truro and Penzance Branches of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Camborne on February 6th. This was the first venture of such a kind. For Cornwall the weather was arctic, which no doubt accounted for some of the more distant towers not being represented. However, there was a representative gathering of sixty, which included Mr. W. H. Southcard (Diocesan Ringing Master) and the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (Diocesan Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Eileen Symons, who was in Devonshire caring for sick relatives, and Mr. R. G. Clemens (Truro Branch Secretary), who was not too well, and also had the additional work of caring for his cattle in the cold.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. F. Sandfield (Rector), who also gave the address. The Rev. D. A. Wood (curate) said the prayers and the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Penzance Branch Secretary) read the lesson.

Tea was served in the parish room and was organised by Miss Thelma Richards (Secretary of the Camborne ringers). Votes of thanks were offered to all who had helped to make the gathering a success. Congratulations were offered to Messrs. Stanley and Harold Seymour, of Redruth, who had just completed forty years as members of the local band, and hopes were expressed that Mr. Geoffrey Taysom's wife would soon be out of hospital where she had recently been taken for an emergency operation.

During the afternoon and evening the eight bells at Camborne, Tuckingmill and Redruth and the six at Illogan were available. A pleasing feature was the number of young ringers amongst the bands that attended. It is to be hoped they will all stick to and progress in the art, and be of assistance in whatever district they might eventually move to. It has been noted of late that many of the more progressive young Cornish ringers pass on to other parts of the country.

Office for the Admission of a Ringer to a Parish Company or Guild, and the Belfry Office

Dear Sir,—I have just had sight of a copy of the 38th annual report of the Norwich and Ipswich Association of Ringers, which dealt with the year 1919.

The Association was founded in 1877, and I presume that it has been split into the two bodies—The Norwich Diocesan Association and The Suffolk Guild.

I was rather struck by what I saw on pp. 6, 7 and 8 of the report, and I think it is of some interest to-day. These pages contained the two Offices as in the heading of this article, and they show that the former was approved by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

As far as the Office for Admission goes it contains the following:—

'The company of ringers and the clergy of the parish being assembled in the ringing chamber or the floor of the church beneath the tower, with the candidate or candidates for admission, the incumbent, or curate-in-charge, shall proceed with the office as follows:—

In the Name of the Father . . . Amen.

Psalm xv.

Lord, who shall dwell in Thy Tabernacle. . . . . world without end. Amen.

Then, addressing the candidate or candidates, he shall say:—

Do you desire admission to the Company of Ringers holding office in this church?

Ans.: I do.

Do you recognise the duty of setting an example of consistent Christian life and conduct and of attending the services of the church, to which you will summon others?

Ans.: I do.

Do you promise to conform to the Rules of this Belfry while a member of the company, to be attentive to the duties of the Ringers' Office, and to behave with reverence in the belfry as a part of the church?

Ans.: I do.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy, etc.

Our Father, etc.

V. O Lord, save Thy servant. . . .

R. . . . . let our cry come unto Thee.

Prayer—

. . . vouchsafe Thy blessing to this Thy servant. . . .

Then shall he place a bell-rope in the hands of each candidate and say:—

I receive and admit the (N) into the Company of Ringers attached to this church, to share the privileges and perform the duties appertaining to the Ringer's Office, in the Name of the Father. . . . Amen,

Responses.

Blessing. Amen.'

The second Office is preceded by the following:—

'In order to help us to remember that the belfry is a part of God's House, and that the art of ringing, like every other accomplishment, should be exercised to the Glory of God, the committee recommend the use of the following short Belfry Office on all occasions of practice and peal-performance when a clergyman is present to say it:—

'The Belfry Office.

All being ready, and the ringers standing to their ropes, the clergyman shall say:—

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

Assist us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ringing to commence immediately upon the conclusion of the office.'

I dare say that, even as recently as 35–40 years ago, this or something similar was carried out in a number of places. Are there many such to-day? Perhaps the latter Office—any of the former?

Eye, Suffolk. CLAUDE RUSH.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The Scottish Association held a ringing meeting on February 13th at St. John's, Alloa. Some time during the year a point is always made of going to Alloa, and although this meeting was an extra one and the weather was poor, and also that there were competing attractions, such as the Rugby International between Scotland and the All Blacks, about 30 ringers were present from most of the affiliated towers and from various parts of England.

The Ringing Master, Mr. C. R. Raine, was at the last moment unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, but Mr. W. H. Pickett, the president and former Master, kept the ringing going during the afternoon and evening.

Through the kindness and generosity of the Social Committee of St. John's all the ringers attending were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall, and any doubts the caterers may have had about being able to feed the unexpected guests were soon dispelled as there was more than enough for everyone.

The ringing ranged from rounds to courses or touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Plain, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge. This was a greater variety of methods than for some time past and may have accounted for some of the roughness in the striking at times. R. W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Appreciation of Mr. G. Jennings' Services

Members and friends of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association wish to place on record their wholehearted appreciation of the services rendered by that genial personality George Jennings, who has recently resigned the secretaryship after holding office for several years.

We feel that for a long time his name will be identified with the Northern Division for several reasons, not least among them being his ability to impart to meetings that air of friendliness and welcome which makes attendance at these gatherings always worth while.

So, George, we say, 'Thank you for all you've done and here's hoping we shall still have the benefit of your company at future meetings.'

Mr. Jennings' successor is Mrs. Enid Rapley, of 48, Swindon Road, Horsham (Telephone Horsham 2238), and to her we wish every success. E. R.

With Harlesden Surprise Major on February 4th, a first peal in the method, 60 different Surprise Major peals have been rung on Willesden bells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District at Bethersden

Although the day opened dull and rainy, the weather cleared and was kind to us for our meeting at Bethersden on February 13th. Ringing had to be delayed until 3.30 on account of a funeral at the church, but it was soon going with a swing. It was the first meeting there since the bells were overhauled, and a distinct improvement all round was noticed.

At 4.30 p.m. the Rector (the Rev. G. E. Parr) came to conduct the service, at which just over 30 members and friends were present from Ashford, Biddenden, Brabourne, Folkestone, High Halden, Horsmonden, Lydd, Maidstone, Marden, Newington, Smarden and Willesborough, with the local band. Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ and Mr. C. Hillis read the lesson. The collection, amounting to £1 3s. 6d., was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

For the tea at the Village Hall, Messrs. Harry and Peter Jarvis had made all arrangements and had themselves paid for the hire of the hall. They certainly know the kind of tea ringers like.

The Rector joined the company at tea, but had to leave before the business meeting. Before he went, Mr. Willis thanked him for all he had done to advance ringing, and, in his reply, he thanked the Association for financial help given when his bells needed attention. He said that one of the traits he most admired in ringers was their comradeship and friendliness.

It was good to hear that, because K.A. meetings really are chummy affairs, and we like the clergy, at whose churches we are guests, to feel that the same spirit is extended to them.

The short business meeting included the election of two new members—Master John Hilder, of Bethersden, and Geoffrey Pearson (late of Lancashire, but now in Ashford), whose experience will be a welcome asset to the district.

The gentlemen who had done the local spadework in connection with the meeting were thanked. A return was made to the tower, where methods up to London Surprise Minor were rung.

It was good to see an increasing proportion of young members, and it was typical of the keenness of the ringers living in the locality that they ALL came to some part of the proceedings in spite (so rumour has it) of a certain important alternative 'engagement.' But then, of course, Bethersden has a high reputation to maintain. W. P. G.

FAREWELL TO THE PROVOST OF LEICESTER

At the recent annual meeting of the Leicester Cathedral Society of Ringers, the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., former Provost of Leicester, was presented with a five guinea book token on behalf of the ringers on his leaving Leicester for his appointment as Dean of Manchester.

In making the presentation, the chairman, Mr. H. G. Jenney, thanked the Provost for his unbounded enthusiasm and co-operation during his 16 years in Leicester.

The Provost, in his reply, said he had always tried to work together with the ringers and remarked that in the 16 years the occasions were very few indeed that he had had to say no to applications for peals. He thanked the ringers for the regularity of the service ringing and for all the effort they had so obviously put into it. He said he should take away with him the happiest possible memories of his association with the Cathedral ringers.

A special peal was rung on the Cathedral bells as a farewell. It was an unnamed method and to mark the occasion the name Stoneygate was given to it, that being the district of Leicester where the Provost lived for some years before taking up residence adjoining the Cathedral. H. P.

OBITUARY

MR. W. A. FITCHFORD

By the death of Mr. W. A. Fitchford on February 2nd, a long and active line in the service of change ringing ended. Commencing to ring at St. Margaret's Church, Wolstanton, in February, 1886, at the age of 13, he continued in the same tower up to the time of his death, a total of 67 years. He rang his first peal in 1892 and the last of his 90 peals in 1939. He accepted captainship of the tower in 1905, and his sole object was to train and keep a band of ringers to ring for the services of the church, and he only accomplished this by his determination and his magnificent leadership. During his lifetime of ringing he held the post of Ringing Master and Chairman of the local Association.

He was very proud of the fact that the eight bells were kept ringing during the first World War, during which time 16 ringers joined H.M.F. His only son is the youngest ringer to have rung a peal at the age of 11 in this tower and probably in the Association.

This example of service to the Church and to ringing should be an inspiration to all ringers of the present band and to all ringers in the country to endeavour to teach the art of ringing wherever possible and to give the best service themselves.

It is impossible to imagine the amount of work and time Mr. Fitchford put into his ringing during this long period of service, and only the older generation will remember his travels around the district teaching and conducting peals whenever his services were required.

By his passing a great gap has been made in his own tower, and another one of the pioneers of ringing in North Staffordshire has been called to higher service: it is hoped that the mantle of knowledge, experience, leadership and patience will fall on the ringers who now take on the work so ably carried out by him.

The interment took place at St. Margaret's Church on February 5th and was attended by a representative band of the North Staffordshire Association. In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by the following: G. W. Biddulph 1, A. Moore 2, Miss S. Collins (first quarter Stedman) 3, C. Page 4, G. E. Kettle 5, E. A. Edge 6, D. R. Whalley (conductor) 7, R. S. Anderson 8. D. R. W.

MR. E. W. JOHNSON

We regret to announce the death under tragic circumstances of Mr. Ernest W. Johnson, captain for many years of the ring of eight bells in the famous Saxon tower at Earl's Barton, Northamptonshire. On the evening of February 8th Mr. Johnson was knocked down by a car and he died the next day, without regaining consciousness, at Northampton General Hospital.

For 28 years he was auditor of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The funeral service was last Saturday afternoon at Earl's Barton and was attended by many ringing friends. There were many floral tributes, including a wreath from the Wellingborough Branch.

After the interment in Earl's Barton Cemetery the bells of All Saints' Church were rung half-muffled by the following ringers: Messrs. A. Bigley, branch secretary (Irthlingborough), D. G. Deighton, A. Wilson and R. Whiting (Higham Ferrers), A. Plowman and A. Stone (Wellingborough), B. Johnson (Ecton) and G. Neale, of Earls Barton. A. B.

MR. JOSEPH H. W. WHITE

With the passing of Mr. Joseph Henry Watson White, of George Eliot Road, Coventry, on February 6th, at the age of 75 years, the Coventry Diocesan Guild (formerly the Warwickshire Guild) has lost one of its founder members.

A resident of Nuneaton in 1907, he was present at the Dale Hotel, Warwick, on November 23rd, when the Warwickshire Guild was inaugurated, and he was elected as a committee member. He rang the fourth bell in the quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on that day to celebrate the birth of the new Guild. His first peal as conductor for the Guild was on May 10th, 1910, at Chilvers Coton, the method being Grandsire Triples. In the same year he removed to Coventry and joined the Stoke band. Ten years later he joined the Allesley band and was a member of that band until his death. However, difficulty of ascent to the ringing chamber caused him to transfer his ringing capabilities to Bedworth. The band there has made good progress under his tuition.

He worked enthusiastically for the Guild for many years, ringing 195 peals (42 conducted) by the end of 1952, when his peal ringing ceased. He was elected Ringing Master in 1930 and occupied that position for 14 years. At the conclusion of his Mastership, he became a vice-president. From 1932 to 1937 he represented the Guild on the Central Council.

The interment took place at London Road Cemetery, Coventry, on February 10th, when Messrs. A. H. Beamish 1—2, H. G. Summers 3—4, F. W. Perrens 5—6, and H. E. Sibley 7—8, rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave. Messrs. J. L. Garner Hayward and O. J. Hunt also represented Guild members. Floral tributes from the Allesley band and also the Coventry Diocesan Guild were sent in remembrance of an old friend who had served so faithfully for over 47 years.

MR. ARTHUR MADELEY

To the memory of Mr. Arthur Madeley, who, since his retirement to West Somerset a few years ago, had been a very esteemed friend and colleague among them, the Minehead ringers rang the bells of St. Michael's Church, Minehead, half-muffled, on February 6th.

Mr. Madeley, who died at his home, Brakeridge, Middlecombe, Minehead, on January 31st, in his 85th year, had had a very varied and interesting ringing career and had rung in towers all over the country.

He started ringing at Lichfield and it was largely as a result of his enthusiastic leadership, when he was a churchwarden there, that in 1908 a new ring of bells was installed in the Parish Church of Rushall (Staffs). Much later —in the early 1930's—he was again leader in the movement which ended in the bells at Broughton, Preston (Lancs), being recast.

Although in later years he had not been an active ringer he was a frequent visitor to gatherings of ringers in many parts of the country, At various times he had been a member of ringers' organisations in Staffordshire, Lancashire and Somerset, but by nobody will he be more sincerely missed than by his friends in the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, with whom he loved to assemble.

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ENGAGEMENT

GOODYER—WINTER.—The engagement is announced of Margaret Eleanor, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Winter, of School House, Quedgeley, Gloucester, former member of St. John's School of Ringing, Bristol, to Thomas William, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. W. Goodyer, member of St. Mary's tower ringers, Sydney, Australia. 3962

DEATH

MADELEY.—On Jan. 31st, 1954, at his home, Brakeridge, Minehead, in his 85th year, Arthur, very dear husband of Thirza and father of Rachel, John and Geoff. 3137

SITUATION WANTED

WHEELWRIGHT AND BODY BUILDER would like a change; over 20 years' experience. Partnership in business would be considered.—Write Box 3930, 'Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 3930

MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Peals Secretary for 1954 is F. B. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell, to whom booking fees and peals particulars should be sent.—F. V. G. 3949

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

PUBLICATIONS

RINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY FOR 1954.—We regret that both editions are now sold out.—W. Viggers and M. Hodgson. 3936

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots (6), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at The Forge.—H. S. Peacock. 3913

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3915

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Kilndown. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. 3910

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Feb. 20th 3 p.m. Tea. Special method: Double Oxford.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3908

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—South and West District.—Meeting, Feb. 20th, St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8 bells), opposite Underground Station. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hut, Belmont Road, 5.15. Names, please. Subscriptions now due. —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039). 3925

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — J. W. Cotton. Tel. Overseal 264. 3934

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Lyme Regis, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3912

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual meeting, Feb. 20th, at Selby Abbey. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea being arranged by local company followed by annual general meeting. Ringing until 9 p.m. after meeting. **The dinner is cancelled.** — L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3923

SURREY ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Merstham, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 3916

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Feb. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3906

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Hardington Mandeville, Saturday, Feb. 27th Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Compton Bishop, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. —E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec. 3947

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Luton, Saturday, Feb. 27th, 3 p.m. Cafes available for tea. Look up Yorkshire S. Royal.—Dennis Knox. 3950

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, Wallasey St. Hilary's, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 23rd. Annual dinner, entertainment and dance. Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton March 13th. Tickets, 15s. each, now available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3963

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Adwick (6), Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 24th to Mrs. H. Scott, 105, Doncaster Road, Woodlands, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 3964

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, Feb. 27th. 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, Feb. 25th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 3143

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton (8), Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3956

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (free) 5.15 p.m. in the Church Hall.—G. Blake, Dis Sec. 3914

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Stevenage, Feb. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. Lawrence, 97, Letchmore Road, by Feb. 24th. Special method, Oxford Bob Triples. 3961

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at Bolton. Bells: All Souls' from 2 p.m., St. George's from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. George's. Nominal charge. Names by the 24th to Mr. E. Ford, 384, Chorley Old Road, Bolton. —J. Thornley, Hon. Sec 3144

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, Feb. 27th. Bells 3. Tea in Church Schools 5. Please notify by Feb. 24th Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leicester. 3953

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th, St. Michael's, Headingley. Bells 3.30. Cups of tea provided, bring own food. Business meeting after tea.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 3146

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Harby on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. J. Butcher, Harby, by the 24th.—J. H. Cook. 3951

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Fakenham, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by annual business meeting. Names for tea to George Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hampton, Fakenham, Norfolk. 3142

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Ringing, Cassington and Eynsham, 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Social in the evening. All ringers and friends welcome. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. (Phone Eynsham 222.) 3918

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Beaconsfield, Saturday, Feb. 27th, 6 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3952

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Edmund's, Northampton, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—G. F. Roome. 3140

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Feb. 27th, 3 p.m. Number for tea essential. — E. Brooks, 37, Church Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 3954

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — Annual meeting, Eastbourne (St. Mary's), Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All Saints', Eastbourne, available in the evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 24th, to R. W. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 3957

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Meeting at Littleton, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 23rd.—W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3959

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Sowton, March 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by March 2nd to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 3948

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — District meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to me by March 3rd.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bymeeting at Milton Regis (6) on Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 2nd, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3960

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Henry Johnson Commemoration Dniner, March 6th. Ringing arrangements: Friday evening, Erdington Abbey (8) 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m.; Saturday, St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1 p.m., Bishop Ryder's (8) 2 p.m., St. Martin's (12) 2.30 p.m., Aston (12) 3.30 p.m., Cathedral (12) 4.15 p.m. Dinner tickets available if application is made by return, 14s. 6d. each.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Springfield 1025. 3965

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice, Shrewton, March 6th, from 2.30. Tea at the Plume 5. Amesbury also available afterwards. Names for tea by March 2nd, please.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 3958

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting at Attenborough (8, recently augmented from 6), Saturday, March 6th. Further details next week. 3966

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly, Cadoxton, Neath, March 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea—6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea.—J. A. Hoare, District Secretary. 3145

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, May 22nd.—J. K. 3955

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—Summer meeting at Shrewsbury, July 10th, Shropshire Association, Staffordshire Association and Hereford Diocesan Guild. Details later. 3938

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2	6	1	4	8	7	3	5
2	6	4	1	7	8	5	3
6	2	4	7	1	8	3	5
2	6	7	4	8	1	5	3
7	2	4	6	5	8	3	1
7	4	2	5	6	8	1	3
4	7	5	2	8	6	3	1
7	4	2	5	6	8	1	3
4	7	5	2	8	6	1	3
5	4	8	7	1	6	3	2
4	5	7	8	2	6	3	1
5	4	8	7	6	1	2	3
4	5	7	8	6	1	2	3
5	4	8	7	1	6	3	2
8	5	7	4	1	6	3	2
5	8	4	7	6	3	2	1
8	5	7	4	6	3	2	1
5	1	7	3	8	2	4	6
1	5	3	7	2	8	6	4
5	1	7	3	8	2	4	6
1	5	3	7	2	8	6	4

False course ends: 24365, 32546, 46253, 32465 and 43265.

Middleton's Cambridge is true.

First peal in the method rung at Southwell Minster, Notts, on January 16th, 1954, conducted by W. E. Critchley.

HOLYWOOD DELIGHT MAJOR

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	1	4	3	5	6	8	7
1	2	3	4	6	5	7	8
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
2	4	1	6	3	8	5	7
4	2	6	1	8	3	7	5
2	4	1	6	3	8	5	7
4	2	6	8	1	7	3	5
2	4	8	6	7	1	5	3
4	2	8	6	7	1	5	3
2	4	8	7	6	1	5	3
4	2	8	6	7	1	5	3
2	4	7	8	5	6	3	1
4	2	7	8	5	6	3	1
2	4	7	5	8	6	3	1
4	2	7	5	8	6	3	1
2	4	5	7	3	8	1	6
4	2	5	7	3	8	1	6
2	4	5	3	7	8	1	6
4	2	5	3	7	8	1	6
2	4	3	5	1	7	6	8
4	2	3	5	1	7	6	8
2	4	3	1	5	6	8	7
4	2	3	1	5	6	8	7
2	4	1	3	6	5	7	8
4	2	1	3	6	5	7	8
1	4	2	6	3	8	5	7
4	1	6	2	8	3	7	5
1	4	2	6	3	8	5	7
4	1	6	2	8	3	7	5
1	4	2	6	3	8	5	7

The method is Pontefract Delight Major with places shifted to 5–6 instead of 3–4 when the treble is in 1–2.

Rung at Holywood, Co. Down, January 30th, 1954.

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123456		5	16
215463879	A		
213564		—	—
314562		—	3
413265		—	—
412365		S	2
213465		—	2
314265		—	2
314562978	B		
412563		—	3
213564		—	3
312465		—	— †
312564		S	—
214563		—	3
413562		—	3
315462		—	2
312654	C		

312456 † calling last course D

A—3.5.6.7.2.4.5.8.16.

B—3.4.6.9.11.12.13.

C—4.S11.16.

D—6.7.12.13.18.

Rung at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Nottingham, on February 6th, 1954, conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

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PEAL RINGING IN 1953

WHILE the report of the Peal Analysis Committee does not bear the official stamp until it is presented and approved by the Central Council, the approximate figures to hand indicate that despite the splendid response the ringers of the country made at Coronation time, the total number of peals rung during 1953 was less than in 1952. The total was 2,567, of which 2,413 were on tower bells and 154 'in hand.' The record year was 1951 with the splendid aggregate of 2,925.

The following table of monthly totals indicates the response made during June for the Coronation:—

	Tower	Handbells
January ...	193	12
February ...	163	16
March	150	16
April	210	10
May	170	12
June	432	16
July	156	10
August	168	14
September ...	159	6
October ...	224	15
November ...	181	12
December ...	207	15
	2,413	154

A comparison of tower bell ringing is provided by the following table:—

	1953	1952	1951	1950
Maximus	27	36	39	31
Cinques	55	43	48	50
Royal	96	82	121	86
Caters	98	86	104	89
Major	887	906	997	938
Triples	331	339	315	297
Minor and Doubles	919	904	1,008	870

We feel the time is rapidly approaching when the Exercise should give serious attention to the art of handbell ringing. While there are many ringers who enjoy a touch 'in hand' and handbells are produced and rung at ringers' gatherings, the number of peals is steadily diminishing. In 1953 there were only 154, made up of Sextuples 1, Maximus 1, Cinques 8, Royal 10, Caters 12, Major 50, Triples 15, Minor 38 and Doubles 19. The decline of peal ringing 'in hand' is clearly shown by the following figures: 1952, 223; 1951, 293; 1950, 362; 1948, 382.

For the fifth year in succession the Leicester Diocesan Guild had most peals with 196, which was 10 less than in 1952. Next came the Lancashire Association with 135 (163 in 1952), followed by Essex County Association 131 (108), Kent County Association 130 (155), Oxford Diocesan Guild 126 (115), Lincoln Diocesan Guild 116 (118), Suffolk Guild 111 (82). Readers will note the rise in peal ringing in East Anglia—both the Essex Association and the Suffolk Guild having very good years.

THE LOST PEAL

By J. M. T.

'COULD we ring a peal of Stedman Triples on your bells?' Such was the question put to the Vicar by the conductor of a team of expert ringers from outside the parish. Permission was freely given by the Vicar, who by the grace of God and the law of the land has control of the bells. The date was fixed and the time for the start and finish, estimated to take a little over three hours. The Vicar was assured they had a splendid band and it was a dead cert they would bring it off.

The great day arrived and the time for raising the bells in peal. It was a lovely afternoon. The Vicar was a lover of the music of the bells and invited a few friends to come and listen. Deck chairs were brought out on the lawn and all settled down to the afternoon's enjoyment.

The first hour passed and the tapping was splendid. The second hour passed and the team were getting into their stride and the striking going strong. The third hour was passing and excitement was increasing. 'Listen now for the going into rounds,' cried the Vicar. 'It won't be long.' He looked at his watch and all waited with bated breath. It was the last course when all of a sudden the bells went crash, followed by a first-class muddle. 'They have lost it!' was the agonised cry of the Vicar. 'I'm off to the church.' He rushed down all speed to the belfry. He unlocked the door, for he had taken the precaution to lock the ringers in, lest some Nosy Parker should barge in and distract them.

What a sight met his eyes. There was the circle of ropes set at hand stroke and there was the circle of ringers, a woebegone company, hands under chins and elbows on knees. What a picture for an artist, entitled 'The Lost Peal.' Then followed the inquest, recriminations, charges

and counter-charges. 'You should have come in quick,' 'You came in slow,' and vice versa. The conductor steps in and, sorting out, gives his decision. The culprit is tracked down and he one of the best ringers. The Vicar tries hard to give words of comfort and joy. 'Come, cheer up, my lads. I consider you rang the peal, in a loose way of speaking. Come and drown your sorrows in a cup of tea—I think the kettle is boiled—and have a go next week.' A sorrowful procession to the Vicarage, the Vicar condoling with the conductor.

The culprit afterwards sidles up to the conductor and whispers, 'What does the Vicar think about it?' The Vicar thinks it was a case of mental aberration. 'Mental aberration!' says the culprit. 'Never heard of it. What is mental aberration?'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5280 STONEYGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Corrigan's No. 862. Tenor 25 cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	*John A. Acres	7
Winifred M. Burton	2	Harry Poyner	8
Ernest W. Rawson	3	S. Anthony Jesson	9
Harold J. Poole	4	John R. Smith	10
Terence A. Thornber	5	Herrick B. Bowley	11
Shirley Burton	6	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Maximus 'inside.' First peal to be rung in this method.
Specially rung as a farewell to the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., former Provost of Leicester, on leaving the City to take up his appointment as Dean of Manchester.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Frederick G. Leaker	*Treble*	Gilbert H. Harding	7
Reginald G. Hooper	2	Albert M. Tyler	8
Alfred E. Reeves	3	Emlyn F. Hancock	9
*Arthur H. Reed	4	Roger O. Fry	10
Enid Lloyd Roberts	5	Norman H. Coombs	11
Frank Hansford	6	Thomas J. Setter	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Norman H. Coombs.
* 200th peal. First peal of Cinques as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Henry Parker	*Treble*	W. D. Kirkpatrick	5
John Scott	2	Cecil Raddon	6
Victor Neale	3	Harold Worrall	7
Miss E. Wise	4	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
First peal as conductor in the method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 7, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

Donald Coombes	*Treble*	Frank C. May	5
Barry Cook	2	Lawrence J. Beal	6
Peter J. Came	3	*Joe E. G. Roast	7
Ernest E. S. Johnson	4	Frank B. Lufkin	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Fleming. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 50th peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Feb. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*Anthony Bailey	*Treble*	Peter J. Morton	5
Muriel Reay	2	Anthony Ager	6
Michael G. Morton	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
George E. Fearn	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of Saints John-the-Baptist, Anne and Laurence-the-Martyr. (Triple Dedication.)
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation bell). Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*Alfred Nix	*Treble*	*Joseph L. Lightfoot	5
A. Charles Morris	2	J. Thomas Gwilt	6
Anthony A. Upton	3	Douglas Harrison	7
Mrs. K. Watts	4	*Eric Hewlett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas Harrison.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. First peal of Triples by the local service band.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes* ,
At the Church of St. Philip, Hulme.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Ruth M. Jackson	*Treble*	Brian A. Tomlinson	5
*C. Anne Muirhead	2	‡Derek V. Moreton	6
†Valerie Gutteridge	3	Wilfred L. Robinson	7
Philip P. Carter	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Wilfred L. Robinson.
* First peal of Major. † First tower bell peal. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Ernest W. Rawson	5
Harold J. Poole	2	John A. Acres	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Winifred M. Burton	4	Terence A. Thornber	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5024 BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HARRY PARKES	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*HAROLD MORWOOD	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam S. B. Godfrey, died February 7th, aged 88. He served this church in many offices throughout his life.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5392 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	6
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
The composition—on a new plan—has the 6th full extent W. and R., and now rung for the first time.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDK. G. LEAKER	*Treble*	ALAN A. HILLIAR	5
*DAVID V. SMITH	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
†SIDNEY G. RICHES	3	FRANK HANSFORD	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	WILLIAM J. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. J. Cook.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*KATHLEEN E. WELLER	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
RALPH BIRD	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GARDNER	*Treble*	A. ROBIN GUY	5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	*RAYMOND WINTER	7
PERCY STONE	4	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memoriam Joseph H. W. White, by the Sunday service band.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
FRANK H. HICKS	2	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	6
JOHN H. G. GARDNER	3	ERIC H. KNAPP	7
ALBERT C. V. GASSON	4	ALBERT E. LAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT E. LAKER.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOY WORTHINGTON	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
*BRENDA M. SMITH	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
JOHN HALL	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Major.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN N. LINDON	*Treble*	DONALD J. POTTER	5
*FRANCIS J. POTTER	2	FRED CRUMP	6
*MARGARET MOODY	3	WALTER H. RAXTER	7
JOHN E. EATON	4	V. LEONARD BOSKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.
* First peal. The ringer of the 3rd and 4th are granddaughter and grandfather respectively.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE F. BURTON	*Treble*	CYRIL H. KINCH	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	6
ALAN R. PINK	3	*WILLIAM J. DIXON	7
HARRY P. FLOYD	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

HILDA M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	WALTER HUNT	5
WALTE LEE	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	6
*AUDREY L. J. SMALLBONE	3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal other than Triples.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSIAN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

EDWARD C. WICKHAM	*Treble*	*REGINALD E. HUDSON	5
MARJORIE LEGG	2	*KENNETH F. MEDWAY	6
GWILYM G. SALMON	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
STANLEY BODY	4	*REGINALD DARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal on eight bells.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HANDBRIDGE,
A PEAL OF 5152 HANDBRIDGE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 207).

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ERIC E. SPEAKE	*Treble*	*DEREK K. KNOWLES	5
*DEREK J. TRANTER	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	6
*ALAN A. ELSMORE	3	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
*J. DENNIS HOLDEN	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS	3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*GEORGE F. NEWTON	*Treble*	†ROLAND PARK	5
*FREDERICK W. COOKE	2	*THOMAS COOKE	6
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
*DENNIS R. AIREY	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise. † 100th peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung immediately following the service of Institution, by the Lord Bishop of Durham, of the Rev. R. Browne, M.A., to the incumbency of this parish.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Wigan Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	JEAN MARSHALL	5
ARTHUR MAWDESLEY	2	ERIC COOK	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	*JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
THOMAS MARSHALL	4	PETER COXALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER COXALL.
* 300th peal for the Association. First peal as conductor, and completes the 'circle' in this his home tower.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	PERCY GREEN	5
†JOB E. G. ROAST	2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	*TERRY EARLE	7
‡HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal for the Association. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Blatch, of Fyfield, and Mr. E. W. Roast, of Danbury.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in 36 methods. Containing 192 changes each of Framley, Yorkshire, Wembley, Lindum, Falmouth, Radlett, Lincolnshire, Derwent, Rutland, Painswick, Eastcote, Langley, Lessness, Lindoff's London, Claybrook, London and Cambridge, and 96 changes each of Hitchin, Hanbury, Trowbridge, Watford, Aldenham, Uxbridge, Shoreditch, Superlative, Ramsey, Pudsey, Apsley, Bristol, Stockport, Jersey, Cray, Dublin, New Gloucester, Deben and Maulden. 158 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
The greatest number of Surprise Major methods rung to a peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	*ROBIN G. TURNER	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
COLIN J. CHAMPION	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	6
*THOMAS H. BIRD	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
*DAVID J. PARR	4	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal.
Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern District of the above Association. This composition contains 4-5-6 the extent in 5/6, and 6th 20 times at home

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM SIMPSON	*Treble*	*DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
GORDON A. HALLS	2	R. ALLAN HICTON	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. F. GOBEY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Nora Carlisle, also to Mrs. W. Simpson.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

FRED NURDEN	*Treble*	E. TREVOR NEWBURY ..	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	2	CLARENCE R. STEED	6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ..	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ..	7
HAROLD HUXLEY	4	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	2	HARRY PARKES	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER ..	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
MURIEL REAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TIVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	6
BRIAN PIDGEON	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
FREDERICK WREFORD ..	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STAFFORD H. GREEN. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (Observation No. 7). Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARGARET JAMES	*Treble*	ARTHUR WATSON	5
ROBERT WEBSTER	2	†KENNETH LAWSON	6
†MRS. W. MAUGHAN ..	3	WILLIAM MAUGHAN ..	7
‡MRS. K. LAWSON	4	HAROLD NIELSEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM MAUGHAN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal for 44 years by an entirely 'All Saints' Sunday service band.

Rung as a mark of esteem to Rev. R. Brown, M.A., a former curate of this church, on his induction into St. John's Church, Darlington.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE G. TURNER ..	*Treble*	FRED HINTON	5
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ..	2	*FRED BENNETT	6
HOWARD HOWELL	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM ..	4	ARCHIBALD CLARKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten Callings Tenor 10 cwt.

COLIN GOODWIN	*Treble*	JOHN HOPE	4
DENNIS SHARPLES	2	ARTHUR WILLIAMS	5
G. JAMES R. PRICE	3	WILLIAM H. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. JAMES R. PRICE.

A compliment to the Assistant Ringing Master, Clifford District, Mr. John Newman, and Mrs. Newman, on the birth of a daughter.

The ringer of the 5th has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

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LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. CURSON	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

A birthday compliment to Mr. William H. Curson and Mr. Sidney H. Jones, Chairman and Ringing Master of the Guild respectively.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and 2,160 of Cambridge Surprise Minor.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

MICHAEL J. DYER	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
JOHN R. G. SPICER	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
FRANK L. NICHOLLS	3	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Spliced, (2) Double Court, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	4
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. YATES	*Treble*	ALFRED T. HUMPHRIES	4
*BARRY E. SAUNDERS	2	†LOUIS E. WOOTTON	5
WILLIAM J. GHESTER	3	†GEORGE SHELLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Sulgrave (the Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh), who was installed non-resident Canon of Peterborough Cathedral on February 6th.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Feb. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*FRANK BRUNT	*Treble*	BARRY HOLLAND	4
*MARGARET RODGERS	2	*HOWARD WOODALL	5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First attempt for a peal.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

TREVOR E. MARKS	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	ALBERT W. DYRE	5
HERBERT W. PEARCE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. B. James' Composition. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

LESLIE HELLIWELL	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE	4
PETER MASON	2	*ALLAN BRUMMITT	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since overhauled in 1952.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss K. Jones and Mr. E. Barlow, who were married this day at the above church.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*DOROTHY PALMER	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
†BARRY E. SAUNDERS	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*CYRIL E. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ROBERT J. EDDEN	4
WILLIAM COLLETT	2	†GORDON SMITH	5
A. ROY BARRETT	3	†HARRY M. WINDSOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY M. WINDSOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the redecoration of the church.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	4
*ANN BARR	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
†EDMUND MALIN	3	CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. W. Smith.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in B flat.

*RICHARD H. DAVIES (14)	*Treble*	JANET M. SPURGIN (14)	4
†PETER G. HARTLEY (17)	2	DONALD L. MILLS (14)	5
*E. R. M. CANSDALE (15)	3	STUART T. HUME (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Average age of band 15 years, all from Bures tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT 86, CHARLTON ROAD, ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALAN E. PEDLER	1—2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5—6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON	3—4	JOHN F. PEDLER	7—8

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT SELWYN COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*J. M. ABERCROMBIE (Newnham)	1—2	R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn)	3—4
		W. T. COOK (Jesus)	5—6

Conducted by W. T. COOK.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to W. T. Cook.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Stone 1, H. G. Summers 2, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 3, G. Gardner 4, J. W. T. Taylor 5, D. A. Carpenter 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Flower 1, Miss H. Evans 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, Miss J. Powell 4, G. Williams 5, A. R. Price (cond.) 6, A. Williams (cover). Rung for evening service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy (13, first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, F. James (cond.) 3, H. Wells 4, A. Greenough 5, C. Aldridge 6, R. Blond 7, J. Blond 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. W. Wiffen 1, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis 2, H. G. Felton 3, J. Warner 4, C. Barker 5, A. R. Syder 6, E. Jennings 7, T. Earle (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 4, 6 and 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, at the Priory Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bell (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Huddlestone 2, J. Chew 3, T. H. Huddleston 4, J. V. Davies 5, J. A. Parker 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, E. Thorley 8. Rung for Fishermen's Sunday. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Southrepps, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): W. Bell 1, J. Chew 2, J. V. Davies 3, J. A. Parker 4, H. Parker (cond.) 5, H. Holland (first quarter) 6. First quarter in five methods by all the band.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Swann 1, P. Pigg 2, J. Gipson 3, T. R. Dennis 4, W. J. Ridgman 5, H. F. Brown 6, H. L. Martin (first as cond.) 7, C. A. Hurst 8.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. A. Hartland 1, J. W. Drew 2, Miss M. J. Denton 3, G. Gaylard 4, C. Savage 5, F. Welsh 6, D. V. Gare 7, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob for 1, 3 and 5.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 7th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Davison (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss M. Reed 3, D. Dimond 4, D. R. Airey 5, G. F. Newton 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Besant (first quarter) 1, Margaret Howard 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Janet Besant 4, R. C. Spittle 5, J. E. Beams 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, G. Hill 8. Rung for Confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of Guildford.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet R. French 1, Marigold Rule (first quarter) 2, Myrtle A. Cass 3, B. Hale 4, Ann M. Cox 5, Eileen M. Turner 6, E. J. Heath 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. Rung in appreciation of Mr. C. W. Denyer's 25 years' service as an officer of the Farnham district of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. King 1, R. Sharp 2, M. King (first quarter of Stedman) 3, R. G. Black 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, B. P. Morris 6, G. Care (cond.) 7, C. Richardson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Finedon (Bishop Gerald Vernon).

LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: L. A. Goodenough 1, J. Wing 2, A. Smith 3, W. Bottrill 4, J. Scott 5, R. Kendall 6, H. P. Burton (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, H. C. Mann 10. Rung as a farewell to H. P. Burton, who is leaving Luton for the West Country.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss J. H. Wilson 1, Miss E. Taussig 2, Miss A. P. Warren 3, J. A. Etherington 4, B. Richards (cond.) 5, G. M. Battersby 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

PILLATON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Hocking (first quarter) 1, H. O. Thomas 2, H. H. Thomas 3, A. Burbidge 4, J. P. Sims (cond.) 5, A. Ward 6.

PRESHUTE, WILTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Johnson 1, J. E. Buckley 2, F. G. Cook 3, T. A. Palmer 4, G. A. Newman 5, F. J. Read (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Canon Howe).

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. W. Lewis 1, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 2, Miss A. Diserens 3, R. Turner 4, J. N. Diserens (first in method) 5, R. W. Rex 6, A. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Saggers 1, Miss B. Mayers 2, C. S. Hoad 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, M. A. Northover 8.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston variation): M. Collings 1, J. Church 2, W. Houghton 3, H. Heathfield 4, J. Dear 5, R. Newman 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, E. Roberts 8. First in the variation by all and of Treble Bob as conductor.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Jan. 31st, 1,26³ Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, J. Leeming 6, W. R. Winterton 7, R. F. Deal 8, A. J. House 9, F. J. Matthews 10. Rung for Confirmation service.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Jelley 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, R. Jelley 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, J. M. Jelley 7, J. Orton (first quarter) 8.

SMITHFIELD, E.C.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Parry 1, B. Lunn 2, H. Howson 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5. Annual visit by the Stamford Hill band.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, F. Eley 2, E. Malin 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, R. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, C. Hone (cond.) 7, H. Bayley 8. First quarter in method for 2, 7 and 8. Rung for evening service.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): B. W. Rice 1, F. K. Williamson (first of Doubles) 2, J. Warner 3, C. Barker 4, A. R. Syder (cond.) 5, T. Earle 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R. Baxter 1, D. Withers (first quarter) 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, G. H. Harding (cond.) 4, C. Butcher 5, C. Doel 6, J. T. Dyke 7, R. H. Lucas 8. Composed by A. P. Wakley, obit., February 18th, 1919.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, D. K. Adkins 2, A. Dix 3, W. Wenban 4, S. Hoare 5, R. Rowley 6, G. Seaman (cond.) 7, J. Mayne 8. First in method as conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Double Oxford and St. Clement's): Jill Mackintosh 1, A. S. Richards 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Mary Fuller 4, R. W. Stephens 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. K. Dawe 1, C. Savage 2, J. Carter 3, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 4, J. H. Glanvill (first 'inside') 5, L. Skinner 6, J. Quick 7, J. Briggs 8.

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LATE NEWS

Following upon the announcement last week of the record peal at Sheffield in 36 Spliced Surprise Major methods, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild rang a peal in 32 Spliced Surprise Major methods last Saturday, conducted by Mr. John Freeman.

BELFRY

A suggestion has been made in 'The Times' by a reader that the Queen on her return home should be welcomed by peals on bells, not only from Westminster and St. Paul's, but from every city, town and hamlet in the land, with all the bells synchronised over, say, five minutes. While a national appeal for service could be responded to by ringers, if at all possible, we feel certain that the occasion will not be neglected by those who ring peals and quarter peals.

Chester Guild are the first to ring Handbridge Imperial Bob Major, the name they have given to C.C.C. 207.

The band which rang the peal of Stedman Triples at Almondsbury, Glos, would like to thank Mrs. W. J. Cook for entertaining them to a welcome supper, and to Alan A. (Jack) Hilliar for taking everyone home after.

Mr. Ernest Morris has been confined to his bed for more than a week with an attack of bronchitis and influenza. The latest news from Leicester is that he is now on the road to convalescence.

Our next issue, we hope, will feature a special article, with illustration, of the band that established the new record in Spliced Surprise Major with a peal in 36 methods. Readers will join with us in congratulating Mr. Eric Critchley and his band.

A band composed of ringers from Folkestone, Lydd and Hyde rang a quarter peal for the wedding of the Vicar of Folkestone, Canon Ian White Thomson, on February 11th. The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated at the service. The last time a vicar of Folkestone was married in his own church was on January 9th. 1775.

GOSSIP

The Manchester University Guild are teaching a local band at St. Philip's, Hulme, where the bells wehe rehung shortly before Christmas. The Guild hope that the locals will soon be able to take over service ringing, which the undergraduates now perform. The Guild rang a peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells on February 10th, the first since before the war.

Owing to unforseen circumstances the annual meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild has been postponed until March 20th.

We have still a few more copies of the Index for 1953 on separate sheets available for binding in 'The Ringing World.' When applying to the Editor please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

The local service band at Knowle (Warwickshire) have rung their first peal of Triples. Who knows that, given the necessary perseverance, they might shake in future years the maestros at the Mother Church of the Guild? Congratulations on a good start.

The band which rang the peal of Double Norwich at Tiverton on February 13th would like to associate with it the name of Mr. Stafford H. Green. He is at present, by his doctor's orders, taking things very quietly, and as he was unable to take part, the conductor called one of his compositions.

The Editor must tread 'softly' when he goes North at Whitsun. On page 100 there was a typographical error in the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Gateshead. The year appeared in print as 1854 and not 1954. We apologise to all concerned and especially to the ladies. We assure them that it has no reference to 'uncertain age.'

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MR. C. W. DENYER'S SERVICE TO FARNHAM DISTRICT

Presentations by Local Ringers

SINCE June, 1928, six months after the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. C. W. Denyer has held office in the Farnham District, either as secretary or ringing master. At the annual meeting of the District on February 13th, his resignation was received with regret.

Members showed their appreciation by presenting him with a leather dressing set, a three years' subscription to 'The Ringing World,' and finally at the business meeting they nominated him as a vice-president of the Guild.

Before the meeting and the general assembly of the 100 ringers who attended, a special compliment was paid to the retiring Master by the ringing of 1,260 Grandsire Triples on the bells of Farnham Parish Church, conducted by 17-year-old John Wells, who was later in the afternoon elected joint ringing master with Mr. T. Page, of Aldershot.

The Rector of Farnham (Canon G. N. Selby-Lowndes) conducted the Guild's form of service in Farnham Parish Church and also gave the address. The lesson was read by the Rev. K. C. Davis (Vicar of Hawley), who is a vice-president of the Guild.

The presentation to Mr. Denyer was made by the Rev. K. C. Davis immediately preceding tea in the Owen Hall.

A GREAT INSTITUTION

Mr. Davis described Mr. Denyer as a great institution. 'He is, in fact, so much of an institution that no one can think of the Farnham District without him, and some of you got a very great shock recently when he decided to give up as ringing master. In this part of the world, his name is a household word and, even before I came here four years ago, I had heard people speak of him. When I met him, I understood why. Charlie Denyer has not only been a ringing master, he has been a very good friend to all. I know he has been a friend to me, a very bad ringing parson.

'And now'—turning to where Mr. Denyer was seated near him—'he thought he was going to sneak out without anyone taking any notice.' Handing over the case and the envelope containing the subscription token, Mr. Davis said: 'This is with our love and our respect.'

Mr. Denyer, responding, said that the day had brought him three big shocks. The first had been when, at a quarter-past one, he had heard the bells of the Farnham tower ring out. 'I thought the clock must have stopped and that I was late,' he said. 'Only when I got across to the church did I find that they were ringing in my honour—and not half-muffled, either,' he added, amid laughter.

The afternoon's second shock had come when he discovered that instead of the 75 people he had expected to find at the service in the church, there were 100, and frantic messages had to be sent down to the Owen Hall to ask the caterers to prepare places for the extra ones. Now had come this third shock.

NOT GIVING UP RINGING

'I am not going to give up ringing,' he told the company. 'Why, I am not an old man, even if I do talk like one. What I have been able to do for bell ringing in this district, I have loved doing. But it is not I who have done it alone. You have been behind me. And while I do not really want to single out any individuals, there is one name I think I must mention, my "Pop," whom you all know and love'—and here Mr. Denyer, amid applause, turned to his father, Mr. W. Denyer, captain of Aldershot tower, who was sitting beside him.

'He is kicking me under the table,' added Mr. Denyer, to the further amusement of the company. 'When I was a lad of about 18 or 19, it was my father who was behind me and who kept me going,' he continued. 'And he has been behind me all the time. His efforts at Aldershot—in the "school," as we call it—have helped to keep bell ringing alive in the district. Now I am handing over to some of the young people, but, as I have said before, although I am giving up the ringing master's job, I am not giving up ringing, and my enthusiasm will not grow less.'

As Mr. Denyer sat down, Mr. Davis observed: 'There is a wonderful spirit among the ringers in the Farnham District. I have never known anything like it in any other district, and I do hope that you will continue to support those you elect to take Charlie Denyer's place.'

ANNUAL MEETING

For the annual meeting, Mr. G. L. Grover, general secretary of the Guild, presided. Mr. G. S. Joyce (secretary) and Mr. R. H. Mills (assistant secretary and treasurer) were re-elected and Messrs. Page and Wells elected joint ringing masters.

The Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, Vicar of Hawley, and a vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, making the presentation to Mr. C. W. Denyer at the annual meeting of the Farnham District.

In his report on the work of the district Mr. Denyer stated that they had reached a record membership of 180—17 more than last year. This was made up of 138 ringing, 23 junior ringing and 19 honorary members.

Reporting that there were seven more junior members this year, Mr. Denyer said, 'We have always had a large number of youngsters and it is important that youth in the Exercise should be encouraged to take over the responsibilities of the Guild and, encouraged and guided by older and more experienced ringers, keep alive the art of bell ringing. The cheerful, optimistic spirit of the Farnham District must remain. It is important to show these youngsters that, when they are regular, keen and really persevering, their presence in the belfry is welcomed and not just tolerated.'

After reporting individually on each tower, Mr. Denyer said the average attendance at meetings was 57. Peal ringing had been more to the fore this year with six having been rung in the District. He congratulated John Wells on his 27 peals, of which he conducted 15, and Miss Eileen Turner, of Worplesdon, who on August 8th rang her first peal and had now rung 13.

Mr. Denyer's report concluded: 'Although this is a joint report of the ringing masters and secretaries, I would add a personal note to finish. Since June, 1928, six months after the formation of the Guildford Guild, I have had the privilege and pleasure of helping with the leadership of the affairs of the Farnham District. I do not remember a single meeting or practice which you have not supported wholeheartedly. It has been a very happy 25 years for me, and without the co-operation of the tower captains and the active support and real friendship of all the members, we would not be in the healthy position we are to-day.'

Asking the members to support the new officers, he said: 'They have a well-trimmed ship to take over, and those of us who have had experience of leadership can assure them of our full support in its sailing. With these young ringers already mentioned coming along and with capable youth at the helm, I feel perfectly certain that the next 25 years can be as happy and progressive as has been the past quarter of a century.'

Two new vice-presidents, Mr. Bob Whittington, of Cranleigh, and Mr. C. W. Denyer were nominated. The evening concluded with a social, for which Mr. Harold Cole was M.C.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Bristol Rural Now the Leading Branch

The annual meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Almondsbury, on January 31st, and in spite of a heavy snowfall over fifty members were present.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the eight bells were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major until 4.30 p.m., when the usual branch service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Radcliffe-Cox). Some of the local ringers' wives prepared tea in the Parish Schoolroom, and this was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. C. R. Harding in the chair.

The secretary and treasurer, in his report, stated that the branch had the most successful year since it was formed in 1935 out of the old Bristol Branch. Membership had reached the 200 mark, with no one in arrears with their subscriptions, and the 20 'live' towers were affiliated, this making the Bristol Rural the leading branch in the Association.

During the year ten meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 37. There was increasing evidence of younger people taking an active interest in branch activities. St. George's, Bristol, had returned to the branch after an absence of over 25 years and now had a very young but active band. Wapley would shortly rejoin.

The balance sheet showed an income of £35 13s. 11½d., of which £29 had been paid out to the general treasurer. Both report and financial statement were accepted.

The following branch officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. C. R. Harding; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. F. Scudamore; Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Hooper; representative on Management Committee, Mr. C. Baker.

Twelve new members were elected from towers at St. Werburgh's, St. George's, Pucklechurch, Wapley, Henbury and Almondsbury.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at St. Ambrose's, with quarterly meetings at St. George's, Thornbury and Bitton.

Thanks were accorded to Rev. —. Radcliffe-Cox and to the local ringers for making arrangements for the meeting. W. F. S.

CHURCH ASSEMBLY DEPRECATES

Introduction of Recordings of Bells

Mr. Ivor Bulmer-Thomas was successful in his motion which came before the Church Assembly on February 8th on the use of recordings of bells from churches.

His motion, which was carried, read: 'That the Church Assembly deprecates the introduction into churches of recordings of bells and instruments simulating the sound of bells.'

In his speech Mr. Bulmer-Thomas said that bellringers had written to him objecting to the 'disturbing' extent that recordings were used. They said it was absurd for a ring of bells worthy of St. Paul's Cathedral to come from a tiny country church. It was a fraud, they said, whether there was no belfry or a belfry with only one bell.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE

The following hotels are listed as being near both Headquarters (The Crown Hotel, Clayton Street) and the meeting place, except the last-named:—

Licensed Hotels

Royal Station Hotel.—B. and B. 30s. per person.

County Hotel, Newcastle 1.—B. and B. 27s. 6d. per person.

Royal Turk's Head Hotel, Newcastle 1.—B. and B. 27s. 6d. per person. (This hotel will reduce the charge to 21s. 6d. where reservation is made for three or more nights if reference is made to the Central Council meeting.)

Douglas Hotel, Newcastle 1.—B. and B. 22s. 6d. per person.

Unlicensed Hotels

Tyne Hotel, Hood Street, Newcastle 1.—B. and B. 16s. to 17s. 6d. per person.

Silvercourt Hotel, 94, Osborne Road, Jesmond, Newcastle 2.—B. and B. 14s. 6d. to 17s. 6d. per person.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Bradworthy

A hearty welcome was given to the North-West Branch of the Guild, when their annual meeting took place at Bradworthy, by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Dobson, on February 13th. Members and friends from Ashwater, Bridgerule, Bude, Merton, Okehampton, Petrockstowe and Stratton made good use of the fine six before and after the service, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill. The Vicar preached and the collection of £1 1s. 6d. was given to the local Church Restoration Fund.

Tea, provided by lady friends of the church, was served in the Churchroom, and a good spread it was. Afterwards the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill, was held. The report and balance sheet, showing a credit of £7 3s., were adopted. The old officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sangwin; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Sangwin; representatives to the General Committee, the Rev. E. P. James, Mr. F. Sangwin and Mr. R. Collacot. Mr. Luxton, of Merton, was elected a member of the Guild.

It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held at Ashwater and that a practice meeting should take place at Holsworthy on July 31st.

Pleasure was expressed at the recovery of the Rev. W. H. Smale, Mr. F. Sangwin and Mr. F. C. Smale from serious illnesses.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of his bells and his address, as also were the Rev. Ravenhill, the ladies who provided the tea, and Mr. R. Collacot, who did so much to make the meeting a success.

Rounds and the standard methods were rung, and later in the evening Holsworthy was visited.

BURES YOUNG RINGERS IN JUVENILE RECORD

ONE of the most encouraging features of change ringing to-day is the enthusiasm of young ringers. Here are six young ringers from Bures, who rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Pebmarsh, Essex, on February 13th. Their average age is 15 years, and they constitute the youngest band to ring a peal for the Essex Association.

Fourteen-year-old Donald Mills is the youngest conductor in the annals of Essex ringing. The previous record was held by Stisted, whose young conductor was 15, but their company was drawn from three different towers.

The success of the peal was in no small measure due to the grit of Richard H. Davies. He rang the last three 720's with a mutilated left palm, caused by the rope. He kept his pain and discomfort to himself until 'That's all.' After receiving first aid at the local captain's house, he apologised to Mr. Trendell for the blood on the rope and spoiling the beat, which is typical of his lovable character.

In the above picture, from left to right, are: Richard H. Davies (14), Peter G. Hartley (17), Evelyn R. M. Cansdale (15), Janet M. Spurgin (14), Donald L. Mills (conductor, 14), Stuart T. Hume (16).

[Picture by courtesy of 'The Suffolk Free Press.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch

Fifty-five members and friends attended the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch held at Diss on February 13th. Twenty-six parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk and Heston (Middlesex) were represented. Mr. Ernest Whiting (Branch Ringing Master) was in charge of ringing during the afternoon and evening. Palgrave bells were also rung during the evening.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (Bishop W. B. Belcher); the address was given by the Rural Dean (Canon T. A. Nock). Other robed clergy were the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, the Rev. F. E. Vokes (who read the lesson) and the Rev. D. Ward (curate), and Mr. H. J. Watts (Lay Reader).

The annual meeting followed tea in the Corn Hall, the Rev. F. E. Vokes (Branch chairman) presiding, supported by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), the Right Rev. Dr. Belcher and Mr. W. L. Duffield (vice-presidents), the Rev. D. Ward, Dr. Paul Jonason, Mr. E. Whiting (Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Branch secretary) Messrs. H. Moss, E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, F. C. Roper, W. A. Lock and C. F. W. Phillippo (members of the committee).

All the Branch officers were re-elected. Mr. W. E. Slocombe, of Wellington, Somerset, was elected a non-resident life member. During the meeting the members stood in silence in memory of three members who died during the year: Canon J. A. Appleton (a vice-president), Mr. A. Sturman (Bunwell) and Mr. Garnham A. Blaxcell (Stowupland).

A successful report of the year's work was given by the Branch secretary. It was decided to visit Banham for the next meeting on May 1st.

CALEB BONEY — A LITTLE KNOWN FOUNDER

With the removal of the six bells from St. Minver, Cornwall, to Loughborough previous to rehanging there comes to mind a little-known bell founder named Caleb Boney, who between 1802 and 1814 cast four bells for three Cornish churches, and who was consulted on other bell work, but did not secure it.

Two of his bells were cast for Sennen (The Land's End) in 1810, but were recast by Mears in 1889, and one for Cancreed, also in West Cornwall, in 1814 (recast by Taylor, 1882). In 1806 Boney was called to Kenwyn Church, Truro, to inspect the bells and 'make an estimate of new casting.' According to the church accounts he was paid £1 12s. 8d. for doing so on August 4th of that year, but there is no record of any work having been done by him, in fact it seems that nothing was done until 1825 when the Rudhalls of Gloucester recast the treble, sixth and tenor of the ring of eight. Boney's home was at Padstow.

It was for St. Minver that Caleb Boney cast his first bell in 1802. There were four bells in St. Minver tower in the reign of Edward VI. (1537–53), but they were recast in 1727. It was the third of these four which was recast with the inscription, 'Caleb Boney Fecit 1802.' He was, however, not entrusted with a subsequent augmentation, for in 1814 John Pennington added a treble to make five. In 1875 the tower was rebuilt, and one of the few Cornish spires, rising to 115ft., was built. In this same year Messrs. Warner and Sons recast the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of these five, so Boney's bell disappeared. Warners added a tenor to make six. The fifth is, therefore, the oldest bell of the present six.

Messrs. Taylors are also rehanging the ring of five at Advent and that of six at St. Eval in Cornwall.

A. S. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RULES GOVERNING PEAL RINGING WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am rather surprised that the controversy re treble and tenor ringers claiming a peal in respective methods has gone on for so long when the solution appears so obviously simple.

In my opinion, a treble man in a treble dominated method and a tenor man in an odd bell method are perfectly justified in claiming to have rung a peal in that method. However, if this should be their first attempts and at a later date a peal is rung by them 'inside,' surely they would be amply covered by the addition of the footnote, 'First peal in the method inside,' or alternatively, 'First peal in the method on a working bell.'

I am tempted to think that a person who records such a second attempt as 'first in the method' is merely attempting to split hairs in order to start a controversy or gain cheap publicity if he is not genuine in his belief.

After all, the argument is so ridiculous that I was surprised that so many people joined in.

I am convinced that controversies of this type do not do the Exercise a lot of good and tend to show up the inadequacies of the rules governing peal ringing. Would it not be proper for the Central Council to set up a committee to completely redraft all these rules right down to the simplest details and then issue them in proper pamphlet form, to which all ringers could have access, thus cutting out all silly arguments in the future?—Yours sincerely,

W. A. THEOBALD.

Taunton.

THE BAND RINGS THE PEAL

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. C. A. Levett, has certainly hit the right nail on the head! Most ringers only share in a peal to the extent of one rope or one pair of handbells, as the case might be. Under the circumstances, then, may we hope to see no more in the columns of 'The Ringing World' a list of Mr. So-and-So's 500 peals! If these boring lists must be published from time to time, at least give them their correct heading — '500 peals in which Mr. So-and-So has taken part.'

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coventry.

NOTE.—We do not agree that a list of peals in which a ringer has taken part is boring. We wish Mr. Stote had the same sense of pride as the Editor has had upon the completion of a well-rung peal.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir,—I am surprised at the tone of Mr. Fred Price's letter concerning the ringers' rally at Bournemouth, which is somewhat misleading.

Mr. Davis and I did meet in Bournemouth on Christmas Eve and we discussed the proposal to allow the dinner to lapse. We decided we would try to get the old committee together for a talk early in the New Year. It is rather an overstatement to say that we were going to attempt to arrange the dinner.

Not unnaturally I am very pleased indeed to know that the dinner is not to be allowed to lapse, and as I have already indicated to the four people arranging it, I shall support it to the best of my ability.

I must say that on re-reading Mr. Davis' letter I find it difficult to see what it is that Mr. Price has found to make comment on. As I understood it all, Mr. Davis said in effect that he was pleased the dinner was not to lapse and stated his reasons for being unable to continue the secretaryship.—Yours faithfully,

D. R. REED.

Ringwood, Hants.

WEST COUNTRY BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—Referring to the announcement in your issue of February 12th with regard to ringing broadcasts, the list is not quite complete, as the final service in the series will be at Tiverton on April 4th. Of the five Devon towers, only St. Thomas', Exeter, and Tiverton will be ringing half-pull changes.

I believe that this is the largest number of successive ringing service broadcasts ever to be put on the air, and the thanks of all West Country ringers are due to the West Region director of religious broadcasting, the Rev. Martin Willson, for his interest and encouragement.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton.

SHAFTESBURY—ITS CHURCHES AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—In my article on the above subject in the February 19th issue of 'The Ringing World,' I regret to say two errors crept in unawares, which call for correction.

I described our Mother Church of St. Peter as being 15th century when, of course, it is 13th century, which makes it older by 200 years or so.

Also, I stated that the former Church of Holy Trinity used to serve the Benedictine Abbey of olden times, but this was not so in the sense I implied for the great Abbey possessed its own church, which was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Edward the Martyr. This church was destroyed at the time of the Dissolution, and now only the foundation ruins remain to be seen.

I apologise for these mistakes as I should be sorry to mislead any students of history as well as any readers who might be interested.—Yours etc., J. B. P.

SUFFOLK GUILD PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—After all at Halesworth were in favour of subscriptions being raised to 4s. (or, more plainly, 1d. a week) also to the alteration of the annual meeting, it was then decided as to the place of the next meeting for considering the same problems. I was only too ready to suggest somewhere in West Suffolk to get the views of our colleagues there.

Our friends differ in opinion, but how could this vital problem be brought into operation immediately? Why was a committee meeting held and who was on that committee? Surely, sir, the annual meeting is the appropriate place to settle such problems. We here take a poor view of such a settlement. Maybe the cabinet of the Guild will take a serious view of this one-sided affair. Until then we carry on as usual.—Yours sincerely, L. G. BRETT.

Framsden.

SUFFOLK PEALS

Dear Sir,—I have read in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' one or two letters from Mr. L. D. Mills on how to improve the Suffolk Guild, but all I can see he has done so far is to discourage ringers and criticise the ringers of the few peals the Suffolk Guild rings. He claims that false peals are published, but surely the ringers who should be connected with the church should be trusted to publish nothing but true peals.

I conducted a peal at Monks Eleigh last year and this was said to be false, probably by the local ringers, who heard the peal and told us when we left the tower that we had not rung a peal because we had rung only 3 hours and the last peal there took 3 hours 20 minutes.—Yours truly, K. G. BROWN.

Ixworth, Suffolk.

METHOD EXTENSION

Clarification Wanted

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out two matters arising from the report of the Methods Committee on Method Extension, published in 'The Ringing World' on page 109.

Firstly, in Section 3, headed 'Surprise methods first published for 10 bells,' there is the statement that 609 is a duplicate of 548 (Langley). There is an error in Corrigan's notation for 609, the code letters in the column 'lh' being incorrect. This gives rise to an ambiguity, but I would suggest that the method intended as 609 is 'Langley without 2nds,' and not Langley.

Secondly, in Section 3, headed 'Methods first published for 12 bells,' it is stated that '868 extends from 627.' Now, method number 627 is, in fact, Prittlewell Surprise Royal (516). The committee have accepted method number 848 as Prittlewell Surprise Maximus. But method number 868 is NOT Prittlewell Surprise Maximus. How, therefore, can it be accepted as the extension of 627?

In fact, 868 has no Royal method corresponding to it. By putting one additional treble hunt into Cambridge, the methods Yorkshire and Pudsey are produced. No Minor exists for either of these methods. By adding another treble, the methods Albanian, Prittlewell and Solihull are produced. These methods have no Major or Minor. If a further treble is introduced (making four in all) it is possible to obtain four more new methods. These methods are Maximus methods only. Method number 868 is the method in this group which has 2 'dummy' trebles (if they may be so termed) below the real treble, and one 'dummy' treble above. It is not an extension of 627 (Prittlewell).

I should be glad if somebody, on behalf of the Methods Committee, would clarify these points.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

UPHILL OLD CHURCH

Dear Sir,—In the report of the recent annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths the Master commented that Uphill Old Church was practically in ruins. That is not so. The Old Church is in very good repair, and as regards ringers coming from Weston every Sunday afternoon to ring the bells, it is all wrong. We have our own band of 13 ringers, who ring every Sunday WINTER and summer and also every Tuesday evening.

If we had to rely on Weston ringers these bells would never be used.

Uphill ringers often go to Weston to help them, not Weston to Uphill.—Yours faithfully,

CLAIRE M. CLARK, Hon. Sec.

Uphill, Somerset.

SUPPORT THE CLERGY

Dear Sir,—I hope Mr. Flint will excuse my laughter on reading his letter in the issue of February 5th. How many travellers are familiar with the priceless reredoses and carvings behind the altars in Italy which are hidden by sham flowers and dirty tin candles?

Another point re 'synthetic bells.' Mr. Hart says the effort of ringers is worship. How many consciously make ringing worship? The conspicuous absence of ringers at the services of the church has long been a scandal. Are not many ringers who advocate banning these recordings merely wishing to retain their pleasure?

Please, never let us attempt to bully the clergy; if they think synthetic bells will bring people to God (literally or metaphorically) we certainly ought not to interfere.—Yours faithfully, STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

LETTERS—Continued

SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir,—Necessity is the mother of invention; hence, no bells and/or no ringers. Necessity knows no law; hence, the installation of synthetic bell recordings.

Before the first world war I was employed in H.M. Dockyard at Devonport, in which town, or should I say three towns—Devonport, Stonehouse (over the halfpenny bridge) and Plymouth—practically every church, Anglican, Nonconformist and Roman Catholic youth organisations possessed a rowing-cum-sailing boat, either a six-, eight-, ten- or twelve-oared gig for physical exercise and pleasure. Outings were arranged weekly, according to the tide, up the Rivers Tamar, etc., or round the coast to Rame Head, Penlee Point, Whitsand and Cawsand Bays. Classes were included at all the regattas for these boats and some fine racing was seen and enjoyed.

I well remember when it was first 'mooted' that outboard motors be installed. What would scullers, and the public, think if the Oxford and Cambridge boats and boats at Henley Regatta were fitted with motors? Sentiment aside—it does not enter into the argument—for, after all, we ringers are primarily concerned with change ringing for Sunday service, practice night, Association and Guild meetings and, of course, a few peals, the introduction of synthetic bell recordings into ringing and motors into rowing boats is equally absurd, repugnant and unthinkable.

The Dean of York at the York Minster Society's centenary celebrations put the case extremely well when he said. 'Ringing has a beauty all its own, and it is an art which none of these substitutes can possibly replace, and this line is being taken by the York Advisory Committee and by most other Advisory Committees in the country.' Let us hope so. Whilst I believe, like Francis Lowe, that there is not the remotest possibility of 'live' change ringing ever being superseded by synthetic recordings, let us heed the warning by Mr. Ronald Dove of the actual happenings of firms interested in synthetic recordings actually employing door-to-door touts, and that in the Diocese of York and the county of Yorkshire, under our very eyes.

Do not leave anything to chance. Whilst it may never happen; you see that it does not happen to you, or anyone else; try and see that chancellors and diocesans will only, in very extreme cases, grant a faculty.—Yours sincerely, W. F. STENSON.

Crewe.

PEALS AT CHEDDAR

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Triples at Cheddar on Saturday, February 13th, was the first peal to be rung on the bells for nearly 40 years, the last peal being rung on Saturday, August 1st, 1914, by the following band: Samuel J. Hector 1, Frederick Iley 2, Albert E. Coles 3, A. Martin Daniel 4, William Flower 5, Walter Farley 6, Gabriel Chamberlain (cond.) 7, Albert G. Farley 8.

These are the only two peals ever to be rung in the church's history. Originally there was a ring of five, later to become six and finally augmented to eight in 1914.—Yours faithfully,

E. C. WICKHAM.

Cheddar, Somerset.

We welcome a new association—the Derby District of the Grammar and Technical Schools Association of Change Ringers, whose inaugural meeting was held in December. Full details will be given in our next issue.

The rededication of Buckminster, Leics, bells took place last Saturday. The bells have been rehung on ball bearings on the original frame, which has been strengthened and the fifth bell recast.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

VIII.—CONDUCTING A PEAL BY THE COURSING ORDER

Given sufficient practice in touches beforehand, the ringer who uses Coursing Order will only need to learn the position of the calls—an eleven course block in the peal set out in the last chapter—and it is neither a long nor a difficult job to do this:— W. 2B. 3H; W. 2H; W. M. 3H; S.W. 3H. But I will set out the first part of the peal, by the Coursing Orders, so that the changes made in those Orders by the various bobs can be seen. **Remember A B C into B C A.**

COURSING ORDERS FROM 5 3 2 4 6

W.	B.	M.	H.	W.	B.	M.	H.
32546	63254			—	2		
	46325		43265				—
			42635				—
			46325				—
63425			64235	—			—
			62345				—
23645		23456	24536	—		—	—
			25346				—
			23456				—
43256			42536	S			—
			45326				—
			43256				—

3 times repeated.

S instead of B halfway and end.

The composer would need to enter each row of figures under each column heading, but we only need to show one change of Coursing Order for each call. And remember we do not suggest that you need learn any of these rows by heart. You work them out with the three-letter code as you ring. You may feel that you would like to insure against your mind going blank and leaving you without an idea of what your five-figure row is. But as you hunt up or down you can pick it up again—it is only the order in which the bells are following each other.

Now you will want to remind me that there was a single instead of a bob at the last W. in the part and there will be an additional single in place of the bob H. at the halfway and the end. If you are transposing by course ends you will, I am sure, hesitate as to which pair of bells will be turned over by the single. But if you transpose by Coursing Orders you know that of the three letters B. C. and A, the bell represented by B. would run out at a bob and that represented by C. would run in. In a seconds place method like Plain Bob, the two bells in front at a call stay in 2nds and 3rds at a single instead of running out and in. Therefore, you can remember that instead of B C A you will have C B A, or you can work out the figures as if you were going to call a bob and then change over the first two of the three.

When you first called a peal you probably found that the most difficult part of the job was when you had three consecutive bobs W. or three M. or three H. And the simplest and therefore usually the best compositions are full of blocks like these. But most people, especially when they try to call in the way described in chapter vii., find the greatest difficulty in remembering whether they have called two or three of the three calls in one of these groups of bobs. In the composition given above it will not be the bobs W., or those B. or M. which will be difficult to remember, but whether or not you have called all the necessary bobs H. and must therefore call a W. at the next lead.

Look at the first group of three bobs H. in the peal set out above. The Coursing Order brought up by the bob B. is 46325 and we know by our ABC into BCA code, applied to the **middle** three bells that the first bob H. must affect bells 6, 3 and 2. 3 runs out, 2 runs in and 6 makes fourths, giving Coursing Order 43265. At the second bob H. the same three bells are affected—2 runs out, 6 runs in and 3 makes fourths place. The third bob H. on Coursing Order 42635 still affects the same three bells—6 runs out, 3 runs in and 2 makes fourths place, giving 46325.

Now examine what each of those three bells has done in the three bobs. 3 has run out, made fourths and run in. 2 has run in, run out and made fourths. 6 has made fourths, run in and run out. So you need only have taken note of any one of these three and watched that it carried out this three-fold cycle of 'out, fourths and in'—always in that order, whichever one it started with.

And here is another way in this composition of making sure that you call the right number of bobs H.—whether it be one, two or three. Just learn the order of the bells in fifths place. They are easy to see when you deal with Coursing Orders—they come first in the row (because they are next to the 7th). The bell which runs out at a bob H. is, of course, thirds place bell—it strikes third in the row at the lead end. But if at the next lead there is a bob W. the same bell will run out again, into the third place at the W. lead end, which is fifths place really. So if you know which bell is to be your next fifths place bell, you need only keep on calling your bobs H. until the bell in question runs out at the H. And then call the bob W. at the next lead.

For example, after the first group of three bobs H. in our peal, 6 becomes fifths place bell. So call your bobs H. until 6 runs out (i.e., at the H. which produced Coursing Order 46325). The W. is at the next lead and it makes 6 run out again and become the new fifths place bell.

So now, as a check on your counting, you can watch the bells making the three-fold cycle of 'out, fourths and in,' you can check that the right bell is coming up to the right place at the right time and you can transpose the Coursing Orders of all the bells.

(To be continued)

POSITION OF NEW CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cloke, in a letter published on February 12th, suggested that a short consultation with the architect prior to the building of a modern church would ensure arrangements being made for ringing there. I wonder how he would deal with the problem set in the new town of Crawley?

In this rapidly growing satellite town the population is already too large for the Parish Church with its ring of eight bells, and the first of the new churches is to be consecrated in June. It has, also, been designed to house only one (non-existent) bell.

The cost of building as well as salaries for additional clergy must be borne by the diocese as the Church must obviously anticipate the needs of the town.

Every effort is being made to raise money and a 'flying squad' is shortly to be launched, but, even so, many thousands of pounds are needed, and any luxury item, such as a tower, must be sacrificed.

Two more churches are to be built in the near future, and the architect is now being selected for the first of these. If this is the moment to put forward the ringers' views, can Mr. Cloke or any other reader suggest ways of doing so?

It should be added that the Rector is fully aware of our feelings and is very sympathetic, but feels powerless in view of the absolute necessities demanding priority. — Yours faithfully. LENA STREET.

Crawley, Sussex.

THE BELLS OF TEWKESBURY ABBEY

By T. V. LISTER

SO far as I am aware there is no authoritative information as to when the first bell was installed in Tewkesbury Abbey. Some time ago an old book on the Abbey, which included a paragraph on the bells, was lent to me, and it included statements that may be authentic, but I have been unable to trace any authority for the statements made. Those contained in this article have been culled from the original churchwardens' accounts, minutes, and the Abbey registers as far back as they exist, and so far as these records are concerned the first mention of bells is in 1563. From the records in that and subsequent years, however, it is clear that there were four bells at that time, and that the lightest was referred to variously as the 'forebell' or 'little bell,' and the heaviest as the 'great bell.' There was also a sanctus bell, and no doubt a sacring bell, kept in the Abbey itself.

It is evident that there was a great deal of ringing, although probably not change ringing except on special occasions, and it is clear from the records that all down through the ages the upkeep of the bells was a continuous and heavy drain on the Abbey funds. It is worth remembering that during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries bells were chimed or tolled to mark the canonical hours as well as to indicate the times of services and that this meant constant ringing. Tewkesbury was fortunate in that there was no opposition, but it was a very different case in old cities which had a large number of churches. Indeed, it is recorded that at Worcester in 1406 there was much trouble because the cathedral authorities complained of the interference caused by the ringing of the Parish Church bells at the same time as their own. The matter became so serious that it had to be referred to the Pope for settlement.

16th CENTURY MAINTENANCE COSTS

The following extracts from the accounts of 1563 give some indication of the cost of the maintenance of the Abbey bells. As a matter of interest it should be noted that roman numerals were always used in accounts in the sixteenth century, and this practice only began to die out gradually about 1609.

Payd for hanging of the greate belle and for nayles (nails)	iiid
Payd for making of a bawderiche (baldrick) and for wyre for the clocke of John Cooke	ivd
Payd to John Rekes for his workmanship in bracying of the greate belle	iiid
Payd for a new key for ye greate belle	vid

And in 1564:

Payd for a rope for ye lyttle belle	iiid
Payd for lycour (oil) for the belles	iid
Payd to Jerome for mending of forebelle clapper	iis viiid
Receyd of Maude Perlo for ringing	vid
Payd for xviii lbs of iron for ye greate belle clapper	iis iiid
Payd for the makying of the greate belle clapper	viiis iiiid
Payd to John Sandiford for too vent (?) bords to make ye third belle whele	xviid
Payd for sawing of them	iid
Payd for a whope for the third belle whele	iid
Payd to Reve for the makying of the same whele	xiid

So it will be seen that the maintenance of the bells in 1564 cost the churchwardens a total of 16s. 5d. This may not seem to be a very large sum, but when one remembers that the total annual outgoings for the abbey in these days was of the order of £25, it will be appreciated that 16s. 5d. represented a not inconsiderable amount.

Why did Maude Perlo pay for the bells being rung? Probably, one suspects, to toll for the death of her husband or child. At all events it is the first recorded occasion when a member of the laity paid for the use of the bells. As time went on the practice became much more general, especially for funerals and occasionally for weddings. As one reads through these accounts one cannot help but be struck by the way the cost of living steadily rose, and 250 years later Maud Perlo's modest sixpence had risen by gradual stages to seven shillings and sixpence.

USE OF BALDRICK

It may here be remarked, for the benefit of non-ringers, that the modern method of securing the clapper shaft to the inside of the bell is by a kind of metal hinge which allows the clapper to swing freely in the same axis as the bell, but not sideways. In the sixteenth century, however, and for many years later, the clapper shaft had an eye in the top and it was secured to a similar eye in the bell by a leather thong known as a 'baldrick.' That the baldrick broke frequently, with resultant damage to the clapper, is shown by the many times that items appear in the churchwardens' accounts for replacements of baldricks and for repairs or replacements of the clappers. It is surprising that, seemingly, Tewkesbury did not possess a blacksmith capable of undertaking this work, as we read that on one occasion a clapper was sent to Bredon for repairs, and, on another to Ashchurch: both being villages a few miles from Tewkesbury. On a third occasion the clapper of the great bell was sent to Newent for repair, a town some ten miles from Tewkesbury. The route was via the Severn to Ashleworth quay (a village a few miles above Gloucester), and thence by road to Newent. Possibly it received a lion's share of the work, but it is clear from the accounts that the great bell, in particular, was a constant source of trouble and expense. The use of the word 'lycour' continued for another fifty years or so before the word 'oyle' began to be used.

A DIRTY TOWER

In 1570 this entry occurs:

Payd to iiii men to ryd the donge out of the steple for viii dayes vi a daye a peace	xvis

One shudders to think of the state that the tower must have been in for it to take four men eight days, at this quite high rate of pay, to get it clean. During this period the sexton—John Cole—was paid 26s. 8d. per annum for ringing the bell 'morning and evening, winter and summer,' and for 'ryning of the Bowbelle at Crystmas.'

1586 records an amusing item which, however, has nothing to do with ringing, 'Paid Addis for keepinge dogges out of ye church, vid.'

In 1587 the little bell developed a crack, and the cost and steps taken to have it repaired make interesting comparison with to-day.

Paid for taking down the little bell	iiiid
Paid for caring the little bell to key and hanging the peise. (In other words, for taking it to the quay and stowing it on a barge)	iiid
Paid for caring the little bell to Worcester	vid
Payd for caring the bell into the tower	iid
Paid for nayles and plates for the little bell	xxiid
Paid for stocking the little bell	iiiid
Paid for casting the little bell	xxiiis

Thus the whole transaction cost the churchwardens 26s. 5d. In 1591 quite a spate of repairs occurred to get the bells in good condition 'against ye Quen's Holyday' (Queen Elizabeth), and it is somewhat disappointing not to find any entry of payment for ringing on that happy occasion.

SPIRE FALLS

In 1599 a most interesting event occurred. To those who have visited Tewkesbury and been impressed with the massive square tower, it may come as a surprise to know that up to 1559 the present tower was surmounted by a spire made of wood with wooden battlements. On Easter Day, 1559, the spire fell down, and beyond (one assumes) clearing up the wreckage, nothing was done to make good the damage. In 1599 two very energetic churchwardens were elected, John Cooche and Thomas Deacons, and they decided that something must be done after this lapse of 40 years, and it is recorded:

> 'Also these churchwardens undertooke to sett a battlement of stone uppon the topp of the tower as nowe it standeth where before was none but stoode as it was at the fall of the spier of lead which happened on Easter Deye in the first yeere of the Quenes Maris raigne (Queen Elizabeth) at which was a beautifull wooden battlement.'
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> 'This battlement of stone they adventured uppon themselves by making of martes which suche as would take of them only was licensed them for that yeere to devise some meetinges to be held within the towne for theere helpe therein, etc., etc.'

All of which means that they undertook to raise the money by plays, the equivalent of bazaars, and other means. Exactly what they did and how they did it makes most interesting reading but is rather outside the scope of this article. However, they succeeded in raising £45 2s. whilst the cost of their battlements, production of plays and so on came to £66 6s. 3d. It says much for their energy that quite undeterred by being £21 4s. out of pocket—a very considerable sum—they promptly set to work the following year on the school house and it is recorded, 'Moreover these churchwardens undertook the newe reparyinge of the schoole howse anno 1600, etc.' Ringers, and indeed everyone, owe a debt of gratitude to Messrs. Cooche and Deacons for their energy in restoring and beautifying the Abbey tower. It is interesting to note that the stone used in the work came from Stanway Hill (some ten miles from Tewkesbury), as is shown by an item of expenditure, 'for hallinge over stones from Stanway Hill, iiii Li (£4).'

THE FIFTH BELL

Additional evidence that all during this period there were only four bells is shown by the following verse which is written in the Register of Baptisms covering the years 1607 to 1629.

> 'William Dixon and Thomas Hoare
> Made us that Bell which wee ringe before
> Which men for that good deede; praie we they maie thrive
> For we havinge but foure Bells they made them Five
> And out of the grounde this Bell they did delve
> The 24th of Julie Anno Dom 1612.'

This verse is followed by a conventional picture of a bell with the name Thomas Hoare prominently displayed on it, whilst under the picture in an entirely different handwriting is is this verse:

> 'The Bell Speakes:
> Wm. Dixon and Thomas Hoare
> Did sell me away though I runge befor
> Wch men afterwards did never thrive
> for making us foure being once made five
> And sould me to Wales as I doe weene
> About Anno Dom 1613.'

This intriguing little story makes a number of questions spring to one's mind. Who were these two worthies? The minutes contain the

Tewkesbury Abbey Bells—Cont.

names of all those attending, especially the annual meetings when the churchwardens, sheriffs, etc., were elected, yet their names do not appear at all, anywhere. Again, the second verse seems to imply that the bell actually rang at the Abbey. How, then, did they manage to get it out of the tower? Owing to the state of the roads in those days it is unlikely that the bell went very far, so if any Welsh reader in a village not too far from Tewkesbury knows of a bell obtained from Tewkesbury in 1613 it might be possible to link it up with this rather questionable transaction.

THE 'SERMON' BELL

There is little of interest for the next few years beyond the usual items of replacements and repairs, for 'licer' and bell ropes and so on. It is noted that in 1624 the bell loft was planked at a cost of 2s. 8d. and that in that year is the first recorded payment 'for ringinge the sermon bell, xviiid.' The 'Sermon Bell' was rung prior to the Reformation at relatively few churches, and was intended to indicate to the people that a sermon would be preached at that particular service, and the sanctus bell was normally used. After the Reformation the practice became much more general, though the sanctus bell was discreetly renamed the 'ting-tang' or 'Parson's Bell,' and was used to warn the parson that it was time for service. By 1626 the practice of ringing the sermon bell appears to have got well established at Tewkesbury, and it is recorded 'paid for a yeare for ringing the sermon bell, 6s.' In 1625 there is an entry which, whilst it has nothing to do with ringing, is a grim reminder of the troubles of that year. 'Item, paid for a booke for the visitation of the plague, xd.'

The next entry of any moment is in 1632 when this note occurs at the end of the accounts for that year.

> 'Soe the whole sumes etc of the towne and parishe by way of taxation towards the repair of the Church and new casting of the belles and other worke belonging to the same for this yeare past is £126 16s.
>
> 'And the whole layd out for the workes above written is £124 11s. 11d.'

In 1633 there is an item for 'vi bell ropes £1 1s. 3d.' which confirms that the casting mentioned above was to increase the bells from four to six. It is disappointing that there is no record as to where the casting was done, or by whom. In this year it is recorded also, 'To the ringers for ringing the 5th of November, 2s. 6d., the first entry of its kind, although historians will recall that the Gunpowder Plot occurred in 1605. Thereafter, for many years, the ringers rang on this anniversary.

(To be continued)

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Feb. 27th, 1914

DEATH OF MR. NATHAN PITSTOW

The Passing of a Great Composer

Death has removed from the Exercise another of its shining lights; Mr. Nathan John Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, Essex, whose name, as a composer, is as widely known as that of any man of modern times, has passed to his long rest. . . . His work was done at a time when composers had to explore for themselves, before the ground had been as well marked out as it is to-day by knowledge based upon the labours of others. It is as a composer that Mr. Pitstow will be best remembered—although he was a ringer of no mean order. . . . His 5,088 of Superlative has become almost a classic in that method, while his variation of Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples is almost equally well known. . . .

[Mr. Pitstow had rung 182 peals, of which he conducted 28. Apart from ringing, he was a 'cellist, and in his younger days he made a name locally as a cricketer. He was in his 68th year.]

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cambridge District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Cambridge District was held in Cambridge on February 6th. The bells of St. Bene't's (6) and St. Andrew-the-Great (8) were in use until service time at 4.30 p.m.

The service, which was held in St. Andrew's, was conducted by the president, the Rev. Canon A. L. Woodard (Vicar of St. Andrew's). Tea followed in St. Andrew's Parish Room and was provided by wives of the local ringers.

The president was in the chair over the business meeting. The secretary reported that seven meetings had been held during 1953 and, in addition, six evening practice meetings for local ringers in their own towers had been held. Much good had resulted.

Canon A. L. Woodard was unanimously re-elected president. Messrs. J. Gipson, C. Hurst, C. Cook and H. Martin were re-elected Ringing Master, Deputy Ringing Master, secretary/treasurer of the Bell Repair Fund and secretary respectively. Dr. J. Brissard, Mr. E. Hibbins and Mr. F. Hurry were elected to serve on the committee. Messrs. M. Cleaves, D. Bullman and D. Stubbings were elected members.

Miss M. Grain proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells and to the ladies for providing tea.

The company then returned to the towers for more ringing, and the bells of the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs were also available. H. L. M.

OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT LINGWOOD

Mr. Robert Lingwood, who died on Tuesday, February 2nd, was a most faithful member of Sculthorpe Church, Norfolk, where he had been a worshipper all his life.

A bellringer of many years' standing, his great joy was to help young ringers to learn, and his quiet, sincere manner did much to encourage young people to ring and love the art. He joined with Fakenham Church ringers when no band was available at Sculthorpe and was a regular ringer on Sunday mornings, and when the Sculthorpe band was restarted he once again took up his task as tower captain, teaching new members and being their real friend. The bells were rung muffled at the funeral and later in the day.

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BIRTH

MUSSON.—On February 15th, 1954, at the Sleaford Nursing Home, to Lucy Evelyn (nee White), wife of James H. Musson, the gift of a son (Desmond Walter). We thank God for his goodness. 3976

ENGAGEMENT

THORLEY—REEVES.—The engagement is announced between James Martin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thorley, of Thorne, Doncaster, and Patricia May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Reeves, of Heworth, York. 4000

DEATH

CRANMER.—On February 19th, 1954, at Chepstow Hospital, Thomas Cranmer, in his 76th year. Grandfather of Jacqueline S. Evans and very good friend of the Chepstow ringers. 3988

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton (8), Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3956

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (free) 5.15 p.m. in the Church Hall.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3914

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Stevenage, Feb. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Oxford Bob Triples. 3961

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Fakenham, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by annual business meeting. Names for tea to George Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hampton, Fakenham, Norfolk. 3142

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Beaconsfield, Saturday, Feb. 27th, 6 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3952

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — Annual meeting, Eastbourne (St. Mary's), Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All Saints', Eastbourne, available in the evening. Names for tea to R. W. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 3957

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Meeting at Littleton, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business.—W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3959

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Mytholmroyd (8), Saturday, March 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for all 5 p.m. at moderate cost. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. 3967

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Stagsden, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Newcastle Surprise Minor. All ringers welcome.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 4004

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Annual general meeting at the Cathedral, Saturday, March 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 3rd. — Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4008

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Sowton, March 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by March 2nd to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 3948

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by March 3rd, to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 4001

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — District meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to me by March 3rd.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3139

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Crusader meeting proposed to be held at Dagenham on March 6th has been **cancelled**—bells not available. 3974

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Pucklechurch, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 2nd, to W. F. Scudamore 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3973

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Minchinhampton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 6th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by March 2nd.—S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 3981

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), March 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by March 3rd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3987

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, March 6th, Aldenham (8), 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 3986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. 3994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — By-meeting at Milton Regis (6) on Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 2nd to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3960

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Rishton, March 6th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (price 1s. 9d. each). Meeting to follow.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec 3983

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3999

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan, before March 3rd.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Half-yearly meeting on Saturday, March 6th, at Hornby (8 bells). Ringing 2.30-8. Tea at 4.30. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to E. Goth 14, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4003

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Leicester District. — Thurcaston, March 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, King William Inn. Names to reach, by March 3rd, Mr. F. Bindley, 7, Hind Sisters Homes, Thurcaston. 3990

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Shepshed, March 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5 in School. Names, by March 3rd, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed. 3141

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Saturday, March 6th. St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, 2-3; St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.15-4.15; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 4.30-5.30; Service at St. Stephen's 5.30. —J. R. Leeming, Hon. Sec. 3979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Binfield on March 6th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle, 3998

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford (8) March 6th. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday, March 2nd.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3972

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Potterne (6), March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3989

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice, Shrewton, March 6th, from 2.30. Tea at the Plume 5. Amesbury also available afterwards. Names for tea by March 2nd, please.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 3958

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11. 4002

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting at Attenborough, Saturday, March 6th. Bells 2.30 (8, recently augmented from 6). Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Tuesday, March 2nd, Mr. D. N. Potter, 32, Long Lane, Attenborough, Notts. 3977

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Henry Johnson Commemoration Dninner, March 6th. Ringing arrangements: Friday evening, Erdington Abbey (8) 7.30 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1 p.m., Bishop Ryder's (8) 2 p.m., St. Martin's (12) 2.30 p.m., Aston (12) 3.30 p.m., Cathedral (12) 4.15 p.m. Dinner tickets available if application is made by return, 14s. 6d. each.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Springfield 1025. 3965

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Crawley, March 6th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise, by Wednesday, March 3rd, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. Please note the Northern Division secretary is now Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 3968

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly, Cadoxton, Neath, March 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea—6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea.—J. A. Hoare, District Secretary. 3145

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, March 6th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Parish Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3980

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, March 13th, 3.30. Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Gracechurch Street, E.C., 6 p.m. Preliminary notice: A summer meeting will be held at Leicester on May 8th: details later.—A. B. Peck. 3996

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Combined meeting, St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, March 13th 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at local cafe. All welcome.—R. J. C. 3992

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—A. H. Everett, Hon. Sec. 3993

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting, St. Lawrence, Thanet, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash, please, not later than Tuesday, March 9th, to Mr. S. J. Gee, 22, Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, Kent.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3985

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Godalming, Surrey. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names, by March 8th, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3997

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social at Co-operative Hall, Burbage, March 13th. Dinner (7s. each) 6.30 prompt. Please send names by Tuesday, March 9th, to F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. 3984

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — General committee meeting, St. Michael's Room, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford, Saturday, March 13th, 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4007

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, March 13th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 3991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Glaston (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 9th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Market Overton, Rutland. 3969

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Meeting at Wednesbury Parish Church, March 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d. per head at Wadsworth Restaurant) 5 p.m. Names for tea not nater than March 10th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 3978

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, March 13th, St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Silverdale Hall, 5 p.m. Please notify, by March 10th, Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, if you require tea.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3995

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 20th. Note altered date. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting in Small Parish Hall, 5. Names, by March 18th, to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 3982

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice: Annual general meeting, Cardiff July 3rd. Further details later. 3974

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WITH PERSEVERANCE COMES SUCCESS

THE rain became heavier, and an occasional spot trickled discomfortingly down Albert's neck. This particular Saturday afternoon seemed even more dismal than the many other occasions when one looks forward to a change from the week's toils, only to be baulked by that particularly nasty weather that appears to save itself up for the week-end.

Albert gazed hopefully at the far-off tower and his head half turned to bring an ear in line with his distant objective. 'Ah! . . . that sounded like . . . yes! . . . no! — gone again.' 'Must be the church clock.' Albert trudged on along a typically wet, muddy, 'off the beaten track' country lane. 'Suppose that must have been 3 o'clock striking. . . . I'd have been there by now if it wasn't for the stupid time tables they have in these remote places.' 'Bah! . . . one bus every two hours and on a Saturday afternoon at that. . . . Can't understand why they bother to run one at all. . . . What time did it say the meeting is? . . . Can't hear a sound. . . . Perhaps . . . perhaps it isn't this week . . . perhaps I've got the date wrong!' Albert sorted feverishly through the pockets of his now very wet raincoat and at last came across a soggy and crumpled copy of that weekly publication, seemingly printed for the benefit of George . . . somebody . . . or other of Birmingham and a gentleman from Leicester; a quick search through the ads eased Albert's mind considerably and he stepped out with new-found energy.

A rather irregular yet melodious sound issued forth from the heights of a fine Norman tower; and Albert, rain and buses forgotten, strode happily towards a small doorway almost hidden by one of the huge buttresses. The worn steps were no handicap to Albert, who proceeded to climb them two at a time.

Another small door came into view. Albert stopped. His hand lifted the latch and in he went. A flurry of ropes came into view, shooting up to the heavy oak beams and down again. A big man wearing a large moustache frowned across at Albert from his soap box pedestal and with a contemptuous roar shouted 'This is all' . . . and with an air of boredom added . . . 'at hand stroke.'

Albert slid on to a vacant and out of the way portion of the seat situated between the clock case and the heavily laden coat rack and waited. A gruff 'Like a pull?' aroused him from a very industrious study of a piece of paper covered with very impressive looking blue lines. . . . 'Eh! . . . eh . . . yes,' said Albert, sheepishly looking up at the big man with the moustache. 'What's it to be . . . Cambridge . . . or London perhaps?' laughed the 'soapbox king.' Albert stuttered in confusion, '. . . I . . . I'm afraid I . . . I can only manage . . . Grandsire.'

Albert took the third. . . . 'Go Grandsire,' roared the big man. 'Thirds . . . then into lead,' whispered Albert to himself . . . 'hunt out behind . . . dodging 5–4 down next time.' . . . Bob! . . . 'Oh! . . . 7–6 down . . . who with? . . . the 4th? . . . the 6th? . . .' 'Dodging with the 4th,' shouted the big man with the moustache. Albert managed to get into lead after a short skirmish in 7–6. . . . 6–7 up . . . 4–5 next time . . . Bob! . . . 'into the hunt.' Albert got out of the hunt, and into another mess, this time with the 5th. 'Stand,' roared the big man with the moustache, and threw a withering glance at Albert. . . . 'Can't go on like that,' he said.

A rather dejected Albert walked out into the wet and miserable afternoon an hour later. 'Only one touch . . . and I made a mess of that. . . . What time did they say the next bus was? . . . An hour to wait? . . . Might as well walk it again.'

Albert pushed his hands deep into his raincoat pockets and slowly retraced his footsteps.

Postscript: Despite many discouraging occasions such as this, Albert persevered with his ringing, practising regularly and seizing every opportunity to increase his ringing knowledge without neglecting his Sunday service ringing obligations, and now often finds a place in one of the most prominent Surprise peal bands in the country.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuits C.W. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MRS. K. F. J. PARR	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	6
MRS. O. L. ROGERS	2	D. KAY ADKINS	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
THOMAS E. DAVIES	4	VICTOR GRIFFIN	9
JOHN R. MAYNE	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.
Rung in memoriam Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, a Vicar of Isleworth for 14 years

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

NORMAN CORNWALL	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	5
DOREEN COKER	2	ARTHUR NEWTON	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
ANTHONY E. COX	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Rung Non-Conducted.
All are Sunday service ringers of the above church except the ringer of the 5th.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
*C. MICHAEL ORME	2	BRYAN SIMS	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
JOHN KING	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17¼ cwt.

MARTYN HAWKES	*Treble*	HAROLD WILLETT	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
ARTHUR JOPP	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	7
MURIEL WILLETT	4	*WILLIAM FINCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 HELMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	TERENCE A. THORNBER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	E. ALAN JACQUES	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 STOUGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE
First peal to be rung in this method.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	†WILLIAM BAGGETT	5
FREDERICK SHARPE	2	‡HARRY HATFIELD	6
*ERNEST G. JONES	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
CYRIL H. KINCH	4	*WILLIAM WHITING	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR J. SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ Has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper, Vicar of Bicester and president of the Bicester Deanery Branch, on his retirement.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA.
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Consisting of 2,112 Plain Bob, 592 Double Bob, 1,032 Gainsborough Little Bob, 1264 Little Bob, with 182 changes of method.
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL N. BLAND	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
*MARGARET A. SWANN	2	*J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
*ROGER B. MORRIS	3	F. ERIC ROBERTS	7
*RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced in four methods for the Association.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
REGINALD ROWLEY	2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
D. KAY ADKINS	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
First peal in the method by all except ringer of 5th in the county and for the Association.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

*CECIL H. JALLANDS	*Treble*	*CLARENCE F. BRIGG	5
FREDERICK PINCHBECK	2	HENRY SQUIRES	6
ARTHUR W. WARD	3	WILLIAM H. DALE	7
LESLIE SQUIRES	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells (Stedman Triples).
Also birthday compliments to A. W. Ward (70), February 26th, and C. F. Briggs (50), February 12th.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ANGELA WILLES	*Treble*	JOHN KING	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	†PHILIP MEHEW	6
*C. MICHAEL ORME	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY (C.C.C. No. 4).
Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
EDWARD G. COWARD	3	ALBERT E. LAKER	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
A birthday compliment to the secretary of the Ancient Society and to the ringer of the 2nd.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

*DIANA M. MATTHEW	*Treble*	ALBERT E. WHITING	5
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	†CECIL W. PIPE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise. † 100th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor.
In memoriam William Last.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*HAROLD HAYES, JUN.	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
†ANN SLINGER	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
WILLIAM BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

GORING, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT BLOND	*Treble*	*JACK BERRY	5
*FRED S. SMITH	2	*CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
*JAMES BLOND	3	HENRY BISHOP	7
ERNEST GARRARD	4	†JOHN SEYMOUR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob 'inside.'

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 32 methods, being 160 each of Shoreditch, Apsley, Norfolk, Hitchin, Radlett, Derwent, Yorkshire, Otley, Deben, Cambridge, Lessness, Lindum, Pudsey, Wembley, Uxbridge, Langley, London, Lindoff's London, Superlative, Eastcote, Framley, Lincolnshire, Dublin, Claybrooke, Ealing, Painswick, Rutland, Bristol, New Gloucester, Watford, Trowbridge and Falmouth, with 159 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARCHER T. LOWMAN	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
BETTY BROWN	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	6
RAYMOND F. SMITH	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
Umpire: H. LESLIE PASK.
The greatest number of Surprise Major methods yet rung in a peal for the Guild. Norfolk rung with a 4ths place bob.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	G. ARNOLD MOORE	6
FREDERICK LEECH	3	EWART H. EDGE	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

MAURICE T. SYMONDS	*Treble*	FREDERICK BOREHAM	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
*VICTOR AMBROSE	3	FREDERICK MORTLOCK	7
*FREDERICK E. DAY	4	WILFRED JARVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by MAURICE T. SYMONDS.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compilment to the conductor and the Rev. H. S. Cotton (Rector). The tenor man has now 'circled the tower.'

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 SHREWSBURY BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 25).

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MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
BERNARD MADELEY	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	3	FREDK. PRICE	7
RAYMOND D. HAZELDINE	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

HAROLD G. SMITH	*Treble*	HENRY PARKER	5
JOHN E. BROUGH	2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON	6
*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	3	JOHN SCOTT	7
EDWARD J. BOFFEY	4	*HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* 25th peal together. The conductor's 250th peal.
Rung as birthday compliments to Harry Stubbs (75 years), Frank Barnard, sen., and Jack Thomas.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
Believed to be the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

MAURICE G. TURNER	*Treble*	*HAROLD WHITE	5
HOWARD HOWELL	2	*C. FREDERICK JUKES	6
HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	4	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal in the method. The quarterly peal for the Guild.
A compliment to Mr. James S. Eastwood on his 60th birthday.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROY MANN	*Treble*	*JOHN F. BRYANT	5
†W. GEORGE TURNER	2	‡JOHN PEARSON	6
*SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	*ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
*M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thursians' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	*J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5
GEORGE DAVIS	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	ROY K. MOWFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* 100th peal for the Society.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam John Rogers.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Treble*	FRANK S. CHENEY	5
*ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	2	‡S. JOHN HAINES	6
†T. MAUREEN LLOYD	3	KENNETH A. ROE	7
†ANDREW CARTER	4	THOMAS E. HARROLD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major.
All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
'Barabool' Peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*DOREEN M. MURFIN	*Treble*	RODNEY W. HARRISON	5
JACK BAILEY	2	WILLIAM LANCASTER	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	†SYDNEY J. MERRY	7
†ALAN TAYLOR	4	MARK J. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the return from Her Majesty's Forces of Mr. Maurice Bailey, son of the conductor.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE SPARKES	*Treble*	†CECIL T. BELLEW	5
*DAVID J. GAY	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
CLAUDE TARR	4	†ARCHIBALD C. GALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since rehung on modern bearings by Mears and Stainbank.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	*MARK W. MARSHALL	6
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*JOHN R. COOPER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHELLEY, NR. HUDDERSFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz., (1) Willesden, Marple and College Bob IV.; (2) Newdigate and Old Oxford; (3) Wragby and Braintree; (4) St. Albans, Charlwood and Neasden; (5) College Exercise and Morning Star; (6) Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk; (7) Kingston, Oxford, Capel, London Scholars and Sandal.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES W. BUXTON	*Treble*	DANIEL SMITH	4
*CYRIL RUSBY	2	*HERMANN RUSBY	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	*NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
* First peal in 20 methods.
Rung in honour of the birthdays of Michael Chant (January 9th), Helen Chant (January 23) and John Buxton (February 15th).

LLANDEGAI, CAERNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEGAI,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MRS. J. G. PARKINGTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS	4
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5
L. JOHN EVANS	3	*STANLEY WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

G. E. LARNER	*Treble*	GEORGE BATTERBEE	4
ALEX NURSE	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
RONALD THAXTER	3	FRED RIX	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
Rung to the memory of Robert Lingwood, and in thanksgiving for his life of service to the Church at Sculthorpe, where he was, until his death, bellringer, sidesman, member of the Church Council and friend to all.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Plain Bob, and two extents of Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 16 cwt.

MAURICE BENNETT	*Treble*	FREDA OLDERSHAW	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	4
*MAISIE VANTOM	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Cambridge.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	*Treble*	PHILIP JONES	4
PERCY AMOS	2	GEORGE CARE	5
HARRY GAYTON	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

BRADOC, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Reverse Canterbury, six of St. Colomb, seven of Old, eight of Plain Bob, six of April Day, three of Grandsire and 240 each of Pitman's and Morris's Arrangements.
Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	*‡ALEXANDER R. JONES	3
†A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	*ALAN CARVETH	4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal in six methods. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles.
The first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of five since 1845.

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BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

E. JACK THURLOW ..	..*Treble*	*RICHARD S. PAYNE	4
*MARGOT R. THOMPSON ..	2	*C. JACK GIBSON	5
*REGINALD J. DARCH ..	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in five methods 'inside.'

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Payne, member of the Southwold company

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz., (1) Double Court; (2) Double Bob and Oxford Bob; (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A.

*MARGARET E. BROWN	..*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
*ANN M. COX	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ROLAND W. MORANT ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in nine methods. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 325th tower for a peal.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

*ROSEMARY PARKINSON	..*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ..	4
†JEAN DAWSON	2	WALTER WILKINSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	3	ERNEST GOWER	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

With bells half-muffled. In memoriam Mrs. Williams, mother of the Blackburn Branch President, Mr. L. J. Williams.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MAXWELL J. GARRETT	..*Treble*	‡ERIC M. BAKER	4
HARRY TURNER	2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	5
†BRYAN E. SHEDEL	3	HERMON J. OLIVER ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of eight extents each of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. EXTON ..	..*Treble*	SIMON L. BARLEY	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	2	*FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	HAROLD STEVENSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* 100th peal on tower bells. First peal in five Doubles methods by all the band.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD J. BRAGG ..	..*Treble*	EILEEN M. TURNER	4
*MONICA E. COLLINS ..	2	JAMES F. DODSON	5
R. JAMES COOK	3	E. JOHN WELLS ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. L. Clowes.

Rung after meeting short for Major, owing to a breakdown in transport.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

BERNARD JACKSON ..	..*Treble*	STANLEY WALMSLEY ..	4
JOHN JACKSON	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ..	3	KENNETH MARTIN ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

Rung by three fathers and three sons to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson, of Leyland.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Beings 15 callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	..*Treble*	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	3
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	ALFRED B. PECK	4
FREDERICK E. COLLINS	..*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles and on five bells by all the band.

LITTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ..	..*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
GEORGE W. MASSEY ..	2	A. GEORGE CLARE	5
DAVID HOARE	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

Compliments to Miss S. Lewis and Mr. K. Curtis on the occasion of their marriage this day at Farrington Gurney.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*ROY F. BARRETT (17)	*Treble*	*RAYMOND A. LUCAS (16)	4
*M. A. C. SINFIELD (15)	2	BRYAN PATTISON (17) ..	5
*BRIAN MAKEHAM (16) ..	3	*ROGER LENNARD (14) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal.

First peal by a band of members of Bedford Modern School. This is the youngest band to ring a peal for the Association. Average age approximately 16.

Rung on the eve of Sexagesima.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Being 3,840 changes of Plain Bob and 1,248 changes of Little Bob; 263 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	1—2	BERT GOGLE	5—6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3—4	ARTHUR G. BASON	7—8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Spliced on handbells by all and by the Association.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
AT 15, PEMBROKE STREET.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON (Christ Church)	1—2	JOHN E. SPICE (New College)	5—6
DEREK G. GOODMAN (Keble)	3—4	*DONALD H. NIBLETT (Pembroke)	7—8

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law 1, Valerie Mepham 2, Beryl Reynolds (first in the method 'inside') 3, Mary W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, J. Sexton 6. Rung as a compliment to Beryl Reynolds and James Sexton on their engagement.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Moss 1, F. Southgate 2, A. Honeywood 3, A. Cole 4, M. Bantick 5, D. Whent 6, G. W. Barnes 7, F. Erith (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 6 and as conductor. First quarter in newly-erected gallery.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: E. Buck 1, L. Hughes 2, R. Castledine (aged 14) 3, T. Holehouse 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, C. Harwood (aged 15, first as cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. First of Major 'inside' for 2 and 3.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Williams 1, Miss H. Evans 2, G. Williams 3, Mrs. A. R. Price 4, Miss J. Powell 5, G. Flower 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, C. Thomas 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Grandsire Triples rung by a local band on the bells.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Palmer 1, J. Minton 2, Mrs. T. Rushton 3, R. Billings 4, T. Rushton (cond.) 5, G. Tong 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. Beatrice R. M. Thursby-Pelham, wife of the Vicar of the parish, interred this day.

BREADSALL, DERBYS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Peter J. Skinner 1, J. F. Murfin 2, Elisabeth Grime 3, W. R. Harrison 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, D. Shakespear (first quarter) 6. Average age 15 years 4 months. Rung to mark the formation of the Grammar and Technical Schools Association. Also as a birthday compliment to J. Mansfield. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: D. Shakespear 1, P. J. Skinner (first 'inside') 2, J. F. Murfin 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, M. Hatch 5, Vivian Horton 6. Average age 14 years 8 months.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Phyllis Gray 1, R. A. Ward 2, D. Bridges 3, P. I. Chapman 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5. Rung on the back five for Evensong.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stephens 1, Miss A. Stephens 2, Miss D. Evans (first 'inside') 3, R. Stephens 4, D. Bruten 5, J. Alsop (cond.) 6, B. Werry 7, J. Jeynes 8. First quarter for 1 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, G. E. Catton 2, D. Brand 3, W. J. Button 4, J. S. Wybrew 5, A. G. Fever 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Frederick Brunning, steeplekeeper and captain of the ringers at Eye.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Kedwell 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, F. W. Cook 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, J. Willis 5, T. J. Anderson (cond.) 6, R. Swift 7, J. E. Chittenden 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Vicar of Folkestone (Canon Ian White Thomson, M.A.).

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 14th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, K. W. Mackintosh 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, J. Waters 6, J. Stephenson 7, M. Chilcott 8, J. Phillips 9, J. Chilcott 10.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: D. W. Beard 1, A. H. Worboys 2, F. G. Richardson (first in method) 3, J. Fowler 4, H. Long 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Forster 1, Eileen Malden (first on 'inside' bell) 2, W. Wright 3, W. Hill 4, B. Shedel (cond.) 5. Ad gloriam Deo.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. I. Haynes (first quarter) 1, R. F. Turner 2, D. I. Haynes (first in two methods) 3, C. W. Bird 4, P. I. Chapman 5, G. Geary (first quarter) 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Feb. 13th, at All Saints' Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: V. W. Conquest 1, J. G. Newman 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. Piron 4, J. W. V. Sinfield 5, R. Kendall 6, E. J. Conquest 7, D. Knox 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, J. H. Conquest 10. Birthday compliment to the Rev. S. J. Forrest, Valerie Willard and Ralph Butcher.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Feb. 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. R. Smith 1, Miss M. E. Stephens (first quarter in method) 2, C. A. Hughes 3, J. M. Stephens 4, R. W. Stephens 5, D. W. Beard 6, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 7, C. E. Willmington 8.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire Doubles: E. Price 1, C. W. Nutt 2, H. Hill 3, R. Lewis 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, Mac Jones 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. William Ranford, interred at Suckley Church this day, who was a regular service ringer at this church.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Tomsett 1, J. Parslow 2, E. Jones 3, H. Allen 4, E. Beauchamp 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6. In memory of three former colleagues—C. H. Reading, died Feb. 13th, 1941; A. Miller, died Feb. 11th, 1951; T. Miller, died Feb. 15th, 1952.

NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,280 Bob Major: F. Matravers (first of Major) 1, A. Read 2, W. H. Tarr 3, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 4, W. Slocombe 5, H. Churchill 6, T. Lock 7, W. Gigg 8. First quarter on the rehung bells.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,500 Doubles (3 extents each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and 3½ of Grandsire): H. King 1, L. Cordell 2, S. King 3, W. Wedlock (cond.) 4, S. Stevens 5

PYLLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion March 1, R. Crago 2, D. Hill 3, R. March (cond.) 4, J. Nicholls 5, P. Bobbett 6.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. M. Simpkin 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Miss P. D. Prowse 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, A. H. Eplett 5, C. K. Brawer 6, C. A. Wratten 7, H. Harper 8. Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. E. C. Seager.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Feb. 21st, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales (first of Triples in method) 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7.

WEST DERBY, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on Feb. 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Jean Nixon 1, W. A. Rawsthorne (cond.) 2, Betty Hinds 3, R. Edwards 4, P. E. Parry 5, I. M. Parry 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mira Prince, a ringer at this tower.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Higgins 1, Miss R. Snell 2, Miss S. Collins 3, P. Whalley 4, W. Massey 5, G. R. Whalley 6, G. W. Biddulph 7, E. H. Edge (cond.) 8.

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LATE NEWS

Ludgate Surprise Royal has been introduced to the Exercise, by a peal rung at Worsley, Lancs, on February 27th, conducted by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis. The method is a slight variation of the original which was worked out by Mr. Thomas B. Worsley in 1928 when investigating the possibilities of the extension of London Surprise Major.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. G. H. Spice, secretary of the Kent County Association for the past eight years, is not seeking re-election as general secretary at the annual meeting on Easter Monday. His resignation, which is prompted solely by health reasons, will be received with very deep regret.

Mr. R. S. Shutter, of Anstey, is the new district secretary of the Western District, Herts County Association.

Our 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column records the gift of 4s. for a lost peal at Crookham, Hants. A real smile in adversity!

Bedford Modern School have rung their first peal, one of Plain Bob Doubles. The approximate age of the band was 16 years, and they constitute the youngest band to ring a peal for the Bedfordshire Association.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hubbard, of Langham, Rutland, hospitably entertained the band who rang the peal at Twyford, Leicestershire, on February 20th. Through the 'Ringing World' the ringers express their thanks to their hosts.

The Sussex County Association annual week's tour from July 4th to 11th this year will be in Yorkshire, staying at Ilkley. There are a few vacant seats and accommodation if anyone is interested. Please write Miss F. Wyman, next Post Office, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey.

The resignation of the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper from the living of Bicester was marked by a peal on the bells of the Parish Church on February 20th. He has been Vicar of Bicester since 1942 and president of the Bicester Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild since 1944. Mr. Cowland Cooper was an excellent president, and his own brand of humour enlivened the business meetings. The best wishes of the branch are extended to him in his retirement.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Northowram, Halifax, on February 20th, indicates the remarkable progress which has been made in Halifax during the last year or so. The two girls—Sheila M. Taylor and M. Vivien Copping—who rang very creditably, were taught to handle a bell less than 18 months ago. This is the first peal of Surprise rung by a band composed of Halifax ringers. Six are members of All Souls', Haley Hill, and the other two are from Northowram.

Two first peals in the method are recorded this week:—Shrewsbury Bob Major (C.C.C. 25) rung at Malpas, Cheshire, and Stoughton Surprise Major at Whitwick, Leicestershire.

Mr. Ernest Morris has given a recording to the B.B.C. for direct transmission to Canada in 'English Half Hour' series. It was part of 'A Visit to Leicester.'

Mr. John A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, returned home on February 27th from hospital after his operation. We wish him a speedy convalescence.

Perhaps now Wiveliscombe, Somerset, bells have been rehung, peals here will be more frequent. The band which rang the peal recorded this week included Mr. W. A. Theobald, who was responsible for the rehanging. The eight at North Curry and St. James', Taunton, all in the same deanery, have also been rehung by him.

With regard to the peal of 32 Spliced Surprise Major methods at Harmston, Lincs., on February 20th, the umpire checked the methods as they were rung, the bobs and every lead-end throughout the peal. Miss Betty Brown has the distinction of having rung Spliced Surprise Major in a greater number of methods than any other lady ringer.

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YORKSHIRE PROVIDES NEW RECORD WITH 36-METHOD SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR PEAL

The band that set a new standard in Spliced Surprise Major ringing by a peal in 36 methods at Handsworth, Sheffield, on February 13th. Left to right: Messrs. Norman Chaddock (Rotherham), W. Eric Critchley (Doncaster), John G. L. Gilbert (Handsworth, Sheffield), J. Frederick Milner (Southwell), Wilfrid F. Moreton (Wakefield), Howard Scott (Adwick-le-Street), Gordon Benfield (Pudsey) and Milton C. Fowler (Conisborough).
[Photo and block by courtesy of 'The Sheffield Telegraph and Star,' Ltd.

This week 'The Ringing World' is able to present to its readers the story behind the new record peal in Spliced Surprise Major ringing of 36 methods. The composer and conductor of the peal was Mr. W. E. Critchley. The performance, on February 13th, at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, surpasses the previous record in 25 methods held by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

One previous attempt to ring a 36 method Spliced Surprise Major peal failed. There had also been a practice. The band deserve the warmest congratulations of the Exercise on a really remarkable achievement. We append an inside story of this great ringing feat.

Stage fright was apparent when the band assembled at St. Mary's, Handsworth, on the afternoon of February 13th. Several jokes were cracked, but no one laughed. Rounds were suggested to try the bells and, as everyone seemed satisfied, the conductor called 'Go,' and off the bells went into the changes of the first method, Framley. By common consent the beat was a very slow one at first, as these bells, tenor 12 cwt., run very quickly, the local band often ringing peals in about 2 hours 40 minutes.

The first break in the tension came when Fred Milner and Gordon Benfield, on the 2nd and 3rd, smiled with satisfaction when they were called to do the long dodge on the front in Derwent; the conductor remarked enviously on this to the 4th, resulting in a row of grinning faces for the remainder of the lead, until a stern reprimand from a more serious member of the band restored order. Fred Milner was also highly amused whenever 'Lindum' was called, because, to avoid confusion with London, the conductor pronounced it 'Lindume.'

RECEIVED FIGURES ON BOXING DAY

'Maulden,' and the first part-end; the ringers of the fixed bells looked very satisfied; they had now rung all the work that was demanded of them. The conductor also relaxed slightly, and began to notice some of the expressions of concentration around him. Gordon Benfield, on the 3rd, looked fixedly straight ahead, apparently unmoved by anything going off around him. He deserves special mention, as he was only given a copy of the figures and composition on Boxing Day of last year, and had no previous practice at the peal—the rest of the band had had one evening's practice, and one attempt at the peal.

The tenor and seventh were doing a good job of work, maintaining a very steady beat and refusing to allow the bells to 'run away' in too high a speed. They also gave helpful and encouraging nods to those making any number of dodges or 'snaps' with them, to indicate the end of the work.

AIR SEEMED ELECTRIFIED

As the bells swung into the last third of the peal, the beat was becoming noticeably quicker; the conductor became a little nervous at this point; he seemed to have no time to think at all! As the last few leads approached the air seemed electrified, until the last lead of Maulden, then 'That's all' brought a finely struck peal to a close. Congratulations were heaped upon the conductor, but, as he pointed out then, it was the whole band who had rung the peal and who ought to be congratulated on a splendid performance. A local lady ringer had been listening downstairs to the peal and the calling; she said it sounded like a tour of England to hear all the names!

The band then repaired to the local hostelry to celebrate in traditional style and to meet the local Press. Here three of the band rang a touch of Spliced Minor 'in hand' to show they still had some life left. It is sad to relate, however, that on the way home the ringers of the 2nd and 6th went to the station refreshment room, and all they bought and shared there was a glass of water and a tube of aspirins!

The band would like to take this opportunity of expressing their grateful thanks to Mr. John Segar, of Retford, Notts, who spent some considerable time in checking the figures of the peal.

THE RINGERS

Treble.—Milton C. Fowler. Aged 54. A clerk to the National Coal Board, near Doncaster. Rang his first peal at his home tower, Conisborough, in 1921. Has rung 166 peals, which include eight peals of Spliced Surprise.

Second.—J. Frederick Miller. Aged 54. In business as an agricultural engineer and blacksmith. Learned to ring at his native village, Kirklington, Notts, where there are three bells. Joined the company at Southwell Minster in 1920, and is now Ringing Master. Rang his first peal of Surprise in 1924 at Worksop Abbey, conducted by John Flint. Peal total is 490, including 19 peals of Spliced Surprise. Fred has always travelled considerable distances for his peal ringing, and estimates his total mileage for peals at 42,000 miles!

Third.—Gordon Benfield. Aged 24, the youngest member of the band. A schoolmaster by profession. Learned to ring in 1944 at St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, under the guidance of Mr. William Barton. Rang his first peal in 1945. General treasurer of the Yorkshire Association. Has rung 77 peals, including four of Spliced Surprise. Conducted 10 peals.

Fourth.—Howard Scott. Aged 31. Schoolmaster. Taught to ring in 1936 by Mr. George Clark, who is still well remembered as a first-class teacher in South Yorkshire. Rang his first peal at Arksey, near Doncaster, in 1937. Ringing Master at Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. Has made remarkable progress during the last year and a half. Rang his first peal of Surprise in February, 1952, and his last eleven peals have been 'firsts.' Peal total 51, conducted 2. Total includes three of Spliced Surprise.

Fifth.—W. Eric Critchley. Aged 30. Schoolmaster. Composer and conductor of the peal. Learned to ring, though only call-changes, at Campsall, near Doncaster. First peal at Barnby Don, Doncaster, in 1945. Member of the service band at St. George's, Doncaster. Peal secretary for the Yorkshire Association. Member of the Central Council. Has conducted A. J. Pitman's well-known peal of four-spliced Surprise, with 'all the work' from all the non-observation bells. Rung peals in 34 different Surprise Major methods. Peal total 266, conducted 82. Spliced Surprise total 17, conducted 10.

Sixth.—Wilfrid F. Moreton. Aged 29. Schoolmaster. Regarded by the conductor of the peal as 'second-in-command,' and has given him much help and encouragement during the past few months. Rang his first peal in 1939, at Holme Lacy, and conducted his first peal soon afterwards, at the age of 14. Took part in the previous record of 25 Spliced Surprise Major. Member of the Central Council for the Hereford Guild since 1945. Peal total 462, conducted 214. Spliced Surprise total 26, conducted 2.

Seventh.—John J. L. Gilbert. Aged 35. Clerk to the Electricity Board, Sheffield. Learned to ring when 11 years old, and rang his first peal when 12. Conducted the youngest band ever to ring a peal of Major in 1934 at Crayford, Kent. Southern District secretary, Yorkshire Association. Treasurer and Assistant Ringing Master, Sheffield and District Society. Ringing Master, St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield. Peal total 195, conducted 48.

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Spliced Surprise Major Record—Cont.

Tenor.—Norman Chaddock. Aged 39. Schoolmaster. Member of the Rotherham Parish Church company. Ringing Master of the Sheffield and District Society. Member of the Central Council. Recently rang Rotherham tenor to a peal of 4-spliced, probably the heaviest bell (34¾ cwt.) to be rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major. Peal total 184, conducted 82. Spliced Surprise total 5, conducted 1.

THE COMPOSITION

2345678 Framley
4263857 Yorkshire
2357486—Wembley
4523678—Lindum

2465837 Hitchin
5347286 Falmouth
2453678—Hanbury

5264837 Trowbridge
4327586 Radlett
5243678 Watford

4562837 Lincolnshire
5237486—Falmouth
4352678—Derwent

5463827 Aldenham
3247586 Rutland
5432678—Uxbridge

3564827 Painswick
4257386 Eastcote
3542678—Shoreditch

4365827 Langley
3527486—Lessness
4235678—Lindoff's London

6342857—Superlative
2537684 Radlett
6325478—Lindoff's London

2643857 Painswick
3567284 Claybrook
2635478—Ramsey

Continued
3246857 Pudsey
6527384 Eastcote
3265478—London

4632857—Apsley
6257483—Lessness
5642378 Framley

4536827 Yorkshire
5627483—Wembley
4256378—Lindum

3542867—Cambridge
2657384 Rutland
3526478—Derwent

4235867—Bristol
3425867—Langley
5647382 Claybrook
3456278—Stockport

5324867 Jersey
3467582—Cray
5623847 Cambridge
6347582—Dublin
4637582—London
5346278—New Gloucester
4536278—Deben

2345867—Lincolnshire
5637284 Maulden
2356478— .

Twice repeated.

Rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on February 13th, 1954, composed and conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

A NEW JUNIOR SOCIETY

On February 13th a general meeting of the Derby District of the Grammar and Technical Schools Association of Change Ringers was held at Brailsford, Derbyshire.

This Association was formed in December, 1953, to promote the art of change ringing amongst some of the younger ringers.

The business meeting came directly after the afternoon's ringing. As there were no minutes of the last meeting, held at Breadsall, the first item on the agenda was the election of new members and these numbered five.

A welcome was extended to members of the Association to attend, every Wednesday night, at St. Luke's, Derby, for handbell ringing. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells.

Methods rung during the afternoon included St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse Court Pleasure Doubles.

Officers for the Derby District this year are: District president, the Rev. G. T. Perry; treasurer, D. Shakespear; peal secretary, R. J. Stretton; secretary, P. J. Skinner, 27, Rykneld Road, Littleover, Derby.

Will any person attending Grammar or Technical Schools wishing to join get in touch with the Derby district secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Southwark

The annual general meeting of the London County Association was held in the Chapter House of Southwark Cathedral on February 6th. Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Mary's, Lambeth, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and at the Cathedral.

The members then attended Evensong in the Cathedral, at which the Precentor, Canon Brown, officiated, and the large choir of St. Luke's, West Norwood, assisted.

Tea was served in the Chapter House to approximately 80 members and this was followed by the business meeting.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. general secretary, Mr. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretary No. 1, Mr. W. G. Wilson; assistant secretary No. 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers; treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey; senior steward, Mr. M. Meyer; junior steward, Mr. V. Neal; trustees, Messrs. J. A. Hales and F. Blewer; auditors, Messrs. A. D. Barker and E. Webb.

The Central Council members were re-elected for the next three years, viz:—Messrs. T. H. Taffender, H. W. Rogers, W. G. Wilson and Mrs. O. L. Rogers.

Six new members were elected at the meeting. In his report, the Master stated that 19 new members had been elected during the year, that 12 peals had been rung, two of which were firsts for the Association—New Cambridge Surprise Royal and Albanian Surprise Royal—which were rung at Isleworth. Mr. H. W. Rogers headed the list of conductors for the year.

The Master, with his mobile Sunday service band, had rung on 48 Sunday evenings throughout the year at churches where there was no local band to man the bells. He stated that good touches and quarter peals in Plain and Surprise methods had been successfully brought home.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of its members lost by death during the year, one of whom was an honorary member, the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, a former Vicar of Isleworth and a loyal friend to the local ringers.

The finances of the Association were shown to be in good order with an adequate balance in hand, but the members were reminded that peal-writing fees were still to be extracted from this when the writing was completed for the year.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Provost, the Rev. H. Ashdown, for the use of the Cathedral bells and the Chapter House; to the officers of the Association for their work throughout the year; and to the ladies who so ably prepared and served tea.

The handbell competition for the Dawe Cup followed the meeting, but unfortunately only one team was entered, that being from Christ-the-Saviour's, Ealing. They rang an almost perfect course of Grandsire Triples, and in the opinion of the judges deserved to hold the cup for the year.

After the meeting further ringing took place at the Cathedral until approximately 9.30 p.m.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Sixth Annual Reunion

Thirty-one members and friends of the Society attended the annual reunion held at Worcester on February 6th.

We met at Evesham early Saturday afternoon and enjoyed some 12-bell ringing on these already familiar bells, visited on our summer tour.

Most people travelled by bus to Worcester, except the enterprising few who hailed a taxi and arrived in style at St. John's. Cambridge Surprise Major and Double Norwich were amongst the methods rung on these eight bells before we walked briskly back over the river for our ring on the ten at All Saints'.

Dinner was held at the Crown Hotel, our headquarters for the week-end.

The business meeting began promptly at 8 p.m. with Mr. Mark White being elected as chairman. Apologies for absence were received from several members, including two on National Service. We were pleased, however, that two other H.M.F. members were able to spend the week-end with us.

In his report, the secretary, Mr. John Chilcott, said that both the 1953 Whitsun week-end and summer tour had been very successful and enjoyable. Two peals were rung by the Society during the past year, including a peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington in honour of the wedding of Raymond and Jill Parsons. A bedroom chair was our gift from the Society. Congratulations were also extended to Tony Oliver and Iris Purser on their engagement and to Bill and Hilda Kingcott on the recent addition to their family.

The following new members were elected: Mary Mundey (Devon), Cyril Lewington (Reading) and Terence Thornber (Leicester). Honorary membership was conferred upon Mr. W. Farmer (Shrewsbury), Mr. R. G. Morris (Worcester) and Mr. T. W. Lewis (Worcester).

Officers for 1954 were elected as follows: Ringing Master, Michael Chilcott; joint secretaries, Jeanette Winchester and Kathleen Weller; treasurer, Raymond Parsons; recorder, Audrey Bailey. The chairman proposed and members unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks be given to the retiring officers for their hard work during the past year.

It was decided to hold this year's tour in the counties of Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset, spending the Bank Holiday week-end at Yeovil or Sherborne. Oxford was also suggested as a rendezvous for Whitsun week-end, if it could be arranged.

After the meeting handbell ringing was enjoyed and the first touch of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' by the Society was rung. The evening concluded with songs, music and the usual social activities.

We rang for Sunday service at Worcester Cathedral, and whilst a few went on to Claines, the rest drank coffee. After lunch at the Savoy, ten members left by bus for Birmingham, where they were very warmly welcomed by Mr. Albert Walker and the St. Martin's band.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. R. G. Morris, Mr. T. W. Lewis, our joint secretaries and all friends in Worcester who helped to make this week-end so enjoyable.

J. W., K. W.

THE QUEEN IN AUSTRALIA

First report of ringing to welcome H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on Australian soil was received this week.

On February 7th, at St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, a quarter peal of 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 49 minutes by the following band: J. Sheehy treble, Miss M. Winter 2, Miss J. Hills 3, G. Logan 4, J. J. Cummins 5, E. J. Fowell 6, T. W. Goodyer (conductor) 7, L. Curran tenor (26 cwt.). This was the first quarter in the method for all but the ringer of the third.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Resignation of Hon. Secretary

Dear Sir—Very shortly there will appear in 'The Ringing World' a preliminary notice of the annual general meeting of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers to be held at Bromley on Easter Monday.

At this meeting the usual business of electing officers for the ensuing year will be on the agenda, and it is relevant to this election I wish to make it known in advance—feeling it to be in the best interests of the Association to do so—that owing to indifferent health over the past two or three years, I shall not seek re-election to the office of honorary secretary—an office it has been my great pleasure to occupy for the past eight years.

In bringing this impending change to your notice now, it is my hope that ample time is available to find a suitable successor. For some time I have realised that our Association is worthy of a secretary more energetic and enterprising than myself, and I am confident that among our number we have good ringers of the reliable go-ahead type from whom to select one who would not only find much pleasure in carrying out the routine secretarial duties, but would also prove himself an enthusiast in furthering the aims and objects of our Association.—Yours sincerely,

G. H. SPICE.

Sittingbourne, Kent.

INSPIRED BY 'FATUOUS'

Dear Sir,—That Arthur M. Morris should use the word 'fatuous' with reference to part of my original letter prompts me to request that he should keep to constructive criticism, expose an untruth or keep out.

The writer's many newspaper items and articles, visits to youth clubs for talks and handbell, change and tune ringing, two nights per week for some twenty years and regularly twice on Sundays entirely voluntary (and the enjoyment of every minute of it) are mentioned to remove the untruth this non-ringing correspondent lays at my door.

On a recent morning we had a reporter and photographer in our tower, which was all part of our effort to stimulate and maintain outside interest in the real thing.

Mention has been made of the B.B.C. and recordings: neither the interval signal nor the many broadcasts of bells suggest a tingling alarm to anyone, and your suggestions, sir, are in keeping with your resting back content that bell-ringing influences the youth of the country. I beg you, sir, go to your nearest tower and get some real hours in. One is never too old to learn, and I suspect you could very well teach others. I again beg the Central Council to appoint a committee to advise on standards, particularly on range and quality. This is what the churches without bells need—help, not abuse.

Bell-ringers' meetings, small or large, should not be a time for showing off by the Surprise fraternity, but a time when all ringers should renew their enthusiasm and spread encouragement. We badly need something in the nature of an annual gathering of thousands at York—for the North. What a privilege it was to attend such a service and hear the Minster bells—to come back with a memory of the real thing and to think of the Minster ringers there Sunday by Sunday.

A committee in London could do the C.C. work and know what they were doing. Bells, wherever they are, are our talents: if we bury them—through they be buried high in a steeple—we know our reward.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

NORTHERN DIVISION ESSEX ASSOCIATION REFUTE UNREST

Dear Sir,—I was amazed to read in Mr. J. R. Leeming's letter of much unrest in the Northern Division of the Essex Association, also of the lack of unity and good feeling. I am sure that if Mr. Leeming would go around the Division and meet the members he would find plenty of unity, good feeling and a happy atmosphere. I am proud to have been a member of the Division since 1921 and its secretary for the past eight years; and, furthermore, the bells of all the churches in the Division are rung (except two) to the glory of God for the Sunday services.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. PRATT.
Honorary Secretary,
Northern Division Essex Association.

COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE AIRED AT MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, I feel bound to reply to Mr. Leeming's letter in 'The Ringing World' (February 19th). It is not a personal challenge: he has challenged the whole of the Northern Division.

First, at a meeting of approximately 80 members, Miss H. Snowden was re-elected Master by a truly overwhelming majority. This proves that most members feel she is quite capable of the task. Not only that, but in the course of her work as Master of the Northern Division she has done a tremendous amount for the good of towers, ringing and ringers, and has not spared herself doing so. To my mind this proves she does not need reminding of her duties.

Then, 'the attitude of certain people in the belfry and elsewhere,' goes on Mr. Leeming, 'is causing much unrest in the Northern Division and undermining the quality of ringing.'

All right, Mr. Leeming, our Division meets about four times a year; everybody is entitled to air their views. Why not attend a meeting and state your case? This can be discussed and perhaps remedied. Those meetings are the place for complaints which concern the Division, not the columns of the 'Ringing World.'

Also to use this as an excuse for poor quality ringing is poppycock. The answer is practice, and not advance to a new method before the previous one can be rung perfectly.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

DETAILS OF FALSE PEALS WANTED

Dear Sir,—When anyone has the unfortunate duty of withdrawing peals because they have been found to be false, may I ask that more particulars be kindly given? Simply to give the number of the peal in the particular Association's records is probably not even sufficient for members of the band who rang the peal. May we have date, method and place, please, as well as the reason for the falseness of the composition? This will help those who record these things, and I know I am not the only one who does so.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Black 1, Miss D. K. Saunders 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, C. A. J. Chappell 4, J. R. Wilson (cond.) 5, H. C. Weaver 6. First quarter of Minor by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, F. Elsom 2, K. Bonus 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 3.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Mar. 6th, 1914

BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Tuesday, February 24th, 1914, in 3 hours and 46 minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5,019 CHANGES
Tenor 36 cwt.

Charles Dickens	Treble
Thomas H. Reeves	2
Albert Walker	3
John Carter	4
Thomas Miller	5
Edmund J. Hyland	6
James George	7
John Neal	8
Alf Paddon Smith	9
Samuel Grove	10
James E. Groves	11
James H. Shepherd	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by James E. Groves.

This is the 100th peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the tower, which is a record. It was also Mr. A. Paddon Smith's 60th peal of Stedman Cinques.

[Five other members of the band had rung over 50 peals of Stedman Cinques—C. Dickens 53, A. Walker 61, J. George 51, J. Neal 55 and J. E. Groves 56, while T. Miller's total was 47. Mr. Walker has now accomplished no fewer than 446 peals in the method, while the number on St. Martin's bells must have been more than doubled.]

LONDON
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 28th, 1914, in 3 hours and 42 minutes
At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.
A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS
5,016 CHANGES
Tenor 28 cwt.

Edwin Barnett, jun.	Treble
Edwin Barnett, sen.	2
William H. Hewett	3
John H. Cheesman	4
Frank Bennett	5
Reginald Brough	6
Frank I. Hairs	7
William J. Jeffries	8
James E. Davis	9
William J. Nudds	10
Harry Flanders	11
Alfred W. Grimes	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by E. Barnett, sen.

This was the first peal of Bob Maximus on tower bells rung in London for more than 100 years.

Radyr Ringers' Annual Dinner

Radyr ringers this year visited Caerleon for their annual dinner which took place on February 20th.

The party, numbering 28, were greeted on arrival and made most welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. Ivor Davies, who proudly showed them around his beautiful church. Everyone enjoyed the community hymn singing, with the Vicar acting as accompanist.

The ringers then went to the tower and soon the lovely eight were up and Grandsire Triples once again rang out. The captain, Mr. Trevor Lewis, maintained his policy of a fair share of the ringing for all members, and this ranged from rounds and call changes to Stedman.

All too soon the bells were reluctantly rung down and the party proceeded to the White Hart Inn where a delicious meal had been laid on. Mr. Edser, a churchwarden, presided, and thanks are due to Mr. Bill Heath and Mr. Harold Cassell for their help in ringing Stedman. Grateful thanks are also due to the Vicar.

DEDICATION

BUCKMINSTER, LEICS

Buckminster bells have been rehung on ball bearings in the original frame, which has been strengthened. The fifth bell, which was cracked, has been recast and inscribed to the memory of Sir Lyonel F. C. E. Tollemache and Lady H. H. D. Tollemache.

For the dedication on February 20th the beautiful Minster Church of St. John the Baptist was filled to capacity by parishioners from Buckminster and Sewstern and bell ringers from a very wide area.

The procession from the Rectory, led by the cross-bearer, choir, Mr. T. H. Simpkins (captain of ringers), the Rural Dean (the Rev. H. W. Sherwin, of Wymondham), the Rev. E. D Deane, of Sproxton, Lay Canon H. J. Poole (president, Leicester Guild), churchwardens, the Rector (Canon Williams), the Rev. H. Collyer (Goadby Marwood) and the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Right Rev. Ronald Ralf Williams, D.D., entered the church during the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' During the singing of the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul!' the Lord Bishop, clergy, churchwardens, ringers and choir proceeded to the tower. Mr. Paul Taylor, of the bell founders, handed the ropes to the Lord Bishop, and the Vicar said, 'Right Reverend Father in God, I pray you to kindly dedicate these bells.' He replied, 'I am ready so to do.' After the dedication prayers the local band rang a few rounds.

The Bishop, in his address, told the congregation of the significance of the ringing of the bells. They reminded people of their faith, called the faithful to prayer and reminded those outside of the church. Ringing for the newly married was in token of the happy union of those plighted in Christian faith; it was also a comfort to the sick.

This was the Bishop's first visit to a country parish since his enthronement.

After the procession had left the church a touch of welcome was rung on the bells by Paul Taylor 1, A. E. Rowley (cond.) 2, J. H. Cook 3, F. J. Williams 4, J. Beale 5, A. Fidler 6.

Tea was provided by the Buckminster ringers in the Institute. Mr. J. N. P. Richards, churchwarden, gave a welcome to the Bishop and Mrs. Williams; Miss Rhona Rayson presented Mrs. Williams with a bouquet, and Mr. T. H. Simpkins, captain of the ringers, presented the Bishop with a stick of Buckminster rock.

In the evening the visiting ringers made good use of the bells. Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

Ringers were present from Asfordby, Kirby Bellars, Melton Mowbray, Harby, Eaton, Waltham, Somerby, Wymondham, Leicester Cathedral, Sutton-on-Trent, Wilvey, Warwickshire, and Ibstock.

A CORNISH FIFTY

Congratulations will be offered by many to Mr. A. Hubert Eplett, who is a churchwarden at St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, on ringing his fiftieth peal. Forty-eight have been for the Truro Guild. Mr. Eplett only started ringing with his local stoney band in 1948, but his interest went wider, and he rang his first peal in the same year. His enthusiasm has been unbounding, and there is little doubt that his total has been reached more quickly than by any other Cornish ringer.

Sometimes a man is judged only by his fanatical peal total. Hubert Eplett must not be. Before a recent peal at St. Mawgan he had not only oiled the bells, but had lighted the church boiler for the week-end, to go into the stoke-hole after the peal to bank it down for the night, and then he took the band home to give them tea. Such churchwardens-cum-ringers are invaluable in any parish. Mrs. Eplett, too, has assisted in the total by consent and should be thanked. Ringers' wives spend many an anxious hour!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Lyme Regis Bells Please Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Lyme Regis on February 20th. Members attended from Beaminster, Bridport, Charmouth, Evershot, Netherbury, Lyme Regis and Powerstock and visitors came from Stalbridge and Templecombe.

The bells were raised in peal just after 3 p.m. and those who had not heard the ring since the recasting soon expressed their approval of this delightful eight. Methods rung included Cambridge, London, Superlative Surprise Major and the usual plain methods.

The Guild service was conducted by Canon C. C. Cox assisted by the Rev G. L. Tiark, recently inducted Vicar of Lyme Regis, who also gave a short address.

Tea was then taken in the Church Hall, provision having been made by the wives of the Lyme Regis ringers, who also defrayed the cost.

Preceding the minutes of the last meeting, Canon Cox expressed the thanks of the Branch to the Rev. G. L. Tiark for the use of his church and bells and said how pleased he was that the Branch should visit Lyme Regis so quickly after Mr. Tiark had taken up residence in Lyme. Canon Cox also thanked the Lyme ringers and their wives for the splendid tea, and Mr. Elsworth the Branch organist.

Apology for absence was read from the Rev. O. L. Willmott, who had a Confirmation service that afternoon. The accounts for 1953 were passed and showed a balance in hand of £42 9s. 2d.

Mr. J. Davis told the meeting that Netherbury had got about £50 of the £306 wanted to rehang their bells. The meeting voted that the Branch make a donation of £2 2s. from the Branch funds.

Mrs. Davis and the Rev. R. R. Powell were elected honorary members.

Canon Cox said that Litton Cheney ringers had expressed a wish to be transferred to the Dorchester Branch. The Branch secretary had seen Litton Cheney ringers and put their wishes before the Guild Committee, who approved the transfer.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Bishop Pleased at Number of Young Ringers

Seventy-one members attended the annual meeting of the Western Division at Chichester Cathedral on February 13th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. under the direction of Mr. R. P. Wood, the Ringing Master. The company filled the choir to capacity for the service at 4.15, which was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fost, the lesson being read by the Bishop, Dr. Bell.

An excellent tea was provided at the Assembly Rooms by the Chichester ringers and friends, where Dr. Bell joined the company. Before leaving he was thanked for gracing the ringers with his presence both at the service and at tea. In his reply Dr. Bell said that it was very gratifying to see so many young ringers, and after thanking all ringers for the service which they render the Church, he took his leave.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. H. Woodford (Ringing Master from the newly-affiliated tower of Shipley) took the chair. The report and balance sheet, which were adopted, showed the very healthy condition of the Division.

The following officers were elected:—Ringing Master, Mr. R. P. Wood: secretary, Mr. W. L. Weller: committee, Mr. H. Weaver and Mr. R. P. Wood: auditor, Miss S. Richardson; Central Council delegate, Mr. R. G. Blackman.

Ringing ranging to Bristol and London Surprise Major then continued at the Campanile until 8 p.m. W. L. W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District Appeal for City Churches

The North and East District annual meeting held at St. Giles-in-the-Field, Holborn, on February 13th was attended by over 60 ringers who shared in ringing at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, and St. Margaret's, Westminster, in addition to the local tower. Evensong was conducted by the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Rector of St. Giles', who welcomed members of the Association and others who were present, and addressed the congregation on his belief of a religious revival, quoting Romans xiii., v. 12, 'The night is far spent,' as his theme.

At the business meeting the memory of Mr. George M. Kilby was respected, and the ensuing proceedings were under the chairmanship of Mr. W. N. Genna. The secretary, in his annual report, stated that 12 meetings had been arranged and an average of 25 ringers had attended; new members elected comprised one honorary life, 38 ringing and three non-resident life. A return of quarter peals rung at the various towers totalled 113, in which St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, figured for the first time for many years. The return of St. Margaret's, Edgware, was welcomed, and reference was made to the present situation of some churches in the City of London where ringers were needed. The good work of Mr. H. Kirby was recognised, and congratulations were extended to Mr. William Hewett on his receipt of a Coronation medal.

The statement of accounts showed a balance of £31 2s. 2d., an increase on the previous year, to be carried to the Central Fund of the Association, and also an amount of £4 9s. to be credited to the Bell Restoration Fund.

District officers were elected as follows:—Mr. A. Cutler, Master: Miss E. K. Fulton, Assistant Master; Mr. T. J. Lock, secretary; Mr. C. F. Neal, assistant secretary; Mr. R. F. B. Speed, auditor: Messrs. R. H. Begrie, H. G. Hart and G. A. Parsons members of committee. The following were elected ringing members of the Association: The Misses M. Mesley and J. Wilcockson (Stanmore) and the Misses P. Harbridge, M. Pavitt and S. Clayton (Pinner).

A KETTERING VETERAN

The cover page of 'Keystone,' the monthly journal of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Kettering, contains a photograph of some of the ringers on this well-known ten ringing for service.

The captain of the bell ringers, Mr. R. F. Turner, must surely hold the record for continuous service to the church in one organisation, states 'Keystone.' He started to learn the mysterious art of campanology at the turn of the century and, 50 years ago, on December 30th, 1903, he took part in his first peal on Kettering bells, one of the Grandsire Triples, with the local team under the conductorship of the late David J. Nichols, whom he succeeded as captain in 1928. A brother, Mr. Morris A. Turner, who also took part in the peal, emigrated to Philadelphia, U.S.A., many years ago, and in 1937 Mr. Turner crossed the Atlantic to visit him. The only other survivor of the peal is Mr. Fred Tingle, now captain of the ringers at Ripon Cathedral.

We have always, ever since the very earliest days of change ringing, had a team of ringers well famed in the ringing fraternity for its proficiency, and it is hoped that the present team, consisting as it does for the most part of young people, will be able to ring a complete peal of Grandsire Triples in February to mark the 225th anniversary of the first peal ever rung on the bells, in 1729. We hope that this team will help to carry on the tradition in the future as there is much promising material, including six ladies at various stages of efficiency.

THE BELLS OF TEWKESBURY ABBEY

By T. V. LISTER

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RECASTING THE GREAT BELL

In 1648 the Great Bell cracked, and although it was, of course, a much heavier bell, the cost of repairing it, as compared with that of recasting the Little Bell sixty-two years earlier, gives a very good indication as to how prices were rising.

Paid Prigwell for ye clapper and Balrigge of ye Greate bell	£1 5s. 0d.
Paid John Cooke for iron worke for ye greate bell and clocke	4s. 0d.
Paid Thomas Wilshaw for slackinge and Hanginge ye greate bell	£1 12s. 0d.
Paid for a wheel for ye greate bell	13. 0d.
Paid ye bellfounders charges when ye bell came from Gloucester	14s. 0d.
Paid for takinge downe ye greate bell and for carryinge him oute	13s. 4d.
Paid for carrying ye bell to and from ye key	10s. 9d.
Paid for drawinge ye greate bell into ye tower	12s. 0d.
Paid for ye use of ye gable to wind up ye bell	3s. 0d.
Paid for bringing ye gable to and from ye key twice	4s. 0d.
Paid for carrying ye bell to Gloucester and bringinge it back	11s. 2d.
Paid for weighinge it att Gloucester	3s. 0d.
Paid for ye staple for ye bell	2s. 6d.
Paid for watchinge ye bell att ye key two nights	1s. 0d
Paid for charges att Gloucester when ye bell was cast	£1 6s. 4d.
Paid at Worcester att ye bargaine to cast ye bell	3s. 8d.
Paid at Gloucester for drawinge articles and other charges	6s. 0d.
Paid to ye bellfounder in earnest	2s. 6d.
Paid John Bernard for castinge ye bell	£14 0s. 0d.
Paid for 420 lbs. of mettle for ye bell at 7d. ye pound	£13 13s. 0d.

It would seem that the 420 lbs. of 'mettle' was to increase the size and weight of the great bell. However, the great bell cost the churchwardens £37 0s. 3d. on this occasion.

In 1648 an item of historical interest occurs 'for ringinge att ye routinge of ye Scotts ye 7th September, 5s.' This undoubtedly refers to the occasion in the second civil war when the Duke of Hamilton invaded England on the side of Charles II. and was totally defeated by Cromwell's Ironsides at Preston.

In 1649 one Thomas Prywell was paid 3s. 4d. for 'shutting' the 5th bell clapper. This word 'shutting' appears constantly in the records and in the main refers to blacksmith's repairs. Perhaps the most modern equivalent would be 'welding' though it is interesting to note that the word 'shutting' is still in use by blacksmiths in Gloucestershire. Occasionally the word is used in reference to ropes, and in such cases one can only suppose that splicing is meant.

YOUNG RINGERS AND ROPES

There must have been some keen young ringers in Tewkesbury in 1650 as an item occurs 'received of the younge ringers towards buyinge ropes 6s. 6d.'

This year also brings another echo of the civil wars. On July 26th the ringers were paid 8s. 'for thanksgiving day for Scotland,' and in 1651 one Ffrancis Jeffries, who rented the churchyard, refused to pay more than 5s. 'by reason ye souldiers brought theyr carridges into it'; and on October 25th the ringers were paid 10s. 'being ye thanksgiving day per Mastre Baylifs order.' These incidents bring to our minds how young Charles II. slipped down the West Coast road from Scotland for a rash invasion of England, how Cromwell turned south from defeating the Scots, outmarched Charles, crossed the Pennines and reached the Severn valley when Charles was at Worcester. There he was decisively beaten and we all recall the story of his hiding in the oak at Boscobel. However in spite of these momentous events on Tewkesbury's doorstep, so to speak, the even tenor of life went on and in the same year we read 'Payd for ye casting of ye greate bell clapper and ye charge of carriage to Newin (Newent) and Bache 19s. 2d.' The carriage to Ashleworth quay, referred to earlier, cost 1s., whilst Mastre Clark's work men at Newent received 6s. 'for working ye clapper at ye fforge.'

It will be remembered that the Protectorate lasted from 1653 to 1658, and in 1654 it is recorded 'Payd ye Ringers 24th December my Lord Protector being proclaymed yt day 8s.' Under this entry, in an entirely different handwriting, is an observation which one can take as one likes, 'Who was ye grand Rebal.'

BUYING ROPES BY WEIGHT

We have noticed in our own times how the method of buying articles can change from numbers to weight, and in 1660 this occurred with bell ropes. Up to that day they had been purchased at so much each, but in 1660 it is recorded 'of Mr. Hornblow for five bell ropes weight 52 lbs att five pence the pound £1 1s. 6d.' This method of buying ropes continued until well into the 18th century when the method of buying them by numbers was restored. Either the ropes were of very poor quality, or there was a very great deal of ringing, because at least one new set was obtained every year. It is an interesting comparison to note that some of the ropes in use at the Abbey to-day (1954) have been there since 1933 without replacements.

In 1660 it is noted 'Payd ye Ringers upon ye Coronacone Day 10s.,' and in 1663 'paid ye ringers one ye 29th May 6s. 6d.' It will be remembered that May 29th was the date when Charles II. returned to England in triumph, and it was also his birthday. The practice of the Abbey ringers being paid to ring on May 29th continued until quite recent times.

HIGH FLOODS OF 1663

The exceptionally high floods of 1947 will still be fresh in the memory of many people who live in Gloucestershire, but high as they were, it is clear that they did not reach the level of those in 1663, because it is recorded 'Paid John Perrett for mending ye paving in ye body of ye church which by reason of ye fflood did sinke in many places and for ye like labour in other parts of ye church £1.'

In 1671 it would seem that the 4th bell cracked because there are numerous items for taking it down, conveying it by water to Worcester, for new metal and for casting, to a total cost of £24 8s. 10d. Although the work was done by a founder named Martins, there is also an item of expenditure of 5s. to 'ye bell founder at Gloucester.' One can only assume that this was for an estimate and that the Worcester estimate for the work was lower than that obtained from Gloucester.

On May 29th 1665, occur two items of interest, first, 'Paid for ringing 5s., and 'For ringing for ye Victory twice 3s.' From this date for approximately 150 years the ringers received regular payment for their services and the amount steadily rose until about 100 years later they were being paid 10s. 6d. two or three times a year. The ringing for victory no doubt refers to the capture of the New England and Virginia colonies on the American seaboard from the Dutch.

AN EARLY RUDHALL BELL

In 1678 there was more trouble with the bells but there is nothing to indicate what the trouble was or how many bells were involved. What is of particular interest is that the work of recasting was done at Bishop's Cleeve, a village some five miles from Tewkesbury in the direction of Cheltenham. One item is 'for halling ye bells to Cleave and back £1 6s. 8d.' Although it states that £10 was paid to the bellfounder for casting the bells, without giving the name of the founder, later on £6 was paid to 'Abraham Riddle' for hanging them. Again in 1679 something occurred which necessitated one or more of the bells being taken down as various expenses are listed including one to 'Abraham Ridall' for 10s. 6d., and to the 'bell ffounder for £7 14s. 2d. It is an historical fact that Abraham Rudhall founded his great firm in Gloucester in 1684, but this is clear evidence that he was operating in the county some considerable time before that. Perhaps he was still in the itinterant stage of his career and possibly collaborating with John Bernard, who recast the great bell in 1648. One wonders whether John Bernard was the founder who dealt with the bells in 1678 and 1679 and whether Rudhall eventually took over his business in Gloucester. Perhaps some reader could throw some light on Rudhall's activities for the years immediately prior to his founding his firm in 1684. Whatever was wrong with the bells in 1678-79 it could not have been very serious as the accounts show regular payments to the ringers throughout both these years.

NATIONAL OCCASIONS

It will be remembered that Charles II. died on February 5th, 1685, and it is evident that he had been in failing health for some time as we read that in 1684 the ringers were paid 10s. 'on news of the hopes of the recovery of King Charles the second.' The Abbey continued to mark the chief occasions in English history and the following year they rang for two important occasions—'to the ringers on news of the defeat of the rebells in the West several times 15s.,' and, 'more at the coronation of King James the second 5s.' The first will refer to Monmouth's abortive rebellion which culminated at the battle of Sedgmoor on July 6th, 1685 the last battle fought on English soil. The Battle of the Boyne, in 1690, when William of Orange defeated James II. was celebrated at Tewkesbury on September 8th 'ffor joy of the kings saffe returne into Ingland spent and gave to the Dromors (drummers) and toards a bonffire and ringing 6s. 6d.,' and in 1691 'For ringing for ye victory in Ireland 5s.,' also 'To ye ringers for ye taking of Limrick 5s.,' the last Jacobite stronghold to resist in Ireland. The occasion in 1692 when Admiral Russell engaged Admiral Tourville and beat him is shown 'To ye ringers for ye vicktory at sea against ye French 5s.' In 1695 the ringers were paid 'for ringing at the surrender of the Castle of Namur 2s,' and in 1697 'for ringing when peace was proclaimed 5s.' Historians will connect both these events with William of Orange's war in Flanders which lasted from 1691 to 1697.

(To be continued)

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Beale 1, D. Best 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, K. Welch 7, G. Best 8. Rung to welcome home Mr. R. C. Beale, who has completed his National Service. It was composed by his father, and his sister Christine rang the treble.

OBITUARY

A POSTHUMOUS LETTER

In the papers of Pilot Officer Martin Jackson, R.A.F., who was killed in an air accident while training at Merryfield, Somerset, was a half-finished letter to the Editor. We feel certain that Martin's friends, especially those in Canada, would like it published:—

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in a recent article in 'The Ringing World' about a journey of 839 miles to visit a tower in Australia.

In another outpost of the Commonwealth there is a similar isolated tower, in Victoria, B.C., Canada. It is the only tower on the west coast of the North American continent to practise the art of change ringing. During a recent stay in Canada, training for aircraft duties under the NATO training scheme at Gimli, Manitoba, and Moose Jaw, Sask., I made a 1,500 mile trip to 'grab' Victoria. . . .

Mrs. Jackson informs us that the ringers in Victoria, B.C., were very kind and invited Martin to help ring the bells for the Coronation, which were recorded and used later by the Canadian Broadcasting Company on June 2nd. He was happy to be able to say he had rung the bells for H.M. Coronation, although on Coronation Day itself he was stationed at Gimli, Manitoba, hundreds of miles away from Victoria.

Martin was a great enthusiast for ringing and had 'collected' 84 towers, the last 14 during his few weeks on the R.A.F. station at Merryfield. The night before he died he had been ringing at Ilminster, helping to train some of their young ringers. But for the accident which brought about his untimely death at the age of 20 he was going up to Cambridge this October and was looking forward to his association with ringers at the University.

MR. WILLIAM RANFORD

Many ringers, I am sure, will join with me in paying a humble tribute to a great friend and ringer, William Ranford, of Suckley, Worcestershire. To most of us he was known as 'Father,' and all those who knew him will agree this name was not misplaced. He passed away on February 17th, at the age of 84, after a very short illness, and was laid to rest on Saturday, February 20th, at Suckley beneath the tower he loved so much and the bells which so often pealed out to his masterly touch. There, in beautiful sunshine, stood a large gathering of ringers and friends from Worcestershire and Herefordshire paying their last respects to a personality which will live long in the memory of all those who were fortunate enough to have met him.

He never seemed to grow old, always alert and ready to stand in; in fact, attempting peals right up to the last. He rang over 500 peals, for which he must have cycled thousands of miles to achieve. I will not attempt here to write about his ringing career; I am sure a much more able pen than mine can do that; but his absence among us will leave a great gap, and I am sure the way he would wish us to perpetuate his memory would be to enlist more ringers into our bands and never allow our church bells to become silent. We are happy to know that two of the family are carrying on the great tradition—son and grandson—and what pride it must have given 'Father' when all three rang together at Christmastime.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family in their loss. G. J. LEWIS.

MR. C. N. SHARPLES

The sympathy of a wide circle of ringers will be extended to Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, who is one of the Lancashire Association's representatives on the Central Council, in the death of his son, Mr. Charles Norman Sharples, C.I.E., formerly deputy secretary, Commerce Department, Government of India. Mr. C. N. Sharples died on February 25th, aged 47.

Educated at Blackpool Grammar School and Selwyn College, Cambridge, Mr. C. N. Sharples entered the Indian Civil Service in which he had a brilliant career. He was made a C.I.E. in 1947 and retired to farm in Cornwall. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

MR. J. E. CHURCHILL

An old stalwart of the Middlesex County Association has died in the person of Mr. J. E. Churchill. His membership of the Association extended over 50 years and he was a late member of St. Mary's, Ealing, band.

On February 18th, the day of his funeral, the bells of St. Mary's were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples by the following band:—E. W. Coulson 1, W. Ellis 2, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. J. Eldred 5, J. H. Harrop (first quarter) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Belcher 8.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the meeting of the Society held on Feb. 13th, the following alterations were made in Rules 3 and 7:—

Rule 3. To read: . . . . and such other churches as may be officially selected from time to time for the purpose of practising change ringing, where the sum of sixpence will be collected from each member present.

Rule 7. To read: Each member ringing a peal shall pay a booking fee of one shilling for each peal entered in the peal book.

A. B. PECK.

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SCARBOROUGH. — At 12, Highfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton welcome old friends and new. Board-residence, bed-breakfast and high tea or bed and breakfast only. Terms on application. Personal attention. One minute to buses all parts. Garage adjoining. 4011

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COMPLETE SETS of 'Ringing World' for years 1948 to 1953. Reasonable offers—Howard, 19, Married Quarters, C.A.D., Bramley Camp, near Basingstoke, Hants. 4024

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

OVERSEAS RINGER wishes to purchase books and pamphlets on campanology for establishment of a 'campanological library.' Send list of items offered, with price expected and description of condition, to Box 4015, c/o 'The Ringing World,' Guildford, Surrey. 4015

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 4001

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — District meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3139

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, March 6th, Aldenham (8), 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 3986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. 3994

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Crawley, March 6th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. Please note the Northern Division secretary is now Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 3968

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, March 6th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Parish Hall. Names to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3980

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—No practice at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, March 9th.—A. B. Peck. 4050

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, March 13th, 3.30. Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Gracechurch Street, E.C., 6 p.m. Preliminary notice: A summer meeting will be held at Leicester on May 8th; details later.—A. B. Peck. 3996

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, March 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify, not later than March 10th, Mr. L. E. Smith, 57, Sycamore Road, Ecclesfield. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4047

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Practice meeting, Hilfarrance, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 6.15 p.m. —A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 4030

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at the White Horse. A new band has been formed at this tower so let's have a good meeting.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 4023

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, March 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by March 10th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 4031

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Daresbury, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify, by 10th, H. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington, Lancs. 4028

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Holy Trinity, Darlington, Saturday, March 13th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Thursday, March 11th, Mrs. W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington.—D. R. Airey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—A. H. Everett, Hon. Sec. 3993

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Highworth (8), March 13th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 4016

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Brampford Speke, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 3.15. Special methods: Bob Minor, Bob Doubles. Cups of tea available; bring own food.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 4026

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Stanton Lacy, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas. — G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 4042

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Redbourn (6), March 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by March 10th, to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4012

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting, St. Lawrence, Thanet, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash, please, not later than Tuesday, March 9th, to Mr. S. J. Gee, 22, Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, Kent.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3985

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on March 13th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome.—M. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 4020

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Godalming, Surrey. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. Names, by March 8th, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3997

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Bowness, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4044

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must send in their names, before Wednesday, March 10th, to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4009

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at St. James', Leyland, March 13th. Light refreshments provided. Please look up Double Court. Direct bus from Preston (Fox Street) 2.13 p.m. Frequent buses from Fox Street (Wigan and Leyland, Earnshaw Bridge) to Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley. 4010

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social at Co-operative Hall, Burbage, March 13th. Dinner (7s. each) 6.30 prompt. Please send names by Tuesday, March 9th, to F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. 3984

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone, March 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (at 5 p.m.), by March 11th, to Mr. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. 4029

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting March 13th, St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting St. Mark's, Dalston, 5.30 p.m., and further ringing. —L. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 4025

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. John-at-Hackney, Mare Street, E.9, on Saturday, March 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 4039

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, March 13th. Committee meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. Walker, Leek Road, Norton Green, Stoke-on-Trent. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4013

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — General committee meeting, St. Michael's Room, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford, Saturday, March 13th, 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4007

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at North Marston, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4043

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Glaston (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 9th, to E. E. Gibson, Estcan, Market Overton, Rutland. 3969

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shroton on Saturday, March 13th. Visitors welcome. Write: Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 4027

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wareham on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify, by March 10th, I. Davis, Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone.' 4034

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Meeting at Wednesbury Parish Church, March 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d. per head at Wadsworth Restaurant) 5 p.m. Names for tea not nater than March 10th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 3978

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District. — Meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, March 13th. Please take own tea.—H. Denman. 4033

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Burry Port on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, March 13th, St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Silverdale Hall, 5 p.m. Please notify, by March 10th, Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, if you require tea.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3995

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker Commemoration.—St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Committee meeting in the vestry 3.30. Names for tea, before March 18th, to F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 4045

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 20th. Note altered date. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting in Small Parish Hall, 5. Names, by March 18th, to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 3982

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Colne Engaine, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) available 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. L. Dixey, Croft Villas, Colne Engaine, Colchester. 4032

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Combined meeting at Rolvenden (8), March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Bull Inn. Important: Those requiring tea inform, by Tuesday, March 16th, S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenden. 4021

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey (not Broughton) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton. Phone Kirton 316.—George L. G. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 4006

LINCOLN DISTRICT. — Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Meeting at Eagle (6) on Saturday, March 20th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4048

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at Warborough, Oxon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea for those who notify me by March 15th. Dorchester bells available after tea. **Preliminary Notice.**—Annual Branch meeting will be held at Watlington on June 19th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 4022

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gayton, March 20th. Names for tea, by March 13th, to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 4040

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Farnsfield, Saturday, March 20th. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—S. Barley, Hon. Sec. 4038

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whitchurch (8), March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at local hotel. Laverstoke (6) after tea. Names for tea by March 16th to Mr. G. K. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, near Newbury.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Bi-quarterly meeting, Kidderminster (12), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (own arrangements); Coventry or Oxford cafes near church.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 4037

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The annual quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at Bradford Cathedral. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. General business meeting 6 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Special business: Election of officers. Association badges now available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4035

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival will be held at Salisbury on May 22nd, 1954. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 4041

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, Saturday, May 29th. Transport from London will be arranged if sufficient support forthcoming. Members and friends interested please write for details to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts, before March 31st. Gentlemen cordially invited. 4018

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FUN WITH THE FOUNDERS

By ERNEST MORRIS

THE article by P. A. on bell inscriptions with invocations to the saints was very timely. It is amazing how many ringers (and more especially peal ringers) know little or nothing about the bells they ring! So long as the bells go well and there are six or more, they are content. How many study the bells from an historical or archæological standpoint? One can but call such persons bell ringers—not even church bell ringers, for they know and care little about the bells as part of the church. To them they are just something to practise and ring peals on. If they note a church in the country, no matter how grand or ancient and it has but three or four bells, they pass by on the other side! But should it contain, say, eight bells or more, then they are interested.

Yet what a wide scope there is for anyone, ringer or otherwise, to find out and learn something of the history, the romance, the unique inscriptions and other facts about the bells. Often one can find gems of the founder's art of bygone ages, and initial crosses, stops, illuminated lettering, arabesques and other decoration in great variety and interest. The inscriptions, too, are often quaint and amusing. Besides the invocations to the saints mentioned by P. A., there are inscriptions as to the usages of the bells: the early morning bell, which says, 'I ring at six to let men know when to and from their work to go,' as well as the curfew, the knell and many others.

In the Middle Ages and down to the 19th century the bell founders had more or less a free hand with inscriptions, and in the 17th and 18th centuries often let their imagination run riot. They often inscribed their bells with their name like:—

'Be yt knowne to all that doth me see
That Newcombe of Leicester made mee'

and variations from other founders, but in the West Country the Bilbies especially flaunted their prowess as founders far beyond others. Thus at Mark, Somerset:—

'Come here brother founders and here you may see
What sort of a workman young Bilbie may bee.
Hele challenge all Ingland for casting a bell,
Who will be the workman can be but dun well.
Tho Bilbie cast me 1727.'

At Publow:— 'I am a good bell
And Bilbie cast me
Which that a good workman
Come here and see. 1728.'

The tenor at Somerton (1714) will take some understanding:—

'Friend wroth and night (Knight) for all your spit
Ould Ed. Bilbie hath me rund
Pull me round and hear me sound friend such work you never don.'

And the Bilbies were not shy in calling other founders. Thus at Kilmersdon, Somerset, we read:—

'You Ruddle (Rudhall) & Cockey and see
Which is the best workman of us all three
Thos Bilbie cast me 1733.'

At Compton Martin:—

'(3) My sound is good which once was bad
Lets ring my sisters and be glad. 1719.
(4) Bilbie come hear and see the shap of me.
(5) Sing sisters sing when I do ring
Some praise I will my maker bring
All thought I am the fourth bell
My makers praise Ile boldly tell.'

At Dunkerton, Somerset, we read:—

'Before I was broke I was as good as aney
But when that Cockey casted me I neer was
Worth a penny.'

One cannot imagine present-day founders calling each other's work by such means, but in those days they were not so particular. Thus at Backwell in 1758 a Chepstow founder proclaims:—

'Bilby and Boosh may come and see
What Evans and Nott have done by me.'

On a bell at Richmond, Surrey, is:—

'Lambert made me weake not fit to ring
But Bartlett amongst the rest hath made me sing.'

The well-known lines at Badgworth, Glos, are here worth repeating:—

'Badgworth ringers they were mad
because Rigbe made me bad—
But Abel Rudhall as you see
has made me better than Rigbe.'

Recently the writer, who is on the Advisory Committee, had some difficulty in getting the following inscription passed for the new flat 6th bell at St. Margaret's, Leicester:—

'My name is Margaret—I was cast
To show five hundred years have passed
Since this benign and glorious tower
Was erected in fourteen forty-four.'

What would the Chancellor have said to this from Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, 1658:—

'I often have been beate and bandge (banged)
My friends rejoyce to see me handge (hanged)
And when my friends doe chance to die
Then I for them aloud will cry.'

At Churchill, Somerset, we have:—

'Although my waise is small
I will be heard amaingst you all
Sing on my jolly Sisters.'

And in the same county at Sunkerton:—

'Harke how the chirping treble sounds so clear
While Rowling tom com tunbling in the reare. (1732).'

At Isle Abbots on the third we have:—

'I will not fayle to singe the part
Acording unto musick art
With my side mates I do agree
In perfect shape and harmony.'

And so one could go on finding inscriptions both witty and quaint. It is a common thing for the names of vicars, wardens, donors and others to be placed on bells even to-day, but very rarely do we see a whole family pedigree complete with ages given. At West Alvington, however, we have: (1) Bridget Mary Ibbert aged 5, Frances Ibbert aged 4 [given by Catherine Ibbert 1775]; (2) Willoughby Ibbert aged 1; (3) Peter Ibbert aged 9; (4) Peregrine Ibbert 10; (5) William Roope Ibbert aged 12; Roope Ibbert aged 1, Roger Prideaux gent, Catherin his wife, sister of William Ibbert Esq.; (6) William R. Ibbert Esq., Frances Ibbert his wife.'

Thus for anyone tracing this family tree these bells would be the greatest asset.

So one could go on finding not only such quaint inscriptions, but an endless variety of others, all of historic and archæological interest, well worthy of a closer study than many get to-day. To sum up all in a few words, the inscription at Buckfastleigh and other places around will suffice: 'Religion—Death and Pleasure cause me to ring.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*Gwen I. Rusby	*Treble*	Donovan R. White	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	John Freeman	8
George E. Feirn	3	John Walden	9
Archer T. Lowman	4	H. Leslie Pask	10
Sydney A. Chambers	5	Raymond F. Smith	11
Walter Tomlinson	6	Herbert Lowman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman and first peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	*Treble*	Ralph G. Edwards	6
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	7
J. Edward Cawser	3	George E. Fearn	8
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Arthur V. Pearson	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Peter Border.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*Frank C. Price	*Treble*	†Thomas J. Lock	6
†Richard F. B. Speed	2	†John D. Rock	7
†Anne B. Speed	3	†Richard E. Price	8
†Robert G. Lay	4	Thomas H. Francis	9
Thomas B. Bannister	5	Tony Price	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

G. Ronald Edwards	*Treble*	Colin Harrison	6
Muriel Reay	2	Clifford A. Barron	7
Denis A. Frith	3	Peter Border	8
John Pinfold	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Bryan D. A. Woolley	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary, George and Denys,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	John Ashcroft	6
Thomas W. Hammond	2	Ronald Kenrick	7
*Jean Brown	3	Arthur Mawdsley	8
Peter Coxall	4	Jack Brown	9
Margaret C. Ridyard	5	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., who was installed the Dean of Manchester the same day.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 LUDGATE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
Alan A. Potts	2	John Worth	7
Basil Jones	3	Edward Jenkins	8
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	9
James Fernley	5	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

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YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Frank E. Hansford	*Treble*	Alan A. Hilliar	6
Reginald G. Hooper	2	Henry J. Sanger	7
Arthur H. Reed	3	Gilbert H. Harding	8
Albert M. Tyler	4	Thomas J. Setter	9
Enid Lloyd Roberts	5	William G. Gigg	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Enid Lloyd Roberts.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St Philip.
A PEAL OF 5152 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Anthony Ager	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
Evelyn M. Fletcher	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Peter Border	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in F.

Denis A. Frith	*Treble*	J. Edward Cawser	5
Arthur V. Pearson	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	6
*Shirley V. Rymer	3	*Clifford A. Barron	7
Muriel Reay	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of London.
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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

D. Cecil Williams	*Treble*	*Kathleen E. Fletcher	5
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Reginald A. Reed	3	*Maurice J. Butler	7
†Daniel T. Matkin	4	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

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EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	*DENIS A. FRITH	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
HERBERT C. SPENCER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	DENIS N. LAYTON	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	WILLIAM H. COOPER	6
ALLEN MORGAN	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
GERALD BOWEN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal.
Rung in memoriam William Ranford.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
REGINALD ROWLEY	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
D. KAY ADKINS	4	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
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CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ROGER BALDWIN	*Treble*	BRIAN J. LUFF	5
*NORMAN J. SMITH	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Cambridge Major and 50th peal together.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	CYRIL TANSELL	6
GERALD BOWEN	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
Rung on the eve of the Ringers' Festival. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer's wife. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	*Treble*	JOHN A. HILTON	5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN	2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	6
RICHARD J. SUMNER	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	7
KEVIN S. HOHL	4	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.
* First peal of Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in E sharp.

*MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	†JOHN KING	6
HERBERT COLCOMBE	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	JAMES F. DODSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES F. DODSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRECON, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. SMITH	*Treble*	CYRIL W. ROWLES	5
LESLIE EVANS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
†BRIAN WERRY	4	W. FRANK STENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung on the eve of Dewi Sant, to the glory of God; and as a compliment to the Right Rev. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon; and the Rev. David R. James, both former curates at Crewe.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

*BERNARD LAWTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM DAVIES	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	*ARTHUR PEAKMAN	6
*FREDERICK JUKES	3	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	7
WILLIAM H. COOPER	4	FREDERICK HANDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam William ('Father') Ranford, of Suckley, and Freeman of this Association.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
*JOHN S. WYBREW	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 2). Conducted by GEO. W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
DENIS A. FRITH	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*AUBREY BAREHAM	*Treble*	REGINALD RIPPINGALE	5
OLAVE E. BROYD	2	ALBERT CATTERWELL	6
†MRS. E. C. JARVIS	3	JACK H. BRETT	7
†VICTOR CONNELL	4	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.'
A 68th birthday compliment to Albert Catterwell, and a birthday compliment to Jean, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

David Brand	*Treble*	William J. Button	5
Robert E. Lester	2	Harry D. Lister	6
William E. Stannard	3	Ronald W. Steward	7
William B. Duncan	4	Alan G. Fever	*Tenor*

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
A compliment to Mr. J. Dale, towerkeeper, on his 75th birthday.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Alan A. Elsmore	*Treble*	Eric E. Speake	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Derek K. Knowles	6
J. Dennis Holden	3	Derek J. Tranter	7
*Ernest Stitch	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. E. J. Tyler, a ringer at this church for 58 years.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings), ten of April Day (three callings), and 10 of Plain Bob (four callings).
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Cecil T. Clarke	*Treble*	*William T. E. Hayward	4
Walter Stevens	2	*Herbert Pople	5
Ronald D. Short	3	*Wm. W. Bartholomew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald D. Short.
* First peal. First peal in more than one method of Doubles on the bells. A welcome to Mr. F. Fackrell on his return to the village and tower.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20. 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) Double Court, (6) Court, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

Kenneth Mitchell	*Treble*	George N. Orman	4
Anne V. Lewis	2	Arthur G. Button	5
Roy Duesbury	3	Alan R. Andrews	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Andrews.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
*Ronald Hill	2	Percy D. Baldock	5
John H. Bluff	3	J. Frederick Hubbard	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 six-scores (10 callings), six Morris' 240's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Keith B. Kear	*Treble*	Enid Lloyd Roberts	4
†David J. Marshall	2	‡Jack R. Worrall	5
†Michael T. Sprackling	3	Ivor H. Trueman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡150th tower bell peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles for the Society.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Oxford Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

Clifford J. Wall	*Treble*	Arthur F. Wall	4
Rowland Price	2	Frederick Merrick	5
John Clements	3	Thomas Cooper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Cooper.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Ranford.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Eileen M. Turner	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	4
Ann M. Cox	2	Roland W. Morant	5
E. John Wells	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's each of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Roland W. Morant	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	4
*Eileen M. Turner	2	E. John Wells	5
Ann M. Cox	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal in five Minor methods. First peal in five Minor methods as conductor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Maurice Bennett	*Treble*	Fred Brightman	4
*Ernest Brittain	2	John G. Ames	5
Stanley E. Bennett	3	*†Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.
* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Michael C. Carter	*Treble*	Henry C. Foster	4
Michael N. Bland	2	Marie K. Roberts	5
Harold J. F. Muncey	3	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. J. S. Hepworth, instituted as Vicar of Histon on February 23rd.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

Charles G. Jones	*Treble*	*Josephine A. Green	4
*Philip G. Morgan	2	John J. Webb	5
*Mollie Tilbury	3	Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.
* First peal of Minor.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*J. M. A. KENNETT (15)	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
BERT W. MAY	2	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
†TERENCE BARTON	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Paine, grandmother of Terence Barton.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

R. REED	*Treble*	W. SEEKINGS	4
H. GOAKES	2	T. A. BEVIS	5
W. YOUNG	3	F. S. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. A. BEVIS.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Goakes on their golden wedding anniversary; also to the daughter of Mr. H. Goakes, who celebrated her 27th birthday on this day.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Notts District.)
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

DOREEN ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	*GEORGE CHALLANS	4
MARION BRADLEY	2	J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	5
E. GLYN HOLDGATE	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* 50th peal. Miss Doreen Armstrong has now 'circled this tower.'

EDITHWESTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.)

RONALD HILL	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST J. PADGETT	*Treble*	*ALEC WILSON	4
ALBERT HULLEY	2	JOHN WARDLE	5
FREDERICK JACKSON	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 extents of Grandsire (10 callings) and 22 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

*COLIN DUNHAM (16)	*Treble*	FRANK ARNOLD	3
COLIN JOHNSON	2	GEORGE A. HOLLICK	4

EDWARD W. MARTIN (15).. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. MARTIN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Colin Johnson and also to mark his engagement to Miss Jean Dunham, of the Lubenham band and sister of the ringer of the treble.

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KINGSCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E. (approx.).

GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Treble*	HAROLD P. REED	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	5
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1664. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 200th peal as conductor, and his 100th peal of Minor, rung in 92 towers.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	*Treble*	ERNEST E. CUBBERLEY	4
ROLAND E. LEWIS	2	FREDERICK MERRICK	5
WILLIAM C. NUTT	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

Rung half-muffled in memory of William Ranford, of Suckley, Worcestershire, who rang his last peal of Bob Minor on these bells on July 11th last year.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores of St. Simon's (four callings).
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*JACK AVENELL	*Treble*	EILEEN M. TURNER	4
ANN M. COX	2	E. JOHN WELLS	5
*FREDERICK CHERRYMAN	3	†FREDERICK CREAGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Believed to be the first peal in the method.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY SMITH	*Treble*	*GWILYM G. SALMON	4
PERCIVAL H. HULL	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	5
*STANLEY G. ATWELL	3	*EDWIN G. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL H. HULL.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells since restoration and augmentation to six.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In nine methods: (1) Double Bob and Reverse (2) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Fulbeck, (5) Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Childwall. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	2	WALTER AYRE	5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	3	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in nine methods. First peal in nine methods on the bells.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	4
†W. LESLIE WELLER	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WALPOLE, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN	*Treble*	HARRY FOLLEN	4
WALTER J. HAMMOND	2	JOHN E. FOX	5
STANLEY G. ELSEY	3	†*EDWARD BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

* 100th peal for Ely Diocesan Association.

STANTON LACY, SALOP.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

MRS. E. CHANDLER	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal on the bells.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's and 34 120's (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

*LESLIE ANDREWS	*Treble*	ROY EGGLETON	4
HARRY C. JONES	2	WALTER LEE	5
†FRANK KIRTLAND	3	*RONALD STALLWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from tenor.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 of York Surprise and 1,440 each of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A flat.

LEONARD WOOLLARD	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
ARTHUR A. LING	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
RAY PECK	3	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in four Surprise methods. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Master James Thompson, of Southwold.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Feb. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT 86, CHAPLTON ROAD, KINGSWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN E. PEDLER	1—2	JACK R. WORRALL	5—6
*ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	3—4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal of Major 'in hand' for the Society.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Stevenage

A very successful and well-attended meeting of the Northern District was held at Stevenage on February 27th. The weather was springlike and the bells were soon going at 3 o'clock to various methods under the District Ringing Master, Mr. D. P. Jones.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. King), who also played the organ. The text for his sermon was taken from Psalm 111, 'I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.' This, he said, was what a bellringer did, gave thanks behind a curtain or tucked away in some ringing chamber where he was not seen. The hymn was taken from the dedication service held here some four years ago..

Tea was provided by the local band and served in the Rectory by the ladies. Some 39 members and friends did justice to the good fare.

The Rector most ably conducted the business meeting. Two new members were elected —Miss C. Chambers and Mr. P. Wells (Knebworth)—and Mr. S. W. Mynott (Graveley) was re-elected.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Aston on March 27th with Annable's London as the special method. A joint meeting with the Biggleswade District was left to the District secretaries to arrange. It is hoped to run a coach to the annual meeting on April 24th at Hemel Hempstead.

The Rector and the ladies were thanked for all they had done to make the District meeting a success. Further ringing continued until nine o'clock which ranged from rounds to Bristol and London Surprise.

The amount collected for the general funds was 23s. E. G. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch Annual

For their annual meeting the Eastern Branch visited Loddon, where, headed by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) and the Ringing Master (Mr. F. N. Golden), they were cordially welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. C. K. Ninham) and the Master of the local company (Mr. H. W. Barrett), who is also the Branch Ringing Master. The eight bells were soon going to a wide variety of methods and the new ropes were well and truly stretched.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the lesson read by the president and the organ was played by Mr. W. Bond.

The business meeting, following an excellent tea, was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) and amongst the very welcome guests were three members of the Parochial Church Council, who have been of great assistance to the local ringers.

All the Branch officers were re-elected, and because Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, to the members' regret, did not wish to stand for re-election to be one of the representatives of the Branch on the Association Standing Committee, a vacancy was created. Mr. G. G. Walpole was elected her successor.

Thirteen new members were elected to the Association, which was very gratifying to the assembled meeting.

Subject to permission being obtained, the members voted to hold the next meeting at Reedham on May 29th.

The proceedings concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett and the band of ladies who provided the splendid tea.

A BRECON PEAL

The Brecon peal recorded this week had close associations for the tenor ringer, Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, for whom the peal had been kindly arranged by the conductor, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton.

Mr. Stenson was associated with the Bishop (Glyn Simon, the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon) whilst he was deacon and priest at St. Paul's, Crewe, and took duty for him on the occasion of his Ordination at Chester Cathedral in 1928.

The Bishop met the band, thanked them for their compliment and wished them success with their peal.

Also included in the compliment was the Rev. David R. James, Mr. Stenson's Bible Class teacher when he was curate at Christ Church, Crewe, from 1908 to 1914, and now Rector of St. Mary's, Great Brickhill, Bletchley. Both are very loyal sons of the Principality.

It is nice to say that the peal was preceded by a prayer.

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LATE NEWS

A new method of Surprise Maximus was rung at Leicester Cathedral on Monday. It is named Gartree. While the peal was in progress the conductor, Mr. Harold J. Poole, became a grandfather. Congratulations to Jill and Peter.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Kingsclere peal recorded this week is particularly interesting, as these bells have long been considered a 'tough' job. They are hung in a huge timber frame, arranged diagonally in the tower. There are no windows and the sallies go round the wheels. However, a really good peal was rung with not much difficulty. The Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Thomas, was highly delighted and congratulated the ringers at the finish of the peal.

Owing to pressure on our space the third instalment of 'The Bells of Tewkesbury' is postponed until next week.

With the peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral, Mr. John Freeman and Mr. Raymond F. Smith have 'circled the tower.'

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight has recently been appointed organist and choirmaster at Chilham Parish Church, Kent, where he hopes to render assistance to a struggling band of ringers.

The custom of ringing the Pancake Bell was observed at Morpeth Watch Tower on Shrove Tuesday. Miss J. S. Armstrong rang the sixth, the recognised bell, for 15 minutes.

The absence of one of the band enabled Miss Jennifer M. A. Kennett to score her first peal at Bobbing, Kent, on February 27th. Previously she had not rung a touch longer than 20 minutes. 'Congratulations, Jennifer, you rang well,' writes Mr. George A. Naylor, the conductor.

The handbell team at Guildford who on four evenings have found a peal of Plain Bob Major elusive would like to congratulate their conductor, Mr. Jack R. Worrall, on the success that attended his efforts with his colleagues of the University of Bristol Society. There must be something wrong with the air at Guildford.

The beautiful set of handbells used for ringing at the Henry Johnson dinner was being tried for the first time. The bells were a gift to Mr. G. E. Fearn from his wife. A wag suggested that now he might be able to score some of his peals at home.

The peal of Plain Bob at Hersham on Feb. 25th was a 'first conducted' by Mr. J. F. Dodson after nearly 32 years at the same tower. It was also a first peal for Mr. John King after 20 years' service in this tower.

Oxford University Society of Change Ringers had a special mention in Television broadcast, 'Conversation Piece,' on March 2nd. Mr. John Betjeman, the poet, was a member of the party. A correspondent suggests that he was once a member of the Oxford University Society.

The Hunts District make a speciality of quarter peals on Sunday morning. Meeting one short because of sudden illness, they set off seven miles where the service started a little later, picking up one more ringer en route. The quarter peal was completed with seconds to spare.

In connection with the Central Council's visit to Newcastle we are asked to state that with the exception of Silver Court Hotel, Jesmond, all the hotels mentioned in our issue of February 26th are within a few minutes' walk of the Cathedral, the Central Station and Headquarters.

The peal nearest perfection in which Mr. Jack R. Worrall has participated was one of Grandsire Doubles, which he called at Bristol on February 22nd for the University of Bristol Society. There were three small trips which hardly needed correction and the same number of bad blows. Mr. Keith B. Kear, the treble ringer, who was ringing his first peal, is to be congratulated on a faultless performance.

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69th HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

SIR THEODORE PRITCHETT A GENIAL CHAIRMAN — WHAT WOULD HENRY JOHNSON THINK OF TO-DAY? — RINGING TOO FAST AT ST. MARTIN'S — 'YOUNG AND LITTLE WONDER': ALBERT WALKER — 500 MORE POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS WANTED FOR 'RINGING WORLD' SOLVENCY

WHEN the 69th annual commemoration dinner of Henry Johnson was held at Birmingham last Saturday, the chairman was Sir Theodore Pritchett, M.C., D.L., a member of one of the most distinguished of ringing families. Sir Theodore, a former Lord Mayor of Birmingham, was a most genial chairman, and knitted together both members of St. Martin's Guild and their visitors into one happy family.

Sir Theodore was accompanied by Lady Pritchett and Mr. John Pritchett. Supporting him on the top table were Ald. A. Paddon Smith, Col. D. and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. Albert Walker (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mrs. Walker, Mr. F. Walker, Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary), Mrs. Fearn, Canon F. F. Guy Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mrs. Warman, the Rev. C. H. Smyth (Vicar of Bishop Latimer's Church), the Rev. G. C. and Mrs. Potts, Mr. J. Pinfold (Ringing Master), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. F. E. and Miss P. Haynes and Mr. T. W. White.

THE VISITORS

The visitors included Mr. John E. Chilcott (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bayles (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs (Titchfield, Hants), Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth and Miss Worth (Macclesfield), Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis (Altrincham), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bibby (Frodsham), Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay (Bournemouth).

Messrs. H. J. Poole (Leicester), F. Dunkerley (Oldham), E. Jenkins (Oldham), L. W. G. Morris (Bradford), W. Allman (Runcorn), W. Lomas and B. Jones (Macclesfield), G. J. Lewis (Worcester), H. Walker (York), J. F. Smallwood and W. T. Elson (London), J. E. Cawser (Lichfield), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. M. Thorley (Thorne), J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln), L. Walmsley (Leyland), R. S. Anderson (Newcastle, Staffs), F. E. Collins (Croydon), D. T. Matkin, J. E. Daniels and M. J. E. Best (Bournemouth), H. G. Summers (Coventry), W. F. Moreton (Wakefield), A. P. Cannon (Dorking), R. I. Shepherd (Egham), F. E. Willshaw (Stoke).

The Misses P. Reeves (York), S. Parker (Bournemouth), R. M. K. How (Epsom), M. E. Collins (Guildford), S. R. Collins (Newcastle, Staffs).

After the toast of 'The Queen,' submitted by the chairman, the hon. secretary read apologies from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, the Provost of Birmingham, the Rev. Bryan Green (who was on his way home from America), the Archdeacon of Birmingham, Canon R. S. O. Stevens, and Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers).

The toast of 'Church and State' was entrusted to Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd. He said that since their last dinner they had had the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II., and only that week it had been hinted that ringers would be called upon to ring when their Queen landed in this country.

MAYOR MAKING

Last year the Provost of Birmingham reminded them that there were occasions when the Church and State did not work well together. He was very surprised when attending a conference with the clerk of Solihull over the ceremony of incorporation of this new borough to discover, when it was suggested that the children of Solihull should give a Bible to be used in the making of a mayor that there was no religious service attached to that ceremony. It was very strange that in making a mayor there was nothing of religious significance laid down by custom or law.

Mr. Shepherd paid a tribute to the contribution Church Schools had made to the education system of the country and that the educational principles in those schools were based on those taught by Jesus Christ.

Both the Church and State were very conscious of the importance of religious instruction, but while the State prescribed certain religious instructions he was afraid that they (the State) did not follow it up to see how it was done. Some of them felt that the Church was not sufficiently outspoken on matters of State policy or critical enough of the machinations of the politicians.

The Queen's Homecoming

A request has been made that church bells should be rung throughout the United Kingdom on May 15th, when the Queen sets foot on her native land.

This followed a question asked in Parliament on March 4th by Mr. Spencer Summers, M.P. for Aylesbury. Mr. Crookshank, Lord Privy Seal, in his reply, said that the Prime Minister had communicated with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, both of whom had welcomed the suggestion. The Prime Minister was sure that the leaders of other Churches would be glad to consider it, and that so far as possible it would be put into effect.

In a supplementary question, Mr. Summers asked whether Mr. Crookshank would assure the Prime Minister that his answer would give widespread satisfaction to many of her Majesty's loyal and admiring subjects who were only waiting the occasion to greet her on her return.

The announcement was received with general approval, but there were some ironical cheers from the Opposition benches. Mr. I. O. Thomas, Labour Member for the Wrekin, asked: 'What about the bats in the belfry?'

Canon F. F. Guy Warman, in replying to the toast, took up Mr. Shepherd's point that the Church was not outspoken. He reminded the assembly of the recent death of Dean Inge, who wrote a book of outspoken essays and for his trouble was afterwards called 'The Gloomy Dean.'

A RINGING PARABLE

Although he could not claim to be a bell ringer, he knew when a new method was being rung on the bells of Aston by a band not familiar with it or when there were one or two novices in the band. He remembered being in the ringing chamber and two of the bells were rung too close to each other. Some of the more experienced members then started ringing with one hand and pointing in an accusing way to numbers 3 and 5. This went on for a minute or two and the conductor who was in charge said, 'Stand,' and the post-mortem started. Instead of ringing separately these two bells had tried to ring together. That was the trouble of Church and State. So long as they engaged in 'a plain hunt' and passed each other like bells at the proper place things were all right, but when they mistook each other's functions they were like two bells striking together and ringers knew what was the result.

The memory of the late Henry Johnson was honoured on the call of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. At one time, he reminded the company, that important toast was proposed by men who knew Henry Johnson. Unfortunately, the number of such people had dwindled very sadly, so the duty of proposing the toast fell on those of the next or following generation. His memory would, however, be kept green.

Certainly the influence of Henry Johnson was very great. He was a man whose influence radiated all round and his work had stood the test of time, and his influence, even to-day, was still felt. He was a wonderful man—a man of great character as they had heard many times in that room. Men like Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies even sought his opinion and advice, and there was no doubt that in later years John Carter built on the very rough foundation which Johnson laid.

WHAT HENRY JOHNSON WOULD THINK

He wondered what Henry Johnson would say if he could come back and survey the present ringing fraternity in that city. He would find things considerably altered in Birmingham. He would find three rings of 12 where there was only one, and one of those 12's was in his beloved Aston. He would find that one ring of 12 had come from each of the leading bell founders. Which was the best it was not for him to say, but his friend Langdon would say they were all drawing room jobs. He would also find that every ring of bells in Birmingham had either been augmented or restored, which was a great tribute to the keenness of the ringers.

Johnson would then take a wider look round and he would see the Central Council, with the formation of which he had something to do, and observe that it was a great concern. He heard a well-known North of England ringer describe the Central Council as an outstanding example of 'complacent futility.' The best thing would be to put that sort of gentleman on the Council and make him lend a hand in improving it. He would also find that the ringers of to-day had their own newspaper when they had to be content with an odd column or two in a sporting journal. He thought Johnson would be pleased with it and he thought he would also be pleased to see that the youngsters were coming to the fore and playing a big part in the doings of the ringing Exercise.

There were, however, some things in Birmingham that he would not like. He did not think Johnson would be in favour of ringing peals on the front eight of 12. They must not say too much about that as on more than one occasion he rang the fourth on the front eight at the Bullring and they did not then have a flat six. They were now hoping to go one better and have not merely a flat six, but a sharp second.

ONE SURVIVOR

The toast was drunk in silence. Then the chairman asked those in the company who knew Henry Johnson to stand. There was only one, —Mr. George T. Mitchison—and he received a great ovation.

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JOHNSON DINNER—Cont.

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild.' The toast, he said, had been proposed year by year, and it struck him that by now 'this prosperity' must have produced a very fine guild.

There were many factors by which they could judge the prosperity of a ringing guild. As regards membership their numbers were small, but as the Guild covered a very small area in relation to the number of towers their membership was satisfactory. Also their finances were very satisfactory.

As to ringing he would divide it into two sections. If they were to judge by the increased number of peals rung in recent years, then the prosperity must be tremendous. Were they right with that? Of course there was a tremendous number compared with years ago—and he did not know what Henry Johnson would think of the many new major Surprise methods. Should it be quantity or quality? He did not refer to the difficulty or otherwise of the method, but rather to the striking in the method, and he thought that was one of the important factors to which they should give every attention possible. As to the more important section of service ringing, he thought anyone who knew the service ringing done by the bands associated with the Guild would agree that it was at a tip-top level.

Another factor was harmony and good fellowship, and they hoped it existed in all the bands and in the Guild as a whole. They often read in 'The Ringing World' about somebody making a speech and saying he had never met such a spirit in any other part of the country. He found that the spirit was much the same everywhere and in that respect the St. Martin's Guild claimed to be second to none.

THE OFFICERS

The St. Martin's Guild had been very fortunate in its officers for a great many years. They remembered when the late Ald. J. S. Pritchett, uncle of their chairman, was Master. To-day they had their 'young and little wonder' Albert Walker, as their Master, who was one of the outstanding personalities of the Exercise. They congratulated him on ringing his 800th peal as recently as last December and included in that list was over 500 twelve-bell peals—a record he thought that would last for many years.

As his right-hand man was John Pinfold, their Ringing Master. He happened to look at a ringing journal for 1907 and found that John was one of the founder-members of the Warwickshire Guild. Mr. Frank Smallwood's name was also in that select number. John Pinfold had a quiet, unassuming personality and he got on with the job and was a great asset to the Guild. Since his election he had proved one thing—that it was not essential for a very successful ringing master to be an expert conductor.

In the important job of secretary in recent years they had had very few holders of the office. Previously they had their late friend, Tom Reeves, a very faithful secretary for 20 years, and before him Ald. Paddon Smith did 20 years' service and they were pleased to see him with them. Their present secretary, George Fearn, was carrying on the job marvellously. He wondered if his wife did the work of secretary while he went out ringing. Apart from that he found time to do his own garden. Did he dig at the same rate as he rang, at roughly 30 rows a minute? (laughter). 'As long as the spirit as exists in this Guild continues, and as long as we have the same capable officers, I am quite certain that the prosperity of this Guild will continue year by year.'

Mr. Albert Walker, who was warmly received on rising to reply, took up the theme of what would Henry Johnson think to-day of their ringing. Ringing in the past, declared Mr. Walker, was much better from the striking point of view than to-day. He did not mean that the bells were badly struck, but they were rung much too fast and especially on 10 or 12 bells. If they rang a good peal in the Bullring it must take 3 hours 40 minutes or 3 hours 45 minutes. The bells of St. Martin's were going the previous night at a deuce of a rate.

Mr. Smallwood had mentioned a flat sixth at St. Martin's. The new flat sixth was in, but they could not ring it until the £100,000 had been raised for the restoration of the church. Before the Rector went to America he had raised £93,000, and they hoped he would bring the remainder back with him. The bell was a good one and with it they would have an excellent middle eight.

He thanked Mr. Fearn for the excellent job he was doing as secretary and for his splendid arrangements for the dinner.

Mr. George Fearn's name was also coupled with the toast, and in a brief acknowledgment he spoke of the pleasure it gave him to work for the Guild and the valued support he received from Mr. John Pinfold.

BIRMINGHAM'S 140 RINGING BELLS

The visitors were honoured on the call of Mr. F. E. Haynes, who spoke of the attractions Birmingham had to offer to the ringing visitors. There were over 140 bells within the city boundary that were hung for ringing, he said. They had not so many visitors at this dinner as previously; many he thought were giving the dinner a miss for once in view of the bicentenary celebrations next year.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who replied, said it was 46 years since he first attended a Johnson dinner, and he had not missed many times. Whenever they came to Birmingham they were assured of a very good time—wonderful ringing and wonderful hospitality. He felt certain that all the visitors would look forward with great anticipation to the bicentenary next year.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was submitted in a humorous vein by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, who said that in the National Press Directory there was a list of 3,087 periodicals. He found 'The Ringing World' sandwiched between 'The Ring,' which dealt with current news in the noble art of self-defence, and 'The Robin,' a comic for the young. Last year their paper was in severe financial difficulties and he understood that the position to-day was a little easier. There was a need in 'The Ringing World' for good articles, and in this direction Birmingham had made a valuable contribution by those from E. C. S. They had been some of the most scholarly and witty that had appeared.

NEED OF POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

The Editor, in responding to the toast, said while the accounts for 1953 were not audited, they were confident that there would be a small balance in hand at the end of the year. This had been brought about by the magnificent contribution of £310 in the form of donations from those who rang peals and quarter peals and by personal gifts. The Editorial Committee deeply appreciated this generous gesture from friends of the journal. The committee did not like living on the charity of its friends, for these gifts were an uncertain form of income. The permanent solution was another 500 postal subscribers.

There was a strong feeling that everything possible was not being done to procure new subscribers by the Guilds and Associations, who through the Central Council were the owners of the journal. No man or woman should be allowed to ring a first quarter or a peal without being presented with a copy of 'The Ringing World.' Every young ringer should from the very start be encouraged to keep personal records—and older members knew that glancing through such a book in after years produced happy memories.

Mr. White stated that last week he received a letter from Mr. Lawson, the carillonneur of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, Chicago University, mentioning his proposal to establish a ringing library at the university. An advertisement appealing for this assistance appeared in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' He hoped that ringers would respond generously as a gesture of friendship towards the great English-speaking nation across the Atlantic which had such an enormous influence on the world to-day. Mr. Lawson would be very pleased to welcome any visiting ringers to Chicago.

SIR THEODORE

The chairman was honoured on the call of Ald. A. Paddon Smith. He said he entirely endorsed the remarks of Mr. Albert Walker that the bells of St. Martin's were being rung habitually too quickly. To get the music out of the bells a peal should take 3 hours 40 minutes to 3 hours 45 minutes. He spoke with knowledge and he had also been an offender because he rang the tenor to the fastest peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells, which was completed in 3 hours 20 minutes. The peal was rung at this rate to enable a well-known ringer to catch a train to Newcastle.

Ald. Paddon Smith mentioned the contribution of the Pritchetts to ringing at King's Norton, where there were enough members of the family to ring the bells.

Of their president, Sir Theodore, he would remind them that he won the M.C. in France when he was in command of a Warwickshire battery of the R.F.A. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Warwickshire and was elected to the Birmingham City Council in 1924 and an Alderman in 1940. He was Lord Mayor in 1939–40 and was the leader of the Conservative Party on the City Council. His recreations were given as hunting, yachting and campanology. He regretted that ringing was named last, as all his uncles were London Surprise men and some of them composed and rang peals of Stedman Cinques. They hoped that some day they would see him taking a rope to Stedman Cinques.

The chairman, in thanking the company for the toast, which was given musical honours, said it looked as if he got into the team and the chair by his family connection. He hoped that by his presence in the chair that evening he had not disturbed the happy relationship that had existed in the Guild for nearly 200 years.

The highlight of the entertainment was the handbell ringing by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who twice played selections and generously responded to an encore. Songs and duets were given by Mr. Albert E. Barley and Mr. Hubert G. Summers, with Mr. E. J. Woodhall as accompanist. As to be expected, there were touches of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' which were rung on a new set belonging to the secretary of the Guild, which was the gift of Mrs. Fearn. The band consisted of E. C. Shepherd 1–2, F. W. Perrens 3–4, Albert Walker 5–6, J. F. Smallwood 7–8, F. E. Pervin 9–10, and F. E. Haynes 11–12.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'The Ringing World' March 13th, 1914

HERE AND THERE

It is surely unique for a ringer to call his first peal of Stedman at the age of 68, yet this is what has been done by Mr. William H. Doran at West Ham.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT

During practice at the Parish Church at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, the other day, a singular accident occurred. Mr. James Lovering was being helped by a lad to raise the tenor when by some means the rope formed into a half-hitch round Mr. Lovering's right thumb and took the top of it off.

A MUFFLED PEAL AT HEREFORD

The peal at All Saints', Hereford, recorded in another column . . . . was rung on the middle six of the peal of eight, with a tenor . . . . which has been cracked for some 40 years. It was the first peal ever rung in Hereford outside the Cathedral, and also the first in the city by an entirely local band. Its accomplishment was a big surprise to local ringers generally, as the bells are rarely rung and were thought to be quite unpealable.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE QUEEN'S RETURN—MAY 15th

Dear Sir,—From a note in 'Belfry Gossip' I gather that my suggestion of general ringing on the Queen's return, published in your issue of February 19th, has received independent support from the writer of a letter to 'The Times.' According to the official timetable the date of Her Majesty's return will be May 15th. As that will be a Saturday it may well be found an appropriate occasion for many peal attempts, and in some cases a tower not normally available for peals may be granted for this special purpose.—Yours sincerely,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

A NEW JUNIOR SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—It was with extreme interest that I read of the formation of 'The Grammar and Technical Schools Association of Change Ringers,' and all responsible for such enthusiasm and initiative should be congratulated.

But I do hope very much that the constitution and title will be modified to include all schools. Besides, to be called simply 'The Schools Association' would be much more effective. I have in mind that modern schools, private schools, public schools and comprehensive schools, etc., are all excluded and I see no reason why.

There are already in existence quite a number of school societies, e.g., Bedford Modern School mentioned in 'Belfry Gossip' last week, and I hope they will offer their views on the matter.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, Maidstone.

SHAFTESBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—In the account of 'Shaftesbury and its Bells' it was suggested that William Cockey, who cast the 3rd and 4th at St. Peter's, was a travelling bellfounder. Lewis Cockey founded the firm in Frome, Somerset, shortly after 1680 and was succeeded by William and later Edward Cockey, and their bells are frequent in the West Country. The firm still exists as Edward Cockey and Sons, Ltd., though bells have now grown into gasholders!

There is a tradition, quoted by Arthur Mee in his book on Somerset, that one of the bells at St. John's, Frome, has the inscription, 'God made Cockey and Cockey made me in the year of our Lord 1743.' It is not there now, seems never to have been, and cannot be traced. Does anyone know of such a bell or of one by another founder with a similar legend which might have started the story?—Yours faithfully,

EUNICE D. OVEREND.

Frome, Somerset.

RIDICULOUS!

Dear Sir,—May I submit for consideration a few comments, which, I hope, will indicate the ridiculous nature of the controversy re treble and tenor ringers claiming a peal.

I have only been ringing for a short time, but I have not yet come across a peal rung without a treble ringer. This bell, in fact, appears to be essential in order that the working bells may do their work in the correct parts of a peal.

Also I am told that in an odd-bell method a peal rung without the tenor covering, even if the tower contains an odd number of bells, is invalid.

Thus a peal cannot be rung without these bells. They are, therefore in my humble opinion, just as important as any of the 'working bells' in the ringing of a peal.

This being the case their ringers have, therefore, no alternative but to claim the peal.—Yours sincerely,

A. HILTON.

Rochdale, Lancs.

'SPLITTING HAIRS'

Dear Sir,—'Splitting hairs,' I think, is the expression used to describe such a statement as that made by your correspondent, Mr. W. A. Stote ('Ringing World,' February 26th, 1954, page 139). His argument is ridiculous, to say the least. Would any ringer in possession of his full mental faculties suggest that because eight ringers take part in a peal eight peals have been rung? Truly enough this is the implication made by the heading 'Mr. So-and-So's 500 peals,' but why quibble over it when it is obvious that those particular 500 peals would not have been rung without 'Mr. So-and-So's' participation. Again, truly enough, Mr. 'Whatsisname' may have replaced 'Mr. So-and-So' in the peals, but then they would not be the same peals and neither could 'Mr. So-and-So' credit himself with having rung in them. May I ask Mr. Stote if, after having participated in a peal, he credits himself with having rung one-eighth of a peal?

May I also ask Mr. Stote what bores him when he reads the published list of peals rung by 'Mr. So-and-So'? Surely a ringer who acquires a few hundred peals is worthy of having his list published in a periodical which is intended for such a purpose among others? Any news about ringing, no matter what form it takes, is ringing news and is certainly not out of place in a ringing journal whether it bores certain individuals or not.' Knowing that it is impossible to please everybody, I'm absolutely certain that our editor pleases the majority and it is not for Mr. Stote to write fatuous letters that are of no consequence, anyway, and are certainly boring beyond measure.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Folkestone, Kent.

MORE ABOUT SUFFOLK PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was sorry to see that Master K. G. Brown is yet another young conductor who is not against putting sarcastic remarks in the Press. I would suggest that before making further accusations against people, he studies the reports first, because full stops are not printed for ornamentation.

Referring to page 106 of the issue of February 12th, it will be noticed that the first paragraph is composed of three sentences reporting three distinct items, yours truly being concerned with the middle one **only,** the third one concerned other members' remarks.

To explain further: As the District secretary, it is my duty to speak on behalf of my District members when attending a committee meeting and one's own personal views must take second place. At our annual District meeting held on January 9th Guild problems were fully discussed and one member stated that his whole band refused to subsidise the printing of peals such as the one rung at Monks Eleigh. When I mentioned this at Bury a member remarked, 'There you are, that's another one.' Who this member was referring to I don't yet know. The cap seems to fit somewhere because I cannot find the name of the tower mentioned anywhere apart from the committee meeting and the Sudbury one, and no member of the band was present at either, so who said Monks Eleigh?

It is only fair to state that the 'locals' he refers to are members of a Surprise Minor band at a neighbouring tower, due to the fact that their own bells have been crying out for the bellhanger for years but the money is not yet forthcoming.—Yours truly,

LESLIE D. MILLS,
Hon. Dis. Sec.,
Sudbury-Lavenham District.

THE QUEEN AT SYDNEY

Miss Joan Hills sends us the following account of H.M. the Queen's landing at Sydney on February 3rd and the ringing contribution to the great welcome:—

'There are two towers with rings of bells on the actual route of the procession, while St. Mary's Basilica is only about 100 yards away. We staffed our own tower (St. Mary's) while Christ Church St. Lawrence and St. Benedict's, Broadway, were manned by combined teams from all the ringing towers in Sydney.

'Being near the harbour, St. Mary's bells are clearly audible on the water, and we were requested to ring as the Queen came ashore from the "Gothic." A picked band rang a beautiful touch of Grandsire Triples during the ten minutes which it took Her Majesty to cross from the "Gothic" to Farm Cove.

'We "stood" then as the Queen's speech was broadcast along the route of the procession and we might have caused unwelcome interference, but rang again as the royal couple came round Queen Square—the nearest point to the Cathedral.

'We have been told that the commentator on the A.B.C. remarked on our ringing, and that the bells were faded in for a moment. We have also been told that Her Majesty turned round to look at the Cathedral when she heard the bells, and some of our Christ Church learners, who were sitting outside their church, were very thrilled when the Queen had a second look at the tower when she heard the bells.

'St. Benedict's bells are notoriously difficult to ring and strike, but Bobbie Ferris, of Parramatta, who was in charge of ringing there, said they rang rounds and Queen's as the procession went by, and the general opinion was that the bells sounded very well.

'In the evening ringers from all towers came into St. Mary's to see the harbour firework display from the top of the tower and also to join in the general ringing which continued until nine o'clock at night. Laurie was careful to maintain a very high standard throughout the day and we put over two superb touches of Major during the evening, which were among the best ringing I have heard in Australia.

'Other towers were unsuccessful with recordable lengths on the actual day of the Queen's arrival. St. Jude's, Randwick, lost a quarter of Doubles, and All Saints', Parramatta, were unfortunate enough to lose a peal of Doubles in seven methods in the last 360 changes.'

DEDICATION

WHIXLEY—THE LIGHTEST RING IN YORKSHIRE

After a silence of almost two years the light six bells (tenor 5¼ cwt.) at the Church of the Ascension, Whixley, near Knaresborough, were heard again on Saturday, February 6th, when they were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Leeds (the Ven. C. O. Ellison).

The treble was cast by Dalton, of York, in 1785, the second in 1667, the third recast in 1952 and the back three are by C. Mears, 1861.

The bells have been tuned (the cracked third recast) and hung with new fittings in the old frame by Taylors and the work reflects their usual high standard.

The local ringers rang the bells before and during the service, and immediately afterwards a course of Kent Treble Bob was rung by ringers from Leeds Parish Church—thus ringers from the heaviest ring in the diocese were called upon to perform on the lightest ring both in the diocese and the county.

Visitors from Rothwell, Boroughbridge and Thorner also joined in the ringing afterwards.

Whixley is a rather isolated village with little change ringing within reasonable distance and during the ringing after tea some useful 'spade work' was put in with the local ringers.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. N. Bristow 1, Miss E. A. Yarde 2, R. L. Yarde 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, J. Manning 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Heard, who was interred that day.

ASHWATER, DEVON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sangwin 1, J. W. Sangwin 2, R. G. Pearce 3, J. H. Bowden 4, C. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Stacey 6. Rung for Mr. R. H. Moon's 80th birthday.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, T. Milsted 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, L. Everest 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Capt. A. Saver, R.A.O.C., and Miss E. Reid, both members of the local band.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Tester (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Lambert 3, C. A. Tester 4, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 5, J. Breslain (first quarter) 6. Rung for morning service.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Short 1, M. Horseman 2, W. Stevens 3, C. Kortright 4, C. Clarke 5, J. Walton 6, D. Yeo 7, L. Derrick (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by 2 and 4.

BRISTOL.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Kear 1, T. Edwards (first quarter 'inside') 2, D. J. Marshall 3, Enid Lloyd Roberts (cond.) 4, M. Sprackling 5, A. E. Pedler (first quarter on tower bells) 6.

BUCKLAND DENHAM, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carver 1, J. Phippen 2, P. Bray 3, T. E. Mallard 4, E. Bray (first quarter as cond.) 5, C. Pearce 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Hobbs and Mr. Trevor MacDonald.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Woolley 1, J. E. Rootes 2, W. Wenban 3, T. J. Clark 4, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 5, N. Jenkins 6, A. C. Wenban 7, R. Rowley 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Jones 1, M. K. King 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, J. E. Morgan 4, J. T. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. G. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service of Thomas Cranmer, grandfather of the ringer of the 3rd, and very good friend of the ringers.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Smith (first quarter) 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, J. Armstrong 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, W. R. Barker 6, L. S. Woods (first in method as cond.) 7, I. Campbell 8.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Russell 1, H. Hoverd 2, K. Noy 3, W. Lemon 4, F. Walker 5, H. Audsley 6, R. Rayfield (cond.) 7, R. Jenkins 8. A 21st birthday compliment to B. Russell.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. L. Bishop 1, Miss D. Cockshead 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, C. Corderoy 4, A. E. Lock 5, J. Jones 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, J. Seymour 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for 2 and 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Sherman (first on treble) 1, R. Laming 2, W. Daynes 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder 7, G. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong. Also a farewell to P. Sherman on leaving for Cyprus.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Head (first quarter) 1, L. Fidler 2, W. Todd 3, K. Tunbury 4, G. Cherry 5, P. Croft (15, first quarter as cond.) 6.

HACKNEY, E.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Worboys 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, C. Hughes 4, F. V. Gant 5, T. East (cond.) 6, J. H. Crampion 7, C. E. Willmington 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sexton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, Miss M. Cox 3, Mrs. A. Pearson 4, C. N. Pearson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. D. Mozley and Miss A. F. McFarlane, which took place at Birmingham earlier in the day.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foot 1, R. Ridout 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, B. Ridout 5, W. Trevett 6. A wedding compliment to J. Stone and Miss A. E. Tolley, married at this church the same day.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. Dear 1, Miss D. Hare 2, M. Orme 3, L. Bywaters 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Hall 1, H. Rowley 2, Miss P. Wood 3, M. Axford 4, R. F. E. Axford 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of T. W. Clarke, at one time a ringer at this church. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Rowley (cond.) 1, A. Bowers 2, N. R. Hunt 3, J. W. Milner 4, M. Hunt 5, E. Atkinson 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,256 Cam Treble Bob Major: D. W. Beard 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

ILFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Barrance (first in method) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, J. Merrett (first in method) 4, H. F. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, Mrs. E. Merrett (cover bell) 7. Rung prior to a concert to raise money for the casting of a tenor bell to complete the octave. Donations would be gratefully received by the Rev. Comer-Stone, St. George's Vicarage, Ilford.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,440 Belgrave Surprise Royal: Miss B. Cowlin 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, T. E. Davies 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, J. R. Mayne 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First touch in the method by all.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Hector 2, R. H. Tyler 3, J. C. Chester 4, C. Windram 5, F. E. Wallington 6, G. A. Hollick 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8.

For Designers!

The Editorial Committee have under consideration an alteration of the title cover of 'The Ringing World' on the front page.

They invite designs from those readers who are interested, which should allow for two advertisements on each side two inches wide and two inches deep.

These should be submitted to the Editor.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: M. Orme 1, H. Harding 2, A. Sinfield 3, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 4, R. Sharp 5, D. Jones (first of London Major) 6, D. Knox 7, B. F. Sims 8. Rung as a compliment to Alan Tuttle, of Hitchin, on his birthday.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Shefford 1, F. Uden 2, J. Uden 3, H. Allen 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. Money 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Parslow, a former member of the tower, who died February 23rd.

NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. S. Dare 1, C. G. Scull 2, W. H. Marsh 3, G. Grinter 4, H. Scull 5, B. S. Chivers 6, G. W. Stitch (cond.) 7, C. H. Wansley 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjorie W. Collins (first quarter) 1, Jean Sanderson (first quarter 'inside') 2, Ivy Werrett (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. M. Dixon 4, H. E. Werrett 5, M. A. Collings (cond.) 6.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. W. Lewis 1, F. G. Hooper 2, A. W. Barley 3, W. A. Muddell 4, S. L. Barley (cond.) 5, C. J. Copp 6. In memoriam Mrs. J. T. Gascoigne, died February 24th.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. J. P. Ellam 1, D. G. Goodman 2, G. Harper 3, M. H. R. Glover 4, W. H. Jackson 5, D. A. Edwards 6, D. H. Niblett 7, J. H. Smart (cond.) 8.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. F. White 1, G. Howlett 2, J. W. Kindred 3, J. H. Kindred 4, G. A. Kindred 5, D. Mitchell 6, P. Kindred (cond.) 7, H. W. Easey 8. Rung at the conclusion of the gift day in aid of the Tower Fund. The first quarter by Sunday service ringers since the bells were augmented from five to eight. Mr. J. F. White is 79 years old, and presented the third bell when the bells were rehung.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Feb. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, T. R. Taylor 2, F. W. Burnett 3, R. Baldwin 4, R. G. Leale 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. First quarter of Surprise by 4 and 5.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, G. F. Bryant 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, F. E. Corfield 6, C. W. Ottley 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A farewell to F. W. Wicks, steeplekeeper; and in memoriam Harry Whanslaw, ringer and sidesman.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. D. Roughley 1, C. Medcalfe (first quarter) 2, F. Saunders 3, J. R. Austin 4, E. Roughley (cond.) 5, S. Sephton (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Saint.

RUDGWICK, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (C.C.C. 50 and 48): Miss A. Wilson (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. M. Phillips 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, D. J. H. Body 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, W. L. Weller 6.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Sherlock 1, J. Foot 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, R. Ridout 5, W. Trevett 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Stone, who were married at Hazelbury Bryan the same day.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Feb. 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. F. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. L. Pearson 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, A. R. Ling 5, C. A. Hughes 6, L. Pearson 7, E. D. Smith 8, G. Peters 9, J. R. Leeming 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, F. J. Matthews 12. First quarter on 12 bells for 9 and 10.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. S. Peacock 4, C. Goodyer 5, W. Ransome (cond.) 6.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Goodwyn 1, F. J. Wood 2, J. H. Sunnucks 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, H. G. Goddard 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Daphne Lodge, and a 16th to F. J. Goodwyn.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Woodley 1, A. Tapley 2, W. Panter 3, E. W. Rowe 4, W. Reeks 5, F. Southwood 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. First in the method by 3 and 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Twyman 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. L. Dadds 4, A. J. Dadds 5, L. Everest 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung at the institution by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the induction by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, of the Rev Thomas Estlin Prichard, M.A., as Vicar.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, being one 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford and one of Oxford: S. Bonnett 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, T. Holehouse 3, C. Harwood 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, J. Dear 6. First of Treble Bob Minor by 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the wedding of Miss Enid M. Randall and Mr. Roy V. Webb, a member of the Norton band.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. Sinfield 2, D. Broyd 3, R. J. Scott 4, A. Broyd 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6, J. Newman 7, P. Horwood 8. First quarter of Triples in the method by all. First quarter on the eight by an all local band.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Bannister 1, A. Turley 2, V. J. Mitchell (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. Manchip 4, A. R. Twinn 5, F. Corke 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, W. H. Coles 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Harold Dunning as Vicar.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Tuttle (14, first quarter on six bells) 1, Miss A. Willes 2, M. Collings 3, P. Mehew 4, D. Jones 5, M. Orme (16, first quarter as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson (first quarter) 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 2, Mrs. D. J. Porter 3, D. Haynes 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the birth of a son, a heir to the Earl and of Countess of Dalkeith.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, J. Schofield 2, S. Hoare 3, D. K. Adkins 4, R. Rowley 5, W. Wenban 6, R. Bell 7, J. Mayne (cond.) 8. First by all except 3, 7 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 600 Plain Bob): Jill Mackintosh 1, R. Bird 2, Wm. A. Hughes 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. W. Stephens 6.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Coleman 1, A. G. Fever 2, E. G. Catton 3, J. S. Wybrew 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Coleman 1, E. G. Catton 2, J. S. Wybrew 3, A. G. Fever 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. Half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. J. Weaver, Rector of Wetherden since 1949, cremated this day.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, West Tarring, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Black 1, D. Saunders 2, R. Wilson 3, D. Smith 4, H. Weaver (cond.) 5, F. Chipper 6.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. GEORGE WILLIAM POUND

Mr. George William Pound, who had spent most of his long life of 84 years in Boxley, died on February 21st. Boxley was the village of his birth and where, also, he died and was laid to rest. Ill-health had kept him from ringing since the war, so in the Maidstone District he was unknown to the present generation. But verily he did much to further the great traditions which they inherit and which, therefore, they should be inspired to further by their own enthusiasm and loyalty.

George Pound joined the Boxley band in 1893, the same year as the tower affiliated to the Kent County Association. Four years later, when only 27, he became captain and secretary, continuing so until 1927. He was a contemporary of the late Mr. Charlie Sone, and during Mr. Sone's tenure of the District secretaryship was himself for some time a District representative on the County Committee. Most of his 25 peals, too, were rung with Charlie Sone, and many are remembered by Mr. Tom Sone, for he took part in them with his father.

Mr. Pound's greatest belfry interest was in the ringing for Sunday service and in the teaching of recruits.

In every way he was a keen churchman and Christian gentleman. For over 30 years he robed to take his place in the choir, and after that assumed the duties of sidesman. The keynote of his life was loyalty and his example contributed much to the Boxley tradition, evidence of which can be seen in the lists of members for each year, now 61 in number, which give uniqueness to the ringing chamber.

His friends, the ringers of Boxley, led by the present captain and secretary, his nephew, Wally Gosling, paid their tribute in muffled ringing on the eve of the funeral. E. S. J. H.

MR. DAVID WRIGHT

It is with sincere regret that we read of the death of Mr. David Wright on February 16th at the age of 93 years. He was the oldest member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

David was a native of Hampshire, but as a young man he moved to Westerham, Kent, to follow the occupation of joiner. For a number of years he rang with the Westerham Branch at a period when they could ring Surprise Major for Sunday service.

In the early years of the present century he left Westerham to join the firm of Gillett and Johnston, bell founders, of Croydon, Surrey, in whose employ he remained until he retired in 1938. During those years he rang regularly at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, and was well known in the county of Surrey as a ringer and conductor.

As well as being an able ringer, David was an excellent craftsman. During his service with the bell founders he produced much good work in the way of bell wheels, etc., which found their way to many parts of the country, and although his hands had suffered sadly in encounter with woodworking machinery, his skill in no way deteriorated. The writer knew him well at the Croydon Bell Foundry and always found him an excellent workmate and a cheerful companion. He was always ready with helpful advice at work or to sing a good song at a free and easy concert afterwards.

On his retirement he moved with his family to Southgate, Middlesex, and joined the band of ringers there. He rang at Southgate Church until his great age prevented his activities in that direction, and his last performance was a quarter peal of Stedman Caters on his 87th birthday.

We who knew him will mourn his passing. F. E. C.

MR. E. J. TYLER

It is with sincere regret that we record the death on February 25th of Mr. E. J. Tyler, Ringing Master of St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, at the age of 73 years.

Mr. Tyler was connected with St. Paul's the whole of his life — Sunday School teacher, superintendent, treasurer for over 40 years, churchwarden, sidesman and a ringer for nearly 60 years. He had rung about 70 peals and conducted about 20 in the standard methods for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and Dudley Guild. He conducted the local band peals of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Erin Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, Oxford Major and Double Norwich Major.

The outstanding peal he conducted was Thurstans' Four-part Stedman Triples, in which all the members were employed at the same firm (Edward Elwell, Ltd.) and all born within 100 yards of the church.

Mr. Tyler was cremated on March 1st, and in the evening after the service in the Church of St. Paul a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by his fellow-ringers from Wednesbury Parish Church, All Saints', West Bromwich, and St. Paul's, Wood Green. The band was as follows: B. J. Bicknell 1, W. Peart 2, A. Mills 3, E. Marlow (conductor) 4, J. Cotterill 5, J. N. Hadley 6, M. Turner 7, K. Knowles 8.

MR. C. P. CHALK

Many ringers will be sorry to hear of the passing in Bishop's Stortford Hospital on Feb. 28th of Mr. Charles Philip Chalk at the age of 68, the youngest son of the late Mr. William Chalk, Langford, Maldon, Essex, one of the founders of the Essex Association in 1879. For over 50 years he was a member of the Essex Association and, on moving to Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, he became a member of the local band, and although suffering from deafness, cheerfully assisted whenever possible.

Trained for the teaching profession at All Saints' School, Maldon, and at St. John's College, Battersea, he held posts at Tottenham, Southend-on-Sea, Romford and Elsenham. As headmaster of Elsenham School for 14 years he gained the respect of pupils and parents and for several years served as a churchwarden.

He started ringing at All Saints', Maldon, at an early age with his father and three brothers, William, Fred and Walter, and later on became a member of the Prittlewell band, occasionally ringing a peal. The two peals that gave him the greatest joy were the 'Chalk' peal of Minor at St. Nicolas', Witham, in December, 1913, and the first peal of Major (Kent Treble Bob) in that tower, October, 1932, the bells having been augmented to eight in September that year. On that occasion he rang with four other members of the family, assisted by E. Bright (Witham), H. J. Mansfield (Maldon) and W. Keeble (Feering), conductor.

He had a great love of music and in his young days took leading parts in operatic productions. His love of natural beauty was cleverly shown in his oil paintings of local scenery.

He was laid to rest at Langford on March 4th, the mourners including the widow, Mr. P. A. F. Chalk (son), Mr. W. H. Chalk (brother), the Misses E. and L. Chalk (sisters), Mr. C. Wingrave and Mr. A. Kingsbury (brothers-in-law), Mr. J. Chalk (cousin). Many nephews and nieces, and ringing friends from Maldon, Witham and Bishop's Stortford were present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. B. A. Whitford, Vicar of Heybridge, Rural Dean of Maldon, with Mrs. C. Wakefield at the organ. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by S. C. Easter, H. J. Mansfield, A. Hubble and S. R. Linnett.

MR. WILLIAM RANFORD

With the passing of William Ranford, in his 85th year, the Worcestershire and Districts Association loses one of its oldest and most respected members, who was also an active and esteemed member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, as his native parish of Suckley, where he lived the whole of his life, is on the border of the two counties.

William Ranford—'Father,' as he was affectionately known by many of his wide circle of friends—learnt to ring at an early age on the bells of his native parish, and was a regular attendant for service and practice ringing there to the end. He joined the Worcestershire Association in 1900, and was Western Branch representative on the committee from 1921 until his death. In 1951 he was made a Freeman of this Association in recognition of his long and devoted services to the Association. Living as he did in the centre of a vast rural area, with very little transport except on a bicycle, he must have cycled thousands of miles for ringing, and a great deal of this was done to assist struggling bands in isolated towers to ring the elementary methods.

His total of 506 peals, rung in more than 100 towers, ranged from Doubles to Maximus in a wide variety of methods, especially on six and eight bells on which numbers he felt most at home and preferred to ring. He took part in peals on his 80th, 81st, 82nd and 84th birthdays. The attempt on his 83rd birthday unfortunately came to an untimely end when the clapper fell out of the tenor when the peal seemed certain. One noteworthy peal on which he looked with pride was a veterans' peal of Stedman Triples at St. John's, Worcester, in 1930. He was the youngest and last surviving member of the band.

The funeral service was held at Suckley Church on February 21st and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. M. Briscoe, who was supported by the full choir. The church was filled with the family mourners and a large number of his many friends, more than 50 ringers from Worcestershire and Herefordshire being present. Among the ringers present were Mr. J. R. Newman (Freeman), Mr. C. Skidmore (Master), Mr. C. J. Camm (Western Branch Master), Mr. E. F. Cubberley (Western Branch secretary), of the Worcestershire Association, and Messrs. T. Cooper, J. Ward and L. Evans (district secretaries of the Hereford Diocesan Guild). Four of the local ringers acted as bearers.

After the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Messrs. S. T. Holt, R. C. Morris, D. Beacham and T. W. Lewis, followed by half-muffled touches on the tower bells, in which many of the ringers present took part. A half-muffled peal of Minor was rung the following day.

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from the Worcestershire and Districts Association; his fellow-ringers, Suckley; Western Branch, Worcestershire Association; Ledbury District, Hereford Guild; Bromyard District, Hereford Guild; Worcester Cathedral ringers; St. John's, Worcester, ringers; and St. Peter's, Bromyard, ringers. S. T. H.

MR. C. N. SHARPLES

In connection with the passing of Mr. C. N. Sharples, C.I.E., which was recorded in our issue of March 5th, we are asked to add that he and his family left the farm in Cornwall in 1950, his first class honours degree enabling him to obtain a temporary post as chemist master at Lewes Grammar School and later a permanent appointment as science master at Portsmouth Grammar School. There are three children left to mourn their father.

CAPTAIN OF EYE, SUFFOLK

Some Memories of Bell Hanging

Our quarter peal column recently recorded a 70th birthday tribute to Mr. Frederick Brunning, captain of the ringers at Eye, Suffolk, and also a steeplekeeper and clockwinder.

Fred's name has not appeared frequently in our columns; in fact, his record since he learnt to ring at 18 is only 12, and includes Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major. His last peal was on July 16th, 1922, rung half-muffled at the memorial service to Frederick Day, of the firm of George Day and Sons, bell-hangers, of Eye.

It was as a bell-hanger with Day and Sons that Fred Brunning came in contact with ringers in many parts of the country. Travelling in his day was mainly by train, and he would go with his tackle, frames and so on by train unless the job was near at home, when the material went by a two-horse dray.

His first tower job was at Clare, Suffolk, in 1900, and his other jobs of hanging, frame-building and tower-strengthening have taken him to the following other places:

Suffolk.—Walsham-le-Willows, Bury St. Edmunds (St. James' and St. Mary's), Finningham, Winston, Grundisburgh, Bedfield, Stuston, Fressingfield, Earl Soham, Hopton (West Suffolk), Oakley, Wingfield, Thorndon, Worlingworth, Cotton, Debenham, Yaxley Hevening-ham, Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower), Stoke Ash, Mendlesham, Lawshall, Horringer, Whepstead, Cavendish, Thornham Magna, Hoxne, Palgrave, Thrandeston, Bacton, Framlingham, Weybread, Haverhill, Orford, Horham (the oldest eight in Suffolk), Leiston, Beccles, Rattlesden, Thorpe Morieux, and, of course, Eye.

Norfolk.—South Walsham, Blofield, Burgh Ampton, Pulham Market, Starston, Heydon, Salle, Ellingham, Rockland St. Peter, Bressingham, Loddon, North Walsham, West Toft, East Dereham, Earsham, Watlington, Downham Market, Suffield, Marsham, Hevingham, Wilby, Kenninghall, Quidenham, Brooke, Tharston, Long Stratton, Caston, Winfarthing, Diss, Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, Norwich (St. John Sepulchre and St. Peter Mancroft), Mattishall, Garveston, Wymondham, Attleborough, Aldeby, Coltishall, Toney All Saints, Carbrook, Rushall, Bacton, Happisburgh, Foxley, Wiveton, Cley, Bunwell, Hethersett, Terrington St. Clement, Marham, Billingford, Fritton, North Elmham, Swanton Morley and Saxlingham.

Gloucestershire.—Lechlade.

Wiltshire.—Wroughton and Amesbury.

Bedfordshire.—Blunham.

Derbyshire.—Shardlow and Brailsford.

Northants.—Brackley.

Surrey.—Wonersh and Compton.

Sussex.—Ardingly.

Warwickshire.—Ettington and Yelvertoft.

Leicestershire.—Catthorpe.

Essex.—Halstead, Great Maplestead, Southminster, Galleywood, Barking, West Ham (10 bells) and Gestingthorpe.

Hertfordshire.—Barley and Stevenage.

Cambridgeshire.—Fulbourn, Fordham and Barrington.

Lincolnshire. — Hough-on-the-Hill, Swineshead, Carlton-le-Moorland and Holbeach.

SUCCESS AT THIRD ATTEMPT

Three attempts were necessary for a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Bridgwater by four members of the Chew Deanery and four from the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. For the first attempt the away team had only covered four of the 29-mile journey when a fault in the car occurred. Whilst repairing this one of the sidelight wires was inadvertently cut nearly causing a fire. The trip had to be abandoned and the Bridgwater ringers were advised by getting the police to take a message. A snowstorm caused the second trip on January 28th to be cancelled and a good quarter was rung on February 25th

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

IX. — PLAIN BOB—ROYAL & MAXIMUS

Now as I wrote in Chapter II., you will say that Bob Major is easy anyway and with practice it is just possible to keep the bells right and watch the path of two or three of them and see when the tenor is at a bob-calling position. Maybe that is so—though I suspect that a good many peals of Bob Major are lost each week.

But let us go on to apply what we have learnt to other methods and other numbers of bells. Let us first finish with Plain Bob. In the Major we only bother with the Coursing Order of five 'working' bells, as we know that they come between our 'framework' of the 7th and tenor which is constant. In Royal our framework consists of four bells 7, 8, 9 and 0, which course in the order 8, 0, 9, 7. And then following 7 come the five working bells 5, 3, 2, 4, 6 and so back to 8 again.

In Maximus our 'framework' is 8, 0, T, E, 9, 7 and our 'working' bells are the same 5, 3, 2, 4, 6 following the 7th.

In both Royal and Maximus the effect of the bobs at W. M. and H. is exactly the same as in Major. The distance between the W. and M. positions is longer, but that does not trouble us as we call our bobs by the bells which will be concerned in them. Bobs before are not usual in Plain Bob Royal or Maximus as they alter the order of one of the back bells.

There is another incidental but very important advantage of knowing the Coursing Order. We have all of us experienced the difficulty of dealing with the unaccustomed ropesight when we first ring on 10 or 12 bells. That difficulty is almost entirely removed in a method like Plain Bob if we know and ring by the Coursing Order—we know which bell to look for.

(To be continued)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The February meeting was held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on the 27th ult., when members were present from Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Collingham, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Halifax, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Thorner and the local company, together with visitors from Bridlington, Queensbury, Thorne and York.

Ringing commenced about 3.30 and continued till 5, when a pause was made to refresh the inner man and transact the business of the Society. An apology for absence was received from Miss M. Bryce.

The members stood in silence as a token of respect to the memory of three members who had died in the past month—J. W. Benten (Christ Church, Armley), J. W. Pinder (East Ardsley) and W. Whitaker (St. Chad's, Headingley).

The following new members were elected:—Miss B. M. Sanderson and Miss S. Schofield (Leeds Parish Church). Miss Betty West (Collingham) and Mr. W. Haley (St. Michael's, Headingley).

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by the secretary. Mr. R. Butterfield replied on behalf of the local company.

The annual nomination meeting will be held at Drighlington on March 27th, 1954. I. S.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 21st. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, D. Reeve 4, S. Atkins 5, T. Stagg 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 25th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, T. Stagg 2, S. Atkins 3, D. Reeve 4, J. Sharpe 5, W. Bower 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the Mayor of Thetford.

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BIRTH

STANIFORTH. — On March 8th, 1954, at Westcotes Nursing Home, Leicester, to Jill (nee Poole) and Peter Staniforth, the precious gift of a daughter. 4080

MARRIAGE

MOZLEY—McFARLANE. — On February 27th, 1954, at the Church of St. Laurence, Northfield, Birmingham, John David Mozley, of Haslemere, Surrey, to Anne Fawkes McFarlane, of Northfield. 4057

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'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS' now out of print. A few copies only left at published price, 21s., from the author, Ernest Morris, Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 4017

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, March 13th, 3.30. Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Gracechurch Street, E.C., 6 p.m. Preliminary notice: A summer meeting will be held at Leicester on May 8th; details later.—A. B. Peck. 3996

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined meeting at Kenilworth, Saturday, March 13th, 3 p.m. Tea at local cafe. All welcome —R. J. E. 4054

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Brampford Speke, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 3.15. Special methods: Bob Minor, Bob Doubles. Cups of tea available; bring own food.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 4026

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—A. H. Everett, Hon. Sec. 3993

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Redbourn (6), March 13th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4012

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting, St. Lawrence, Thanet, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea with cash to Mr. S. J. Gee, 22, Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, Kent.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3985

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Godalming, Surrey. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. Names to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3997

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting March 13th, St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting St. Mark's, Dalston, 5.30 p.m., and further ringing. —L. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 4025

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. John-at-Hackney, Mare Street, E.9, on Saturday, March 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 4039

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Long Ashton, March 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Market Weighton, March 20th. Bells available 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Londesborough Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, 13, Princess Close, Market Weighton. 4072

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Church Lawton, March 20th, **not** March 13th. Names for tea by March 17th. **Please note amended date.** — W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 4059

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, March 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 17th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4073

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker Commemoration.—St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Committee meeting in the vestry 3.30. Names for tea, before March 18th, to F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 4045

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Swanwick, March 20th. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Brighouse, Mostyn House, Derby Road, Swanwick, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4056

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 20th. Note altered date. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting in Small Parish Hall, 5. Names, by March 18th, to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 3982

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Colne Engaine, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) available 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. L. Dixey, Croft Villas, Colne Engaine, Colchester. 4032

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham (6), Saturday, March 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 4063

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4067

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting at Tredington (5) March 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, by March 16th.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 4060

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge, Saturday, March 20th. 3 p.m. Special method. St. Albans Delight. Names for tea to S. Huckle, 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield, Herts. 4079

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Combined meeting at Rolvenden (8), March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Bull Inn. Important: Those requiring tea inform, by Tuesday, March 16th, S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenden. 4021

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Rushden (8) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, March 17th, to Mr. A. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden, Northants. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 4053

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Matthew's, Stretford, March 20th. Meeting 3 p.m. Bells 5 p.m. Cups of tea. Altrincham bus from Piccadilly or Deansgate. All welcome.—R. Benson. 4074

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, March 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Practice method: Cambridge. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 17th, to K. Abbott, 109, Greenbank Road, Rochdale.—F. Pritchard. 4075

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Cups of tea provided. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter. 4076

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, March 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, Crown Inn. Names, by March 17th, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4064

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey (not Broughton) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton. Phone Kirton 316.—George L. G. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 4006

LINCOLN DISTRICT. — Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Meeting at Eagle (6) on Saturday, March 20th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4048

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — District meeting, Stanwell (6), March 20th, 4 p.m. Tea in Vicarage 5.15. Bells available after. St. Mary's, Staines (8), 2.45 to 3.45.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4061

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at Warborough, Oxon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea for those who notify me by March 15th. Dorchester bells available after tea. **Preliminary Notice.**—Annual Branch meeting will be held at Watlington on June 19th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 4022

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gayton, March 20th. Names for tea, by March 13th, to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 4040

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, March 20th. Names to T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4078

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, March 20th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4069

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Farnsfield, Saturday, March 20th. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—S. Barley, Hon. Sec. 4038

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Bletchingley, March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by March 17th, to F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 4068

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whitchurch (8), March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at local hotel. Laverstoke (6) after tea. Names for tea by March 16th to Mr. G. K. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, near Newbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting at Brockenhurst, Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Bells in evening.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4071

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Romsey on Saturday, March 20th. Names for tea, by March 16th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 4062

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Bi-quarterly meeting, Kidderminster (12), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (own arrangements); Coventry or Oxford cafes near church.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 4037

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hallow, Saturday March 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 16th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 4077

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The annual quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at Bradford Cathedral. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. General business meeting 6 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Special business: Election of officers. Association badges now available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4035

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Uffculme (8), Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by March 22nd. —W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4052

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting, Boughton, March 27th. Names for tea, by March 20th, to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 4036

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting at Sevenoaks, Kent, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 24th, please, to the undersigned. All ringers welcome. Frequent Southern Electric trains from Charing Cross or London Bridge.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Wells on Easter Monday, April 19th. Details of service, lunch, etc., will be announced shortly.—R. O. Fry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 5, Morford Street, Bath. 4049

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bromley, Easter Monday. All particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 4065

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Bristol on Saturday, April 24th. Nominations for Master, together with names of proposer and seconder, to reach me not later than Saturday, March 27th. Full details later.—F. Skidmore, Gen. Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5. 4055

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, May 8th.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 4070

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, Saturday, May 29th. Transport from London will be arranged if sufficient support forthcoming. Members and friends interested please write for details to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts, before March 31st. Gentlemen cordially invited. 4018

5,088 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major

By NOLAN GOLDEN

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B				S	56234
D			—	—	42635
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B	—			S	34265

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B = P. L. P
C = P. P. L
D = L. P. P

Eleven times repeated, omitting S half-way and end.

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THE EXERCISE

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

(From a speech to the Bristol University Society)

LOOKING backward the history of the Exercise may be said to begin, of course, in the early part of the 17th century, with the invention of what were known as the 'Sixes,' and with the ascendancy of Puritanism by which the newly-formed art of change ringing became secularised. Recognised at that time simply as a sport, it was soon centred in societies of young men, often of high birth. One of the earliest of these, established here in Bristol about 1620 as 'The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers,' has subsisted with another, 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' up to present times. By the time Fabian Stedman was born, about 1642, there had already been invented 'Plain Changes' and 'Cross Peals,' and these, together with what corresponded roughly to that we now know as Bob Minimus and Bob Doubles, were rung by the College Youths before that half-century; though it should be realised that half-pull change ringing had not yet arrived.

About 1650 Robert Roan introduced the first of methods of the form as we know them to-day—Grandsire Doubles and, later, Bob Minor. The two books published some years later, 'Tintinnalogia' (Duckworth and Stedman) and 'Campanalogia' (Stedman, 1677), laid the foundations of method ringing as now understood. Later came great ringers and composers like Annable, Holt and Shipway, and then Thomas Thurstans, Henry Johnson and Jasper Snowdon, followed by the more modern conductors and composers such as Pye, Parker, Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, with a large number of others. These are to be remembered as the pillars of the Exercise of the past. To quote the well-known biblical passage, 'There be of them that have left a name behind them, that their praise might be reported; and some there be which have no memorial. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.'

Of the Exercise of the present, the outstanding thought, I suggest, is that of the impressive changes that are taking place. Women have come to play an essential and invaluable part in its life and progress. Skill in performance has advanced to the degree that enables Surprise ringing to be almost the commonplace, instead of the rarity as of 50 years ago, with the tackling of spliced ringing as a standard objective in many towers. There is also the praiseworthy striving to ring the more difficult methods in the higher stages—the extensions.

And now for the debunking! First, generally: Although the practice of ringing is, thank goodness, no longer purely secular, yet let us recognise the truth of it. It is, as now, surely, in the main, a recreational pastime, albeit a Christian one. Outstanding as it is in the facilities it offers for mental and physical exercise and enjoyment (and for the practice of social discipline!), it provides also, of course, through service ringing, the happy privilege of discharging a hallowed duty. In this, is it not a further proof that in Christian service as in other rightful occupations we can take real pleasure? From this aspect, too, we must come to take an inflexible stand against the indiscriminate introduction of synthetic sound systems of bell ringing. This God-given art, uniquely British as it is, it becomes our duty to cherish as a national heritage. Long may it flourish!

Secondly, a little personal debunking. For this personal mention I ask your forgiveness and indulgence, for it is in order to emphasise a point of general import. My main interest in ringing lies in its didactic aspect, particularly for beginners in both practice and theory, and by the latter I mean especially the theory of method structure and design, not to be confused with 'composition.' (The composer, of course, can only begin where the designer leaves off!) It seems that one's life interest in this theoretical aspect of ringing has acquired for it, most unfortunately, a sort of reputation as being for the expert only—and for the technological expert at that! Let me say at once, and quite simply, 'I am no expert,' and that the systems of instruction I have developed in both practice and theory are for the beginner rather than the more experienced.

The perfection of bell control and its concomitant—good striking—are more than ever requisite in present-day method ringing. Yet one sees (and hears!) the results of faulty instruction in the majority of towers one is privileged to visit, reflected in the handling of the bell and in the 'quasi-ringing' of the method itself. It is in the latter connection that the study of method structure, so closely allied to the practical instruction, has so much to offer; with its aids to analysis and synthesis, and its memorisation.

R. W. Emerson has said that every reform was once a private opinion. But it has been said that the 'new look' in this aspect of ringing is unwanted. I would say that

there has been precious little looking in this direction at all, hitherto, and that unless this is changed progress cannot be assured. What little there was cannot escape the criticism of ambiguity and ill-definition. And to this may be attributed much of the futile argument of later years, especially on the subject of extensions of methods.

And what of the future? On the practical side we look forward to the universal achievement of that precision in striking in method ringing that can at least match that of the skilled ringing of the famous call change bands. From this it seems clear that our systems of instruction need overhaul to ensure improved techniques in the acquisition of bell control and striking and the sound learning of methods. The present Exercise owes it to posterity to increase and maintain the intake of learners. Indeed, it now seems possible that education authorities may include the study of the subject of the art and science of bell ringing in some of their extension curricula.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.
A PEAL OF 5060 PLAIN BOB CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	WILLIAM LOVE	8
*CEDRIC CURSON	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	9
*STANLEY W. COPLING	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	10
ERNEST G. SHORTING	5	BERT GOGLE	11
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6	*JOHN MOORE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Plain Bob Cinques by all, on the bells and for the Association.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	JOHN WORTH	9
BASIL JONES	4	WALTER ALLMAN	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
*SIDNEY T. HOLT	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Maximus in the method. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus on the bells, in the county, and for the Association.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	7
IVOR R. NICHOLS	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
GEORGE W. HUGHES	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	AUBREY M. PICKERING	10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5	MAURICE G. TURNER	11
SAMUEL BIRCH	6	*GORDON HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on twelve bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 GARTREE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*BRIAN MARTIN	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	JOHN R. SMITH	10
ERNEST W. RAWSON	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal to be rung in this method (Corrigan's No. 868). All the above are members of the Cathedral service band.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Staniforth on the birth of a daughter.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	*MICHAEL E. BROWN	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by KENNETH C. LEWIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD G. JENNEY	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	RICHARD GRANT	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	JOHN GRANT	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Specially arranged as a compliment to John Grant, of the Leicester Cathedral Band, on his 74th birthday.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5059 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

GORDON A. HALLS	*Treble*	MARK J. BARKER	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	8
*HAROLD TAYLOR	4	*FRANCIS R. LOWE	9
ALAN TAYLOR	5	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* 100th peal together. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN H. LOTT	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	VICTOR GRIFFIN	9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Arranged by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Royal. First peal in method by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., February 20, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 23½ cwt.

RICHARD WHITE	*Treble*	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	5
WILLIAM JUDGE	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
EDMUND E. PEARSON	3	JOHN E. SPICE	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	GRAHAM H. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt.

JOHN W. T. CHEW	*Treble*	JAMES A. PARKER	5
HAROLD SPENCER	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
HAROLD PARKER	3	JOHN G. HOBSON	7
BERT SUTTON	4	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Harold Parker and the 50th wedding anniversary of Thomas and Martha Barker, who were married at Handsworth, Sheffield, on February 27th, 1904.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., February 27, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

EDMUND E. PEARSON	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
REGINALD H. JARVIS	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
FREDERICK E. SODEN	4	IVOR H. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	5
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
THOMAS LEE	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
THOMAS W. HESKETH	4	JOHN E. SPICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
The first peal on the middle eight.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	*JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on 'inside' bell.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., March 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5008 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
JOHN E. COOK	3	ARTHUR CATTELL	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	ALAN CATTELL	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
First peal in the method on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*ALFRED BALLARD	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	*MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

NANCIE E. SWANN	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
*EDWARD W. COLLEY	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	*REGINALD F. CROOK	7
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BAMPTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES SANGWIN	*Treble*	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	5
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
WILLIAM HIBBERT	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
CYRIL H. KINCH	4	*REGINALD J. ROUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JANE COATES	*Treble*	WILLIAM WHEELER	5
AUDREY BAILEY	2	WILLIAM ALEY	6
REGINALD HAYDEN	3	STANLEY CLARK	7
DAVID BEARD	4	*THOMAS CAMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY CLARK.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal as conductor.
A farewell peal to Mr. Round-Turner. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Jane Coates.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ..	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	JOHN S. WYBREW	6
*E. GEORGE CATTON ..	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ..	4	ALAN G. FEVER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN G. FEVER.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.
A birthday peal for R. E. Lester and Brian Coleman.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*FRANK CLAYDON	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN ..	3	JOHN F. GROVE	7
*FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ..	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

*MICHAEL HEATON	*Treble*	HERBERT M. HEATON ..	5
JEFFREY P. COOPER ..	2	PERCY WHITAKER	6
GEOFFREY DIXON	3	ALLAN WEAR	7
†JAMES D. ARMITAGE ..	4	WILLIAM DIXON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM DIXON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' 100th peal in the tower.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ..	5
*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD..	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ..	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	7
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* 50th peal of London. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY ..	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	WILLIAM LOVE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	*JOHN MOORE	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*DAVID CORNWALL	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
DOREEN COKER	2	WALTER LEE	6
ARTHUR NEWTON	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	NORMAN CORNWALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.
* First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*DONALD I. HAYNES ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ..	5
†ALASTAIR ELLIOT	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ..	6
ROBERT F. TURNER ..	3	ROBERT G. BLACK	7
ARTHUR H. IDLE	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.
To commemorate the 225th anniversary of the first peal in this tower, 5040 Grandsire Triples, on February 28th, 1729.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

DANIEL T. MATKIN	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	5
CHARLES McGUINESS ..	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	5
PERCY GREEN	2	*PETER J. EVES	6
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ..	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all.
Espccially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. H. Symonds, mother of the 7th ringer. Composition is now rung for first time.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., March 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*MAURICE G. TURNER ..	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
JAMES B. BICKNELL ..	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES ..	6
JOHN R. COTTERILL ..	3	EDGAR MARLOW	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY ..	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* 200th peal for the Society and has now 'circled the tower.'
In memoriam Edwin J. Tyler, ringer at St. Paul's Church for 58 years, who passed away February 25th, 1954.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	6
*JOHN A. ACRES	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER ..	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*FREDA ROBINSON	*Treble*	*A. EDWARD DOBB	4
DORIS MARSHALL ..	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in four methods. All the band are members of the local company.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE	*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	4
THOMAS W. LEWIS	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Ranford.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
*CYRIL SAVAGE	2	ALBERT W. DYRE	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	†WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal for the Association. † 50th peal. 25th peal as conductor.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 22 six-scores (ten callings), 10 240's Morris's Arrangement.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ROBERT E. R. SMITH	*Treble*	REV. F. A. OSWELL	4
LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM	2	†DONALD G. CLARKE	5
*DOROTHY A. ATWELL	3	DAVID CHALLENGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † 50th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. A. Oswell, M.A. (ringer of 4th bell), who was inducted to the benefice of Llanfrechfa on February 11th, 1954.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 720 each of Lightfoot, Beverley, York, Norfolk, Primrose, Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
JAMES W. HAW	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
Rung with the best wishes and congratulations of the rest of the band to honour the gift of a son (Desmond Walter, born on February 15th) to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Musson.

ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY R. COCKELL	*Treble*	†COLIN A. TESTER	4
*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	*‡FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	5
†HARRY HEATH	3	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LAURENCE E. HITCHINS.
* 75th peal together. † First peal of Minor. ‡ 75th peal. First peal as conductor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of 2 extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID A. GODFREY	*Treble*	MISS E. WISE	4
VICTOR NEAL	2	HENRY PARKER	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Howard and Kenneth Parker.

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SUDBURY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

DEREK SHAKESPEARE	*Treble*	CHARLES W. WALKLATE	4
ELISABETH GRIME	2	SAMPSON WALKLATE	5
DAVID K. WALKLATE	3	KENNETH TUNNICLIFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung as a farewell to P.O. J. Wilkinson and Mrs. K. Wilkinson, who have left the district.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(Bures St. Mary's Society.)
On Mon., March 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	*Treble*	MRS. LESLIE MILLS	4
ALLEN W. CANSDALE	2	DONALD L. MILLS	5
LESLIE D. MILLS	3	A. EDWARD LEGGETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

First peal in four methods by all the band.

STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	4
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in seven methods.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., March 5, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 4 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

LESLIE PIERCE	*Treble*	*ERNEST BISHOP	3
*RICHARD ROSE	2	LEONARD SHARPE	4
KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5100 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

SAMPSON WALKLATE	*Treble*	ELISABETH GRIME	4
*JOHN P. MURFIN (12)	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
CHARLES W. WALKLATE	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal 'inside.'

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

WILLIAM GORRINGE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4
*STANLEY G. PONTING	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in four methods. First peal of Minor in four methods on the bells and for the Guild.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz. (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

MARY BLISS	*Treble*	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4
THOMAS W. LEWIS	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Notts District.)
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise Treble Bob, Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, London Scholars' Treble Bob, Sandal Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. PHILIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
MARION BRADLEY	2	DOREEN ARMSTRONG	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Betty Thorn, of Tuxford, and Sergt. Frank Campbell, R.E.M.E., of Newcastle, married that day.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

No. 96. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8

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

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	7—8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on handbells. Specially arranged for Mrs. Kippin and M. J. Butler, of Southampton, it being their first attempt for a peal 'in hand.'

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG (81)	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD (80)	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN (71)	3—4	SIDNEY F. PALMER (79)	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A birthday compliment by his fellow-veterans to the conductor, 71 on the above date. The conductor's 600th peal (conducted 472); also S. F. Palmer's 300th peal. Average age of band 78.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., March 10, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT JESUS COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*E. W. TAYLOR (Emmanuel)	1—2	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	3—4
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn)	5—6		

Conducted by R. J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERGELE, DENBIGHS.—At the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. G. Parkington 2, L. J. Evans 3, J. P. Griffiths 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, S. Williams 6. First quarter on the bells in two methods.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sims (first quarter) 1, E. Rouse 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett (first quarter as cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6.

CHELSEA, S.W.—On Feb. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, P. G. Williams 2, F. P. Mead 3, F. Howson 4, Miss V. E. Dupré 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. H. Lott 7, P. A. Carter 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, C. T. Bartlett 10. First on 10 for 1 and 2.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 1, J. R. Fleetwood 2, N. J. Fleetwood 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, F. V. Gant 5, I. Campbell 6, C. E. Wright 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First in the method by 2 and 3. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Nolder (aged 13, first quarter) 1, P. Carter 2, P. Westwood (first quarter of Grandsire) 3, Jean Scrutton (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, G. M. Harvey 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, S. F. Victor Neil (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Edward Churchill and George M. Kilby, both old friends of St. Stephen's ringers.

ELTHAM, KENT—On Ash Wednesday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, W. Prockson 4, R. Laming 5, J. Hurrell 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Ellis 5, J. Waters 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, J. Stephenson 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, J. Allsop 10.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, E. Lambert 2, C. Webb 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Morton.

GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,440 Netherseale Surprise Minor: M. Collings 1, R. Dixon 2, Miss A. Willes 3, M. Orme 4, P. Mehew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First of Netherseale by 1, 2, 3 and 5. Believed to be the first quarter ever rung on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. Tipton 1, L. Cordell 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, E. Larter 4, L. Whitby 5, W. Wheeler 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Golding (first quarter) 1, W. W. Webb 2, P. Bettridge 3, W. A. Lewis 4, P. A. Ruch (first 'inside') 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, W. J. Winter 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cornwall 1, A. Newton 2, A. E. Cox 3, K. Biggs 4, J. Kape 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Cornwall (first of Major) 1, D. Cornwall (first of Major 'inside') 2, R. Biggs 3, K. Biggs (first of Major) 4, Doreen Coker 5, W. Avery 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox (first of Major as cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On March 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Perkins 1, F. Nicholls 2, W. Ransome 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Clements 6, S. Gilbert 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the ordination service by the Bishop of Ely.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Creak 1, Mrs. K. F. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, F. D. Bishop 5, S. Croft 6, T. E. Davies 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 28th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. Parkin (first 720) 1, Miss P. D. Prowse (first 'inside') 2, D. Burnett 3, H. Harper 4, C. A. Wratten 5, A. Carveth (first 720 of Minor as cond.) 6. For morning prayer. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. N. Penrose 1, Mrs. J. M. Simpkin 2, Miss P. D. Prowse 3, C. A. Wratten (first of Major as cond.) 4, Miss V. M. Matthews 5, H. Harper 6, C. K. Brewer (first of Major 'inside') 7, A. Carveth 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. After Evensong.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Slade 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, G. W. Abbott 3, C. H. Smart (first quarter of Kent Treble Bob Minor) 4, J. H. Hayne (first in method 'inside') 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. First quarter in method on the bells.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with 6 and 8 covering: S. Harrison 1, J. Butler 2, Miss J. E. Hoodless 3, G. Payne 4, S. Adams 5, J. W. Horspool 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, H. S. Colton 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 8. A 76th birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gibbs 1, J. King 2, D. Priestley 3, O. Payne 4, J. M. Clarke 5, A. J. Wilson (cond.) 6, G. D. Deighton 7, A. L. Priestley (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Warren, senior sidesman at this church for 30 years.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Hewitt 1, C. A. Hewitt 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, F. Lacey 4, G. Thompson 5, D. Hewitt 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, J. Kinnard 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. Rung for Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Manchip 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, W. Welling (cond.) 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Birt 5, F. R. Scott 6, J. Ellwood 7, A. D. Rivers 8, W. Birmingham 9, E. L. A. Hudson 10. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, and in honour of Mr. Frank Sinkins' 89th birthday.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: A. Saunders 1, Mrs. H. W. Moore 2, A. R. Syder 3, H. W. Moore 4, T. Earle (cond.) 5, K. J. Lewsey (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to K. J. Lewsey.

SUTTON, ELY, CAMBS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Knights (first quarter) 1, M. Darby 2, D. Murfitt 3, C. Gimbert 4, S. Shipp (cond.) 5, D. Peacock 6.

WALMER, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Hawkins 1, Frances Woodcock (first of Triples) 2, F. A. Rye (cond.) 3, Ann Vine 4, J. Penfold 5, T. Wickens 6, D. Ladd 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Ann Vine and Mr. Desmond Ladd.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Woolley 1, G. W. Hughes 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, W. R. Hughes 4, A. Batterell (cond.) 5, S. Hughes 6. A 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and his first quarter away from tenor.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Mar. 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. B. Sansom 3, J. Stephenson 4, W. Rawlings 5, H. M. Page 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. Ellis 8.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Daniel D. Cooper, of Croydon, Master of the Surrey Association, on March 13th. He was a member of the Central Council and captain of the ringers of Croydon Parish Church. The funeral service was held yesterday at Croydon Parish Church.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For 34 years Mr. Reginald J. Rouse has been a ringer at Bampton (Oxon). For the Appleton Day this year the bells were not available and the customary peal was rung at Bampton. This gave Mr. Rouse his chance; he scored his first peal, ringing the tenor to Grandsire Triples.

The dedication of the ring of five at Great Amwell (Herts) is reported this week. We understand that there is a likelihood of a sixth bell being added in the near future through the generosity of one of the present donors.

Mr. W. R. Hughes, who has rung at Walsall for over 50 years, had the pleasure of ringing a quarter peal with his son and granddaughter on March 6th.

A golden wedding quarter peal was rung at All Saints', West Bromwich, for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miles. Mr. Miles called it from the third.

A pair of brown leather gloves was left in the belfry of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, after the ringing by the London University Society on March 6th. Will the owner please apply to Mr. John R. Leeming, Halliday Hall, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

The peal of Bob Minor rung at Rowde (Wiltshire) for the Salisbury Guild on February 27th was rather unusual. Besides being two first of Minor and first as conductor, it was Mr. F. Slatford's 75th peal and the conductor's 47th. Mr. P. Harding, who taught both of these ringers, has taken part in all the peals. The trio do not consider themselves 'peal grabbers,' but, as a well-known ringer put it, 'a happy combination.' Another pleasant feature was the welcome extended by the Vicar, who visited the tower and congratulated the band at the completion of a well-struck peal.

Although an attempt to augment the six bells of St. Mary's, Hambledon (Bucks), to eight had to be abandoned last year the contract has now been signed for a complete rehanging of the existing bells with completely new fittings. This will cost just under £600 and all the money required has already been collected. The fund was officially opened on February 27th and by March 8th it had been oversubscribed, although the parish is a small and scattered one. The work, which includes turning and tuning the bells and modifications to the tower, is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

We have received a letter signed 'Scribe.' Anonymous letters cannot be entertained in our columns. If 'Scribe' would care to sign his name to his letter it would receive editorial consideration.

A congratulatory peal to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, upon the birth of a son (Desmond Walter) on February 5th, was rung at Morton (Lincs). Owing to illness in the village it was impossible to make the attempt at Silk Willoughby, but it is hoped to attempt a peal for the christening.

A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on March 10th at East Sutton (Kent) by members of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, to mark the departure of the Rev. W. E. Purcell, Vicar of Sutton Valence with East Sutton for the past six years. Mr. Purcell, whose voice is familiar to millions of radio listeners through the broadcasting of 'The People's Services' from Sutton Valence in both 1952 and 1953, also 'Women's Hour' and 'Silver Lining' programmes, leaves Sutton Valence this week to start his new duties as Director of Religious Broadcasting on the Midland Region of the B.B.C

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

Presentation of Badge to the Master

The bad weather may have hampered many activities but it did not interfere with those of the 10-years-old University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers. Saturday, January 30th, will long be remembered by those assembled in Bristol.

Eight hopeful members set out early for Bitton, but alas! the peal columns—even the quarter peal columns—will not be able to record their efforts.

Meanwhile others started off at Holy Nativity, Knowle (8), followed after lunch by St. Thomas' (8), St. Mark's (Lord Mayor's Chapel) (6) and Christ Church (10). An hour's ringing on the six at St. Michael's terminated the tower bell ringing for the day.

In the absence of the Rector (the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan Jones), Dr. Hudson conducted the service at St. Michael's. The lesson was read by Mr. T. Edwards.

THE DINNER

The dinner was held for the third consecutive year in the Senior Common Room of the University Refectory by kind invitation of the president, Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst. About 60 guests, visitors and members, sat down to an excellent dinner.

After proposing the loyal toast and the toast of 'The Church,' Prof. Brocklehurst welcomed everyone—particularly the vice-chancellor (Sir Philip Morris) on his first visit to one of the Society's dinners. He also was glad to see so many 'old' members. He went on to say it was his first opportunity to express his thanks for the honour of being elected president in succession to Prof. S. H. Piper.

This was an important occasion—it was the 10th year of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers. Founded in 1943, it started under war-time conditions but had grown well to become a very flourishing Society.

The toast of 'The Exercise' was proposed by Mr. A. York-Bramble, a precis of whose speech appears on the front page of this issue.

Mr. Percy Cave, in reply, said:—

'This Exercise of ours is composed of all sorts—bishops, doctors, lord mayors, bank clerks, dustmen, farm labourers and University undergraduates—all with a common purpose, to ring the bells of our churches—as many as we can manage or be permitted to ring—every Sunday of the year. In our ranks we have our many varieties, judged, that is, from the ringing point of view. We have Surprise ringers—that is, ringers who cannot ring Stedman—and then we have tenor ringers.

TENOR RINGERS

'There are, of course, tenor ringers and tenor ringers. Some are exceedingly glamorous and one, at any rate, is well in the running for election as 'The Tenor Belle of 1954.'

'But there is the other type—the one who glories in "turning the tenor in." You don't "turn the tenor in" any more than you turn the fifth in or the ninth or the treble. You ring the tenor—but not these boys—they turn the tenor in and the whole of the rest of the Exercise is there only for the purpose of enabling them to perform this wonderful feat.

'You can always spot them at a meeting—in a strange tower they make a beeline for the tenor and after a touch they step down off the perch with an expression of "Didn't I ring that beautifully?" and experience a mild pang of disappointment when no one pats them on the back. So they go home and write to "The Ringing World" and a paragraph appears to announce that the many friends of Mr. X, the celebrated heavy-bell ringer, will be pleased to know that he has added further laurels to his name by turning in yet another tenor at Y. No mention is made of the other n—1 ringers who had to use all their skill to keep out of his road as he floundered along.

'There was a time when these people stood on the floor with their fellows. Now they stand on a sort of pedestal — disrespectfully known as a tenor box—and survey their subjects from aloft. I note a tendency for these pedestals to become higher and higher so that now, as well as having to handle the bell, you have to have a good head for heights.

Fortunately for the health of the Exercise these super beings are in the process of fading out because the art of bellhanging has reached such a pitch of perfection that it is just as easy to ring the tenor as any other bell.

'But, ragging apart, what can we, as ringers, do to improve the health of our Exercise?'

NEW BLOOD ON CENTRAL COUNCIL

I would like to make one suggestion. We should inject new blood and new life into that outstanding example of complacent futility—the Central Council. At present it meets once a year and, as a social gathering for those privileged to attend, it probably has no equal.

'But what good does it do for the rank and file of the Exercise? Do they ever discuss the pressing problem of how to get more ringers to man the bells which are silent Sunday after Sunday?

'Not a bit of it—their main concern seems to be whether a 6th place bob should be made in 3rds place or express their pompous indignation if anyone should ring a peal of Minor by leaving the 2nd out of a ring of eight. As if it mattered.'

Miss Jeanette Rose (hon. secretary) who proposed 'The Visitors,' welcomed the vice-chancellor of the University (Sir Philip Morris) and the Masters of the Manchester University and the Oxford Universities Societies. She also had a special word of greeting to Mr. Leslie Barry, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

In replying, the vice-chancellor said that girls took a very keen interest in bellringing and he wondered to what purpose. He sincerely hoped that when the purpose was achieved they would not give up ringing.

Mr. Wilfred Robinson, Master of the Manchester University Guild, proposed the toast of 'The Society.' University Societies, he believed, produced specialists. He understood that their Society now claimed to have 'the heaviest bell to ring a woman to a peal'!

Before calling on the Master (Miss Enid L. Roberts) to reply, the president (Prof. Brocklehurst) said that in its first ten years the Society had acquired many things but he had felt that one thing was missing. He now proposed to put this right and asked Miss Roberts to accept and wear for the first time this Master's badge of office, which he had pleasure in giving the Society.

Fireworks (last year) did not upset her speech but this wonderful surprise practically left the Master speechless: nevertheless, on behalf of the Society, she gave a sincere 'thank you' to Prof. Brocklehurst.

Having recovered from this great surprise, Miss Roberts recounted that the Society was formed 10 years ago last October by Miss Monica Richardson and Miss Joan Budden. Running the Society in its early years was a great struggle for the Master and it still was.

They were definitely a select body—probably the only one to get 50 per cent First Class Honours in Finals last year. In the Union diary, under 'Culture and Scientific Societies,' change ringers were the first, but judging by their numbers, students were not interested in culture or science.

There were five peals to record since the last dinner — including one on St. Michael's — the first for about 20 years. These brought the Society's total to 21.

The Society had at last been successful in playing Cupid. It had been taking pot shots for years but seemed to have improved with practice. It was not only the first time a past-Master and a past-secretary had got engaged but it was also the first time two members of the Society had become engaged.

She thanked the committee for all its help and especially the secretary for taking the blame if anything went wrong.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT SIDCUP

Lewisham District Meeting

Some 45 members and friends journeyed to Sidcup, an unexpected venue, for the first District meeting of the year. The warm welcome extended and excellent arrangements of the local band proved to the entire company that the unexpected can be very pleasant indeed.

Ringing during the afternoon, supervised by Mr. P. Brown, District Ringing Master, preceded the service conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. R. Webb), whose address was much enjoyed. The singing of hymns and psalm was greatly assisted by the kind offices of Mr. Cowdry at the organ. A collection was made for the Association's Benevolent Fund.

Tea was served in the neighbouring Crusaders Hall, a cosy, comfortable meal prepared by Mrs. C. E. Palmer and friends.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Twelve ringers were elected into the Association and one election was ratified. The chairman welcomed the new members with a wish that they would enjoy very long service in the belfry.

Mr. A. S. Richards read a report of proceedings of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November—an excellent paper, superbly read, that gained the congratulations of the chairman and the applause of the audience.

After the secretary's explanation that necessary repairs to the tower at St. Luke's, Bromley, had prevented the desired meeting there, it was decided to visit Woolwich for the next meeting on Saturday, April 24th.

Arrangements for the annual general meeting to be held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, on Easter Monday, were discussed, and Mr. I. Emery appealed to members for all possible support to ensure the success of this function.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. C. E. Palmer and the local band and to the ladies for their catering efficiency concluded the business.

Further ringing brought the closure to the very successful day's activities.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Western Branch was held at Fakenham on February 27th. Among those present were the general secretary (the Rev. A. G. Thurlow) and the Ringing Master (Mr. Nolan Golden).

Officers elected were:—Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Turney (Sculthorpe); secretary, Mr. C. F. Tovell; Ringing Master, Mr C. V. Ebberson.

The dates for the quarterly meetings for 1954 were fixed for May 29th, August 28th and November 27th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Death of the Master

The annual general meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, under a heavy cloud: the Association's Master, Mr. Daniel D. Cooper, passed away that morning.

At the service which preceded the meeting the Vicar (Canon C. F. Tonks, M.B.E.), gave a short address in which he embodied an appreciation of Dan's services not only to ringing but to the church.

Following tea, served by the lady members of the tower assisted by wives of ringers, the meeting was opened by the members standing in silence in memory of their Master. Mr. F. E. Collins was elected to the chair.

The committee's report indicated continued progress and drew attention to the fact that six of its resident members had been honoured by H.M. the Queen, viz. Messrs. W. Hewitt, A. B. Peck, J. Phillips, W. H. Passmore, E. Watts and H. N. Pitstow had each received the Coronation Medal and Mr. Pitstow had also received the M.B.E.

Twenty-six peals had been rung in which 119 members participated, and 15 of these rang their first peal whilst 17 members shared in the conducting.

Collection of subscriptions still is a difficult problem, the accounts disclosing that 87 members were in arrears for at least one year, many of them owing for more than one year.

The treasurer's report showed a reduction of about £10 in the balance in hand.

The general officers—F. Oatway (secretary), P. Davis (assistant secretary) and T. A. Blow (auditor)—were re-elected and new officers to fill the vacancies are S. Kimber (treasurer) and R. Davies (librarian). The office of Master was left unfilled for the time being.

In a ballot for Central Council representatives the following were elected:—Messrs. F. E. Collins, W. F. Oatway and H. N. Pitstow.

The annual general meeting for 1955 was fixed for Reigate and Redhill on March 19th.

Two amendments to rules, one giving the committee power to amend subscription rates, subject to a majority vote, and the other to lapse members more than two years in arrears, could not be proceeded with owing to insufficient members being present.

The meeting gave the Southern District power to extend their boundary by including in its area Dorking tower, and permission to extend west and south of the road from Dorking, through Godalming to the Hampshire boundary.

A proposal to celebrate the Association's 75th birthday with a dinner proved acceptable and the committee were authorised to see what could be done on May 21st, 1955.

The committee were also detailed to revise completely the Association's rules and submit them to an extraordinary general meeting in the summer.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Maximus.

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THE QUEEN'S HOMECOMING

Primates' Message to Ringers

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have 'warmly approved' the proposal that the return of the Queen from her tour should be marked by peals on church bells throughout Britain, states the Church Information Board.

'Although it may not be practicable that in every place the peal should be rung at the moment when the Queen sets foot again on English soil, they earnestly hope that in every church that possesses ringing bells a peal may be rung, at some time convenient for the assembling of the ringers during Saturday, May 15th.'

C.C. PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

Dear Sir,—I understand that the wish of the Prime Minister is that bells should be rung in all churches on May 15th, starting at the exact moment when the Queen comes ashore. It has been stated in the Press that this will be at 3 p.m. at Westminster Pier.

I hope that it will be possible for local arrangements to be made to man as many towers as possible at that time, at least for a short period. No doubt it will be possible for many peals to be rung during the afternoon or evening.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS,
President,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

DEDICATION

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS

A new ring for the Hertford County Association has been provided at Great Amwell, Herts. The three original bells in the tower have been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame for six bells as the village's memorial to King George VI., two new bells have been given by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Great Amwell, and the old 'lyttle bell,' a pre-Reformation sanctus bell, which had for some years been in use at the Mission Church of Woollensbrook, has been mounted on the top of the frame. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A new belfry floor has been laid and a ringing gallery built.

The dedication service was held on February 21st, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of St. Albans (the Right Rev. E. M Gresford Jones). The Bishop received the bell ropes from Mr. Michael Howard, and after blessing the bells, the Bishop entrusted them to the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. C. Walker) who handed them over to the captain of the ringers, Mr. F. Cooke. Local ringers rang rounds as the procession returned to the sanctuary.

The Bishop then said the prayer of dedication and prayers for the late King George VI., the Queen and the Royal Family, for the bell-ringers and for the bell founders.

In his address based on Psalm clx., 'Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord,' the Bishop said the bells were a particularly apt memorial to the late King because they sounded true and clear. 'Our lives, like bells, needed to be retuned and rehung in order that we might tell forth God's praises.'

The bells were available during the afternoon to visitors and some 30 ringers were present. A band of Amwell ringers concluded the day by ringing for evensong.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, W. A. Partridge 5, Jane Cotterill 6, J. N. Hadley 7, K. Clarke 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mills on the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

APPLETON RINGING DAY

Once again this remarkable ringing village celebrated the annual ringing day on March 6th, and this year was indeed another milestone in the annals of history, being the 100th anniversary of the opening of the ring of eight, the bells being hung by the late Fred White, father of Dick and grandfather of Frank.

It is also interesting to note that the fifth bell was purchased secondhand from Wednesbury, in Staffordshire, to enable the Appleton ringers to achieve an octave, a practice that is very unlikely to be adopted at the present day.

A peal was rung at Bampton (Oxon) in the morning, Appleton bells not being available for a peal, but in the afternoon the bells were kept going by visiting ringers numbering some 70.

This surely is one of the happiest ringing days of its class, including as it does tunes on handbells by the talented White family and songs without accompaniment by volunteers. This year the songsters included Mr. Fred Sharpe (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), John White, Harry Bishop, E. Sneller and one brave female, Daphne, who gave a delightful rendering of an old local folk song.

Then, about 9 p.m., the Hagbourne Glee party, reinforced by Appleton ringers and friends who love harmonising, sang some very beautiful melodies with great feeling.

Appleton does not cater for the great ones of the Exercise, but gives a hearty welcome to all who come along, and this year the company was graced by the presence of Tom Myers, of Plymouth, and Charles Sangwin, of Stratton (Cornwall), and by all appearances and accounts they enjoyed a wonderful evening.

But what would Appleton be without old Dick White, young Frank White and all the other Whites? W. H.

EARTHQUAKE AT ADELAIDE

Adelaide Cathedral was damaged by an earthquake on March 1st, which moved the parapet of the bell tower out of line, and there has been no ringing since. It is hoped, however, to ring the bells when the Queen visits Adelaide. St. Andrew's, the other ringing tower in Adelaide, was not damaged as far as the tower was concerned, but the church itself was cracked. The Methodist Church tower had to be demolished and also the whole of an Anglican Church at a seaside suburb.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

There was a good attendance, including many young people and ladies, at the annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on March 6th. Ringing on the light ten commenced promptly at 3 p.m. and soon after ringers were queueing up to ring. A variety of methods including Stedman Caters, London Major, Plain Bob Minor, Major and Royal were rung during the afternoon, also rounds for the beginners

Over 50 ringers representing many towers sat down to a good tea in the Parish Church Hall. The annual business meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. H. Pain, who said how pleased he was to welcome so many young people.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. H. O. Chaddock; Ringing Master and treasurer, Mr. John J. L. Gilbert; secretary and Central Council representative, Mr. N. Chaddock; auditor, Mr. F. B. Ditcher. Eight new members were elected.

A fixture list for 1954-55 was approved and will be circulated to towers in due course. The next meeting will be at South Anston on April 3rd. Copies of the revised rules were available and it was decided to ask tower secretaries to collect annual subscriptions on behalf of the Society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'ILLUSORY'

Dear Sir,—It is a thousand pities that some of our greatest men are supersensitive. Your correspondent, Mr. Ernest L. Humphriss, is well-known and respected in the world of bell-ringing and enjoys a fine reputation. Now, it takes a wise man to make a foolish remark, and if Mr. Humphriss will reflect on this he will see the point of my comment. I referred to one of his arguments as fatuous. One of the meanings of 'fatuous' is illusory, and it was in this sense that the word was used. I see no reason to vary my opinion.

Mr. Humphriss' account of his comings and goings makes interesting reading and it is reasonable to assume that he is doing much good. But to suggest—even by implication—that manual ringing will eventually give way to push-button control seems to me peculiar; unless he is satisfied that he is conducting a losing fight.

I am an appreciative listener, and have done a little to help others to take part in bell-ringing, but my only experience of actual bell-ringing consists of tolling a cracked bell when I was a choir boy many moons agone. Nor do I intend to accept the advice to go to the nearest tower and lend a hand. I am the victim of a bell-ringing offspring, but said offspring has not so far tried to drag me into actual ringing.

Really, Mr. Humphriss, don't let your knowledge, experience and ability blind you to the fact that the onlooker sees quite a lot of the game. You might then come to agree that your particular remark was, in fact, fatuous. Anyway, you and all bell-ringers have my very good wishes.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR M. MORRIS.

Penley, near Wrexham.

MANY OF THE NICEST PEOPLE IN NORTHERN ESSEX

Dear Sir,—It would appear, from the replies to my last letter, that it was perhaps somewhat ambiguous.

I did not intend to say that everyone in the Northern Division is in a state of unrest or tyranny, and I heartily apologise to all those who took it to mean so. Many of the nicest people that I know are Northern Division members. However, the fact that my meaning was not obscure was proved by one member writing to me privately.

However, I think that the majority of readers of 'The Ringing World' will, by now, have heard enough on this subject. 'The Ringing World' is not the place to 'air dirty washing' or to conduct 'slanging matches.'

I would, therefore, apologise to the Editor for beginning something that has wasted so much of his valuable space.—Yours faithfully.

JOHN R. LEEMING.

Clapham Common, S.E.4.

RAUGHTOWN STEEPLE

Dear Sir,—May I through the columns of 'The Ringing World' appeal for subscriptions to help us at St. John-the-Baptist's, Raughtown, Mossley, to raise £1,000 for repairs to our church steeple. Until we raise this amount I am afraid the bells will remain silent.

Since I came here the bells have not rung out much and somehow we do not make much progress. I seem to be always nagging the Parochial Church Council about it: I suppose it is because I have 27 years in as a ringer, and I cannot stand silent bells.—Yours sincerely,

J. E. FIELDING.
Churchwarden and Treasurer.

101, Carrhill Road.
Mossley, Manchester.

EXTENSION—ANSWERS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Methods Committee, may I clarify the points Mr. Mayne raises? Firstly, he may quite likely be right about 609 being 'Langley without 2nds,' i.e., the corresponding ultimate place method, but this does not alter the fact that the leads of Langley and 609 are the same. Since there is the incorrect notation in Corrigan's book, as Mr. Mayne points out, we decided to mention the fact that the two methods are duplicates.

I fear we do not agree with all that Mr. Mayne says in his second point. He quite rightly points out that 627 is Prittlewell Surprise Royal (and I admit we had missed that) and that we have accepted 848 as Prittlewell Maximus, but he is wrong in saying that 868 is not an extension of 627. This is one of the occasions where a method will extend in more than one way (there are several that do). If Mr. Mayne follows the rules set out in our report he will be able to arrive at both extensions.

Actually, the reason why we had missed the identity of 627 with Prittlewell is quite simple. In the case of the Maximus methods, our system was to find what they extended from (if they **were** extensions at all). In this case we found 868 came from 627, as we stated, not realising this was a duplicate of Prittlewell Royal. Of course, now it has been pointed out that an extension of 627 has been rung in 848 (Prittlewell Maximus), 868 can no longer be recognised as the accepted extension of 627, even though it is a mathematical one (as I have said above). But here again, we have from the beginning said that some mathematical extensions **would** be ruled out by our rules for various reasons. Here must be an illustration of that. But even so, and taken all in all, we believe our rules form a practical basis on which to work **for the first time.** By the way it is quite likely that there may be other duplicates like this (in fact it was through Mr. H. Poole inquiring about Langley Maximus that we realised 609 and 548 were the same). I fear we took it for granted that all the methods were different (as, of course, they professed to be).

Whilst on the subject of our article of February 12th, may I mention two corrections? In column 1 under Section 2—Acceptable names, 534 Pontefract should have a † denoting a parent method. In column 2 under Section 2—Extensions to 12 bells of Surprise methods for eight or ten bells, the heading 'Acceptable Names (Maximus)' should be added (i.e., for methods 813—861.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

CRITICISM UNCALLED FOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Brown's letter published in 'The Ringing World' on February 26th accusing Mr. Mills of discouraging ringers is very untrue. If Mr. Brown knew of the good work that Mr. Mills does for ringing and the patience he has with learners, he would never have allowed his letter to be published.

I was a pupil of Mr. Mills for nine months and in that time, with the help of two other experienced ringers, he trained me and others to strike well. We thoroughly practised Plain Bob Major so when the time came to attempt a peal it was rung without a false blow by any of the band. And I'm sure with Mr. Mills' constructive criticism he would be welcomed by every learner.—Yours faithfully,

J. PELL.

Dunsfold, Surrey.

ST. PETER'S, SUDBURY

Dear Sir,—Suffolk, being once a rich industrial county, is endowed with many large mansions, fine churches and a wealth of bell metal. But, alas, the mansions are gradually disappearing for financial reasons, the fine places of worship are a worry to keep in repair. It is with this fact in mind that I am appealing for the bells of St. Peter's, Sudbury.

This small market town in the heart of an agricultural area is unique in having three rings of eight bells. Since the war money has been raised for All Saints' and St. Gregory's: now St. Peter's are unringable. Mr. Haynes, the local captain, is kept busy arranging tours during the season and it has dawned on me that if every ringer who has rung in the town or who contemplates a visit were to send me at least one shilling each I could hand it in a lump sum to the locals from the ringing fraternity, and what a tremendous encouragement this would be to those who are saddled with this burden. We might even be able to fill the two vacant pits and make a ring of ten, which is so badly needed in this area.

Drafts or postal orders should be marked 'St. Peter's Bell Fund.'—Yours very truly,

L. D. MILLS, Hon. Dis. Sec.,
Sudbury-Lavenham District, Suffolk Guild.
Lyford, Colchester Road,
Bures, Suffolk.

WEDDING OF MISS LEWIS

Wedding bells rang out from two churches for the wedding at Brilley, Herefordshire, of Miss Betty Lewis (formerly a member of the band at Mapledurham, Berkshire) to Mr. Cyril Lovelock, of Reading on February 27th.

It was certainly a ringers' day, there being no fewer than six ringers present. The Mapledurham band was represented by Miss Mary Hart (bridesmaid), Messrs. L. Fagg, C. Smith, D. Watkins and C. Bourne together with Mr. R. C. Lucas, of Rumney, Cardiff, a cousin of the bride.

The bells of Brilley Church being rather unique in that they are hemispherical in shape, were chimed after the wedding. Later an attempt for a quarter peal on the five bells at Whitney-on-Wye was unsuccessful, due mainly to the fact that they were not to the liking of the ringers, having not been rung for over two years.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern Section at Cadoxton

Despite the very bad weather 30 members representing seven towers attended the quarterly meeting held at St. Cattwg Church, Cadoxton, Neath, on March 6th, some coming from Llandilo and Cefn Coed in the Northern Section of the Guild.

After the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ishmael), everyone sat down to an excellent tea laid out in the Church Hall, where all enjoyed the good things provided.

The Vicar, in opening the business meeting, said how he missed some of the old faces, but at the same time it was gratifying to see so many young ringers there. A letter from Mr. E. Stitch sending his best wishes was read.

The statement of accounts was presented and duly adopted—receipts for the year had fallen and mention was made of certain arrears. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon in September. Three new members were elected.

Vots of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, to the organist and all those who helped to make the meeting a success.

Afterwards a return was made to the tower for more ringing, which ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Minor, until 8.45 p.m.

J. A. H.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. CUNDALL

Yorkshire ringers will regret to learn of the death of Mr. John William Cundall, of Bradford, at the age of 86 years. His death followed a short illness.

He had a long ringing career and was a keen Sunday service ringer until the early part of 1953. Mr. Cundall had rung 51 peals, his favourite method being Kent Treble Bob.

The bells of Bradford Cathedral were rung before and after the funeral service on March 2nd and he was laid to rest at West Bowling Cemetery on March 2nd. At the service Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. W. Barton and the local company were present.

On March 7th the present Sunday service band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to his memory. The band was Miss Christine Pedder 1, Mrs. H. D. Schofield 2, M. Evans 3, Miss Ann Laycock 4, H. D. Schofield 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, T. Pedder 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2 and 5.

For Designers!

The Editorial Committee have under consideration an alteration of the title cover of 'The Ringing World' on the front page.

They invite designs from those readers who are interested, which should allow for two advertisements on each side two inches wide and two inches deep.

These should be submitted to the Editor.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its February meeting at Sutton-in-Holderness on the 10th ult. The local ringers had been busy boxing in the clock weight apertures to overcome the sound reflected from the concrete tower roof and had made a successful job of reducing the hum in the belfry.

Some 35 ringers were present including friends from North Lincolnshire, and the bells were well rung to standard methods and Cambridge during the afternoon.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. Reynolds) conducted the service in St. James' Church and preached a good sermon on 'Attention' and its importance to life as well as ringing.

The ringers' wives and mothers prepared an excellent tea in the Church Hall. The Vicar and organist joined the ringers at tea and stayed to extend a future welcome and promise of their joint services.

Further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m.

STOUGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

12345678	34627581
21436587	43265718
24136857	34625178
12346857	43261587
21438675	42365178
42316587	24631587
24135678	42613857
24316587	42168375
42361857	24613857
24638175	42163587
26431857	41265378
62348175	14623587
26438715	41263857
62347851	14628375
63248715	14263857
36427851	
63247581	Bob 16423857
36425718	

First rung at Whitwick, Leics. on February 19th, 1953, conducted by H. J. Poole.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

X. — KENT TREBLE BOB

For the beginner the step from a plain method like Bob Major to a treble bob method like Kent is quite a big one. To the composer it is a very big one and the young conductor might well think the same. All sorts of differences from Plain Bob will occur to him and he would expect, therefore, that he could not possibly conduct Kent Treble Bob Major by using the simple A B C into B C A code that he has been applying to Plain Bob. He will see that the calling positions come in a different order (M. B. W. H.); that one bell being 'in the slow' for a whole lead must affect the Coursing Order; that at a bob five bells are affected (and those the back five); that a bob causes four of those bells to repeat a lead; that he may often have calls at two consecutive leads M. or W. or H.

Yet in spite of all these differences if he will examine the following example—or if he will adopt this technique in the tower—he will soon see that it works just as easily:—

KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR — 5,088 by A. KNIGHTS

Course Ends					Coursing Orders from 53246			
23456	M.	B.	W.	H.	M.	B.	W.	H.
62534		—	2	2		65324	53624	
							36524	35264
								32654
65324			1	2			26354	23564
								25634
62453		—	2	1		42563	25463	
							54263	52643
26354		—	1	2		35264	52364	53624
								56234
23564	1	—	2	2	56342	25634	56234	
							62534	65324
								63254

Twice repeated.

On the left of the calling will be seen the ordinary course end figures of the first of the three parts of the peal, as usually shown in the text books. If you ring or can follow the observation bell and are content to hope for the best, then this is all you need learn to know that at the end of each course the bells are right or wrong

Now let us apply our formula with the calling shown and we shall get the Coursing Order figures shown on the right of the example. Starting with Coursing Order 53246, a bob B puts the last bell first—65324. We know that the tenors run out and in and the 6th makes fourths place. The next call being at the W we look out for the place where our first three bells 6, 5 and 3 are in the appropriate places to be the bells on the front at the bob. It is easy to see when 5 will run out—it will be the lead end after it has been slow bell. You may say that 5 will run out and 3 will run in if there is no call. That is so but that does not affect in any way the way we call our bob. Applying our code to the **first** three bells we get a new Coursing Order of 53624. One lead later we call another W which gives Coursing Order 36524, with 3 running out, 6 in and 5 making the bob. Now to complete the course we call two bobs at H. Applying the code to the **middle** three bells we go from Coursing Order 36524 to 35264 and then to 32654. Work out the remainder of the part yourself and then check it from the figures above.

You may recall that in Chapter IV. when I was explaining the Coursing Order of the bells, I pointed out that in each of the leads of a course the treble would be in a different position among the other bells. In Kent Treble Bob you have one of the working bells missing from the regular Coursing Order while it is in the Slow. But the place of that bell in the Coursing Order is taken by the treble. In other words as you hunt up and down you meet the bells in their regular Coursing Order with the treble in the position where the Slow bell would otherwise be.

For example—in the first lead of the plain course, in which the Coursing Order is 53246 and 2 is in the Slow, you pass the other bells in the order 53146. In the next lead 4 is in the Slow and you pass the bells in the order 53216, and so on. This will be found useful to put the treble right if you know who is in the Slow or to put the Slow bell right if you know where the treble is.

An additional advantage of knowing the Coursing Order in this method is that you will always know which bell is to go in the Slow next. It is always the one next in Coursing Order to the one which is already there. For instance, in the plain course order 53246, in the first lead the second is in the Slow. In saying these five figures to yourself you must recognise this fact—if you like by saying the figure 2 with emphasis. In actual ringing this is where you will meet the treble, as explained above. The bell (4) next to this one is the bell which will go in the Slow next—and so on.

Another useful thing for the conductor to know is that the bell in the Slow makes its seconds places as the other bells dodge.

The remarks in this chapter apply equally to Oxford Treble Bob, but you will not at first find it so easy to check the Coursing Order as you are ringing owing to the way in which the normal Coursing Order is upset in the middle of the leads. But at the calls and lead ends there is no difference.

When you have become so adept at conducting normal methods that you can cope with additional work, then you will be able to keep a better check on the Coursing Order in Oxford Treble Bob if you remember that the bells on either side of the bell in the Slow—i.e., in actual ringing those on either side of the treble in the Coursing Order (for we have seen that the treble is in the place of the bell in the Slow)—are transposed. For example, the Coursing Order of the first lead of the plain course of Kent, with 2 in the Slow, is 53(2)46. In Oxford it is 54(2)36.

THE BELLS OF TEWKESBURY ABBEY

By T. V. LISTER

(Continued from page 157)

SIX TO EIGHT BELLS

Having had six bells since 1633 and possibly to commemorate an era of martial prosperity and the raising of English prestige in Europe, in 1697 the good people of Tewkesbury decided that the time had come to increase their ring of bells to eight. The following extracts from the churchwardens' minutes and accounts are of particular interest:—

'Aperill the 5th 1697.

Ann Accompt of the Names and Moneyes recd of Every benifactor too Wards the Recastin the six bells in Too Eaight.'

This is followed by the names of the persons concerned and the amounts subscribed, which totalled £68 2s.

On the opposite page this is recorded:—

'An Accompt of the Disbursements for the Bells.'

The first item is to 'Mr. Rudhall £51 2s.'

Then follow a number of items in connection with this transaction of which the two most interesting are:—

'Six bell ropes £1 1s.'

'To 3 men for hawling the Bells from Gloucester 6s. 1½d.'

Unquestionably the bells would have been conveyed by barge up the Severn and 1s. 0½d. each would seem to be a very small reward for hauling a barge with eight bells in it against the current from Gloucester to Tewkesbury.

The disbursements totalled £72 3s. 3½d. and the 'accompt' naively concludes with the observation 'due to us £4 1s. 3½d.'

On the following page is a most interesting entry dated April 6th, 1697, as under:—

'The full waight of the Eaight Bells.

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Trible	05	½	0
Second	05	¼	12
Third	06	½	14
Fouerth	07	¾	08
Fifth	09	¼	20
Sixth	11	0	00
Seventh	15	¾	26
Eaight	22	¾	08
The whole waight of ye Eaight Bells	84	¼	14
Waight first and lost (?)	04	00	02
Gave the Bellfounders	01	¼	17
	90	00	05

The Bells were cast in 1686.'

This last entry is undoubtedly a mistake as all these transactions took place in 1696 and there is no major entry about the bells in 1686. It is interesting to compare the weights given above with those supplied by John Taylor and Co. when the bells were taken from the tower for overhaul and augmentation in 1933. Three of the bells cast by Rudhall in 1896, i.e. the 7th, 8th, and 10th, still remain. The other five have been recast at various times.

In the churchwardens' minutes dated June 4th, 1697, is entered:—

'It is unanimously agreed by the inhabitants at this meeting that the metal that was remaineinge in Mr. Rudhalls hands which amounted to one hundred and a half and fifteen pounds shall be forgiven and allowed him by reason of the recastinge of trible and seaventh bells.'

SURPLUS METAL AS PAYMENT

The accounts for the year Easter 1697 to 1698 record numerous items relating to the movement of the bells between Gloucester and Tewkesbury, and taken in conjunction with the minute above would seem to indicate that the treble and seventh were either cracked on arrival or very soon became so. It appears likely that Rudhall made no charge for the recasting of the treble and seventh on condition that he was allowed to retain the surplus metal. There are also several items relating to work on the bells which leave the impression that the hanging of them was not very satisfactory. However, one must not blame Rudhall for this, as his contract may have been merely for supplying the bells and may not have included the hanging. Two such items are:—

'To Steven Edwins for shuttin the Eaight Bell clapper and other iron work to hang the 7 and 8 bells clappers 00. 06, 07

For altering the tenor clapper 3s.'

Steven Edwins did a very great deal of work, in point of fact, in 'providing iron and shutting.' In 1700 the fourth bell was taken down and enlarged as an item appears: 'Paid to Abraham Redhall for 71 lbs of mettle which was added to ye fourth bell when recast as apears by his receipt £3. 10. 0.'

In 1702 it is recorded 'To ye ringers at ye proclaiming the Queen 5s.,' and later: 'To ye ringers on ye Queens Coronation Day 5s.' Both these entries, of course, refer to the accession of Queen Anne. The next entries of historical interest refer to incidents of the War of the Spanish Succession 1702 to 1713, i.e.: 'To ye ringers at ye news of the victory obtained by Prince Ugin (Eugene) 5s.,' and 'To ye ringers at ye news from Vigo 4/2.' In 1704: 'To ye ringers for ye Victory over the French and Bovarians at Blonhime by ye Dr. of Marlborough 5s."

Among many other items of expenditure in 1704 in connection with the tower and bell chamber is one to 'Wm Jones a great rope for hawling up timber and a new set of bell ropes £4. 5. 0d.', and it seems likely that these refer to the building of the massive oak frame in which the bells were hung.

In 1710 occurs another echo of the war in 'To ye ringers one ye news of ye Defeating ye Spanish Army by King Charles 5s.'

In 1717 the size of the 7th bell was increased as it is stated: 'Paid Tho Bedender for weight of mettle and Mettle added to the 7th bell, £6 16. 0.' The date on this bell (now the eleventh) is 1717 and is shown as having been cast by Rudhall, so one must assume that the metal was purchased from Thos. Bedender and the actual work of recasting carried out by the Rudhall firm. The date on the present 6th bell (then the second) is 1725 and the name of the founder is given as Rudhall. This is borne out by an entry in the accounts for 1726 which show that Rudhall was paid ten guineas for recasting the bell and adding to its weight. It is hardly surprising that the weight of the then second was increased, as a reference to the weights given in 1696 indicate that it was lighter than the treble. However, one wonders why the other bells were taken down and their weight increased. Evidently the modern practice of casting a ring of bells and then leaving it alone until something goes wrong did not apply in the 18th century.

In 1742 the treble cracked and it would seem that the parishioners were becoming rather restive at the continuing expense of the bells for it is noted that at the parish meeting of that year the churchwardens were ordered to take proper care about the casting of the newly-cracked treble bell. There are numerous expenses recorded in connection with this recasting for which Rudhall was paid £9 13s. 9d. Although only one bell was recast, an item of expenditure is to Henry Wellor for taking two bells to Gloucester. Possibly this was a mistake. Perhaps the churchwardens did pay attention to the recasting of the treble as it has not been necessary to recast this bell since. In 1771 William White, of Gloucester, was paid £15 7s. 9d. 'for putting the 7th and 8th bells in order,' but there is nothing to show what the work was.

All during this period it was customary to toll the bell for funerals, and it is a very clear indication of the heavy infant mortality of those days that approximately 50 per cent. of the annual burials are of children. The charge for tolling was 2s. 6d.

There is an interesting entry in the parish minutes of 1795. Among the decisions reached on that occasion it is recorded: 'likewise that a new Bell be ordered of Mr. Rudhall.' It is quite clear that nothing came of it but oddly enough there is nothing in later minutes to indicate why the decision was not implemented. As it would be rather unusual to increase a ring from eight to nine, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the bell was intended for some other purpose and not to increase the ring in the Abbey tower.

NELSON AND WELLINGTON

More interesting historic occasions are recorded in the 19th century. November 7th, 1805: 'Pd Ringers for Nelson's glorious victory over the combined fleets of france and spain when that Immortal & Unparaleled Hero fell to the great grief of the Universe, France Excepted £1. 1. 0.' No doubt the use and misuse of capital letters was an intentional insult to France and Spain.

Again, on March 25th of that year: 'Pd for ringing for Admiral Duckworth's Victory 13s.,' and on October 4th: 'Pd Ringers, Hood's victory 10s. 6d.' July 31st, 1812: 'Do The Ringers for News of Ld Whellingtons Victory over the French at Victoria 10s. 6d.'; August 18th. 1812: Do the Ringers for News Lord Whellington beating Soult's Army and Driving them out of Spain 10s. 6d.': November 4th, 1813: 'Do the Ringers for Glorious News of the Allies beating Boniparte at Lipsick £1. 1. 0.'; March 18th, 1814: 'Paid the Ringers for Blucher beating Boniparte &Ld Wellington beating Soult £1. 1. 0.'; April 11th: 'Do to the Ringers on account of Marshall Blucher and Prince Schwartenberg beating the French before Paris & entering the same in Triumph this being the overthrow of the Tirent Bonapartte £1'; September 29th, 1816: 'Ringers for Lord Exmouth's Victory 10s.' All of which is a reminder to us that the present generation is by no means the only one that has lived through a period of extensive wars in Europe.

CAROLINE OF BRUNSWICK

On July 19th, 1821, the ringers were paid 10s. on the occasion of the coronation of George IV. It will be recalled that his accession to the throne was signalised by a series of 'rows' between himself and his wife—Caroline of Brunswick—including his taking steps to forcibly prevent her entering Westminster Abbey for his coronation. The whole nation took sides in these rows and at first decent people sided with the Queen but opinion, turning against her, was at last summed up in the anonymous rhyme:—

'Oh Gracious Queen, we thee implore
To go away and sin no more;
But if that effort be too great,
To go away at any rate.'

Eventually she avenged herself on George IV. by running off to Italy, and that event was marked in Tewkesbury by the ringers being paid 10s. on August 14th, 1821, when 'the Queen was taken from England.' It is impossible to gauge from that entry whether opinion in Tewkesbury was for or against her. In 1842, on December 29th, a Mr. Sweet gave no less than 42s. 2d. for 'Beer for men at the Bells.' It would indeed be interesting to know the reason for this very generous gift.

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Tewkesbury Abbey Bells—Cont.

It is most surprising to find that no record of any ringing on the occasion of the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837, nor yet at her coronation. The only special payment about this period is one on November 23rd, 1842, 'for news of Peace with the Chinese £1. 1. 0.' Regular payment to ringers ceased in 1839 though they continued to be paid for special occasions and anniversaries.

The ring of eight bells installed in the Abbey in 1696 continued until 1914. In that year two trebles were added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, raising the ring to ten. Two further trebles were added in 1933 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to make a ring of twelve. At the same time the old trebles, now the 3rd and 4th, were recast and the other bells tuned. The two new trebles were equipped with entirely new fittings, but the fittings of the old ring of ten were re-used.

The main particulars of the bells as at 1954 are as follows:—

	Diameter	Founder	Date	Weight cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	2ft. 1in.	Taylor	1933	4	1	15
2nd	2ft. 2in.	,,	1933	4	2	9
3rd	2ft. 2¼in.	,,	1933	4	3	9
4th	2ft. 4in.	,,	1933	5	1	0
5th	2ft. 5½in.	Rudhall	1743	5	1	6
6th	2ft. 6½in.	,,	1725	5	2	20
7th	2ft. 8¼in.	,,	1696	6	0	27
8th	2ft. 11¼in.	,,	1696	7	3	26
9th	3ft. 3in.	Mears	1914	9	1	25
10th	3ft. 4½in.	Rudhall	1696	10	1	13
11th	3ft. 9¼in.	,,	1717	14	3	16
12th	4ft. 2¼in.	Mears	1837	21	2	23

The key note is D.

In addition there is a Sanctus bell that is not now used.

There are a number of peals recorded on peal boards in the Abbey ringing chamber though the number so recorded by no means approaches the total number rung. The four oldest boards are:—

1837 with this legend:—

> 'This peal had Two Bells recast and all the others tuned with new frame and hanging by Mr. Cull. Celebrated on October 16th by a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major 5184 changes by the Cheltenham Society.'

This peal is interesting as giving us the date of the present frame in which the bells are hung. Presumably the two bells referred to are the present 9th and tenor; the 9th being again recast in 1914.

January 15th, 1877: Peal of Grandsire Triples by the Tewkesbury Society.

January 8th, 1883: Peal of Grandsire Triples by the Abbey Society, and another of 'Holt's Six-Part Union Triples' on November 6th.

And so, all down through the ages, the Abbey bells have continued to ring out their Sunday message and to mark notable occasions. Long may the massive structure of Tewkesbury Abbey continue to remain as an emblem of security and abiding faith; and long may the water meadows of the Severn and the Avon continue to hear the music of its bells.

(Concluded)

QUARTER PEALS

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Robinson 1, Miss M. Haynes (first 'inside') 2 Miss D. Marshall 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke 6.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Chapman 1, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 2, F. Brown 3, R. Newton 4, T. Dew 5, G. Payne (first quarter) 6. Rung on the back six. For evening service.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Webster 2, B. Willington 3, F. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Lea 5, J. Copper 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. For the induction of the Rev. D. E. M. Glynn Jones. Also on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Barber 2, E. Willington 3, F. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Lea 5, J. Copper 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Pulbin, organist at the church for 56 years.

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 20th. Note altered date. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting in Small Parish Hall, 5.—C. A. Bassett. 3982

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 20th, at Eynesbury (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock. 4090

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Colne Engaine, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) available 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. L. Dixey, Croft Villas, Colne Engaine, Colchester. 4032

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham (6), Saturday, March 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 4063

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4067

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge, Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Special method, St. Albans Delight. Names for tea to S. Huckle, 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield, Herts. 4079

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Rolvenden, March 20th. **Revised timetable:** Bells 3. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30.—W. P. Garner, Hon. Sec. 4108

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Rushden (8) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 4053

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — District meeting, Stanwell (6), March 20th, 4 p.m. Tea in Vicarage 5.15. Bells available after. St. Mary's, Staines (8), 2.45 to 3.45.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4061

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Farnsfield, Saturday, March 20th. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—S. Barley, Hon. Sec. 4038

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Bletchingley, March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4068

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Seaford (8), March 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 17th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4092

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whitchurch (8), March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at local hotel. Laverstoke (6) after tea. 4051

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District — Quarterly meeting at Brockenhurst, Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, Morant Arms Hotel, 5 p.m. Meeting. Lyndhurst bells evening.—A. V. Davis, Hon. Sec. 4117

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Bi-quarterly meeting, Kidderminster (12), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (own arrangements); Coventry or Oxford cafes near church.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 4037

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hallow, Saturday March 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4077

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Lympsham, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. —E. C. Wickham. 4104

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Middlesbrough (St. Hilda's) on Saturday, March 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5. The business meeting and further ringing will take place after tea.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4116

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting, March 27th, at Melbourne. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 24th, to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, Derby. 4112

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Barnby Dun (6), Saturday, March 27th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Wardle. 15, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 4115

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Western Districts. — Joint meeting, Newburn (St. Michael's), Saturday, March 27th, 2.30 p.m. Names, by March 25th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 29, Boyd Street, Newburn, Newcastle 5. 4086

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4099

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. George's, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 23rd, to W. F. Scudamore, Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 4100

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winchcombe (6), March 27th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 4111

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Quedgley (8), March 27th, 3 p.m. Book for tea certain by March 23rd. Tea 5.15, Plough Inn.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Glos. 4089

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Littledean, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 24th, to Mrs. D Stafford, Staunton, near Coleford, Glos. 4113

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice, Yorktown (8), Saturday, March 27th. Time 6-9 p.m.—G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 4083

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Uffculme (8), Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by March 22nd. —W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4052

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Aston, March 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Annable's London Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4082

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting, Staplehurst (8), Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names to Dr E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4118

LADIES' GUILD (West Midland District) and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (10) at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 23rd, please. —Audrey A. Timms, 28, Westminster Road, Coventry. 4101

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2,30. Tea 5. Business 6. Names to B. Cooper, 123, Plover Street, Bolton.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4094

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Annual nomination meeting, Drighlington, Saturday, March 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Friday, 26th, to Mr. S. H. Barrow, 40, West Street, Drighlington. Business meeting in othe tower at 7 p.m.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec 4091

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Hitcham, Saturday, March 27th, 6.30 p.m. Branch annual meeting, Cookham, April 24th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough 4103

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Naseby, March 27th (please note date). Names for tea, before March 23rd, to Rev. Mansell, Naseby, Rugby.—E. Orland, Hon. Sec. 4098

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting at Sevenoaks, Kent, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 24th, please, to the undersigned. All ringers welcome. Frequent Southern Electric trains from Charing Cross or London Bridge.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4058

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Chiddingly (6), Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Look up Cambridge Minor. Tea only for those who notify me by March 24th.—R. W. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4114

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting, Upper Beeding (8), March 27th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise, by 23rd, W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4102

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Chigwell Row, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea at nearby cafe. 4085

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells (8) on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 4087

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 31st, to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4122

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Important.—Names for tea to me by Monday, March 29th. —W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4097

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15 p.m. Please notify for tea by March 29th. A good attendance desired. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4096

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify, by Wednesday, March 31st, Rev. H. Pritchard, The Rectory, Barton, Notts. 4084

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston (12), April 3rd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: Springfield 1025. 4119

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth, April 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names, please, to W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 4123

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting at Hull on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available: St. Mary's, Lowgate (6) during afternoon; Holy Trinity (10) evening. Service in Holy Trinity at 4.15. Tea in Trocadera Cafe at 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. G. F. Williams, 90, Hall Road, Hull. Association badges now available. — H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4103

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Wells, Easter Monday. Lunch at 1.15 at Wickenden's Restaurant for the first 120 applicants only, each application to contain stamped addressed envelope for the return of tickets of admission. Details of ringing arrangements to follow.—R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 4107

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday. For towers and ringing times see 'Ringing World' April 9th. If this information and particulars of transport facilities required earlier, apply (with stamped addressed envelope) to Ringing Master, Mr. P. J. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley. Further details next week.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 4110

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Holmfirth, April 24th. For tea notify, by April 10th, Miss A. Haigh, Royd House, Rotcher, Holmfirth.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4081

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The meeting at Bromyard cancelled on account of the funeral of Mr. W. Ranford, will now be held on Saturday, May 1st. Notice later.—A. S. Tomkins. 4106

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, May 8th.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 4070

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): L. Clifford 1, R. Grice 2, J. S. Harrison (first 'inside') 3, W. R. Harrison (cond.) 4, M. Bailey 5. Rung to welcome M. Bailey home from H.M. Forces.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles, 600 Plain Bob Doubles, 600 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: M. Eason 1, R. Trebilcock 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Otter 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. First half peal for all. Rung for Evensong.

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J. Bruce Williamson	1-2
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MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wardle 1, K. Burdett 2, B. Bown 3, R. Beniston (cond.) 4, J. Wardle 5, M. D. Nixon 6. Rung half-muffled for Sunday evening service in memory of Mr. J. W. Boulds, ringer and sexton, Rector's warden and a friend to all.

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THE EXERCISE AND ITS PAPER

THIS is not an attempt to spread alarm and despondency, but the older members of the Exercise will remember the fate of every ringing paper up to the advent of 'The Ringing World.' 'Campanology,' 'Bell-ringer' and 'Bell News' all came to an untimely end because of lack of support. Is it possible that 'The Ringing World' may join that unhappy procession? The answer to that question lies in the hands of the Exercise itself. Whilst it is true that there are, in our ranks, many generous and enthusiastic members, there is, on the other hand, a large body of apathetic ringers who are not very much concerned whether or not we have a paper. It was once stated by Sir Arthur Heywood that there are 40,000 ringers in this country. Whether that is a correct figure we are not prepared to argue, but if it is correct, only about one in eight is a reader of this paper. If that does not spell apathy, what does?

The committee responsible for running 'The Ringing World' are very much concerned about the financial position. No, this is not going to be an appeal for donations (although until the new subscribers are forthcoming they are essential). We want something much more solid and lasting. We want the enthusiastic support and backing of every reader of this paper in getting more postal subscribers, and we want a greater realisation by the Exercise of its responsibilities in the ownership of the paper. The committee launched an appeal two years ago for another 1,000 postal subscribers—the result, less than 300. They felt, and still are convinced, that a little effort all round would have produce dthe desired result. That effort was not made and, in the meantime, prices have continued to soar.

Many hold the view that the answer to the problem is to raise the price of the paper to 6d. or more. If the committee thought that were the answer, they would have done it long ago—but is it the answer? The first effect of an increase would be a substantial drop in the circulation, for there are many who would cease to subscribe as a protest. The result would be a position of 'as you were,' but we should have many less readers. A further increase in the price would inevitably follow, until at last we can envisage a very select few reading a 1s. 6d. weekly paper.

The Exercise has been assured over and over again that the solution to the financial difficulties can be found in an increased number of postal subscribers. Is it too much to ask for an all out effort to be made to achieve this? It will be no use looking to the Central Council to subsidise the paper—it has financial difficulties of its own. We can have a bigger and better paper when once we have convinced every reader that it is his duty to go all out to get at least one new subscriber. We would urge every secretary and officials of all ringing societies constantly to bring this matter up for discussion at their meetings, and 'The Ringing World' Committee are drafting a letter to every secretary of bodies affiliated to the Central Council making very reasonable requests that can easily be satisfied.

One final word—the committee would appreciate a little more co-operation from capable members in the matter of literary efforts. There are many amongst us who have the capability, but not the will to write interesting articles. Please submit your efforts to the Editor, who will be more than pleased to receive them—and even 'sole and heel' them if necessary.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of March 27th, 1914

SOUTH AFRICAN ITEMS
GRAHAMSTOWN CATHEDRAL BELLS TO BE RESTORED

News which will doubtless be read with interest in this country reached us by the last South African mail. It records some handbell performances in a land where change ringing is practically unknown. Between November 8th and 16th last year, four 720's of Bob Minor, with different callings, were rung on handbells at St. Alban's Vicarage, Ferrieras, Johannesburg, the residence of the Rev. G. H. Ridout, by

Rev. Canon C. E. Earle Bulwer .. 1–2
Rev. G. H. Ridout (conductor) .. 3–4
Colin W. Kearns 5–6

These 720's were rung during a visit of Canon Bulwer to Johannesburg, and were his first since leaving England in 1897.

At the Deanery at Grahamstown on February 17th last, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung:—

Ven. J. R. Vincent (Dean) .. 1–2
Rev. G. H. Ridout 3–4
Percy Holt 5–6

An attempt is being made to put the bells—a heavy ring of eight by Warner—into ringing order. The Dean of Grahamstown is an old ringer with nearly a score of peals to his credit, mostly with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he retains life membership. Perhaps that number will grow during his visit to the old country this year.

TEN BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Albert Diserens	*Treble*	Raymond G. Burton	6
*John N. Diserens	2	*David Beacham	7
†Audrey B. Diserens	3	Richard E. Price	8
‡Noel J. Diserens	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
Cyril E. Lewington	5	†Frank W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt.

Bertie A. Cornell	*Treble*	William J. Arnold	6
Horace E. C. Goodenough	2	Thomas J. Southam	7
Eric Edmondson	3	Harold V. Frost	8
*D. Kay Adkins	4	George W. Debenham	9
Geoffrey W. Seaman	5	Frederick J. Spicer	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts Conducted by Thomas J. Southam.
* First peal in the method and first peal of Caters. First peal in the method as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Cam Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Bernard Sadler	*Treble*	*Joe E. G. Roast	6
Donald Coombes	2	Frank C. May	7
*Howard W. Egglestone	3	Frank B. Lufkin	8
Ernest W. Furbank	4	Gerald Frost	9
Dennis A. S. Symonds	5	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. James. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung in memory of John J. Tinsley, who died on Saturday, February 27th, 1954, and Harold Kebby, who died on March 11th, 1943.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles W. Roberts	*Treble*	Thomas H. Francis	5
Robert H. Begrie	2	Brian D. Threlfall	6
Alick Cutler	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
First peal in the method by all the band, except the conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Harry Springate	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Robert Collins	7
Peter F. Borer	4	George J. Butcher	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSIHRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Graham Pratt	*Treble*	Phillip Mehew	5
Maurice Collins	2	Derick P. Jones	6
Walter J. Houghton	3	John Church	7
Harold Heathfield	4	R. Thomas Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Barbara A. Mitchell	*Treble*	Colin J. Champion	5
*Mary Fuller	2	‡Stewart F. W. Kimber	6
†Jeanette M. Winchester	3	Ralph Bird	7
*Kathleen E. Weller	4	§Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First peal on a working bell. ‡ First peal. § 250th peal. The conductor's 100th tower for a peal.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Roy Pankhurst	*Treble*	Norman J. Smith	5
*John L. Morris	2	Peter N. Bond	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Reginald L. Sills	7
Ernest J. Munday	4	Thomas E. Sone	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Paget. Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
* 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
Winifred M. Burton	2	John R. Smith	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
John M. Jelley	4	John A. Acres	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SELLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Maisie Vantom	*Treble*	Albert J. Lancefield	5
*Geoffrey Pearson	2	Robert Swift	6
Thomas E. Sone	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
John R. Cooper	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

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ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY E. ASTLEY	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	*PERCY STONE	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mrs. Gardner, mother of the ringer of the 6th, on her 86th birthday. Also birthday compliments to Margaret, daughter of C. S. Aylett, on her 21st, and to the ringer of the 4th.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
*ROGER BALDWIN	2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	4	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRANK LINFOOT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	5
W. GEORGE TURNER	2	ALBERT W. BOND	6
ARNOLD ROTHERY	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
SYDNEY H. BARRON	4	†HARRY RENSHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. J. Field Lister, M.A., inducted Vicar of Brighouse February 25th.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*BRENDA M. BALLS	*Treble*	†ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
†FRANK G. OLIVER	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. George M. Rashbrook, the oldest member of the local company.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	†PERCY WHITAKER	5
*ANN LAYCOCK	2	†ALFRED ASHTON	6
†MARGARET S. RHODES	3	†ALLAN WEAR	7
†WILLIAM DIXON	4	*RAY M. V. MANNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. S. Kendall, organist of Otley Parish Church for 40 years. The ringer of the 6th has now rung from Doubles to Cinques.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods: 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 110 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The ringer of the 4th has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Norma Lund and Mr. Basil Jones.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM A. FARMER	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
First peal of Surprise Major rung in Shrewsbury.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*VICTOR CONNELL	*Treble*	TOM BIRD	5
CECIL BARKER	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
*JACK BRETT	3	*TERRY EARLE	7
*ALAN R. SYDER	4	*ARTHUR RUFFLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.
* First peal of Triples.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*ALEC F. CHANDLER	*Treble*	LESLIE V. WOODWARD	5
WILLIAM F. SEAGER	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
THOMAS A. EASTERBY	4	THOMAS E. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted to GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells after recasting and rehanging.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. GODDARD	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	DESMOND G. MAYELL	6
†MRS. DESMOND G. MAYELL	3	HERBERT G. GODDARD	7
HARRY TURNER	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	5
ROBERT G. RAYFIELD	2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6
FRANK E. WALKER	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	TREVOR H. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
Robert G. Rayfield has now 'circled the tower.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Colin Mann .. .. ..*Treble*		Ronald J. Sharp	4
*Desmond Brazier ..	2	Andrew C. Sinfield ..	5
Charles H. Harding ..	3	C. Edward Jeffries ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

* First peal in more than one method.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Michael J. Dyer .. ..*Treble*		Harold S. Peacock	4
*Norman Mallett	2	Frank W. Lack	5
John R. G. Spicer ..	3	Stanley Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Gilbert.

* 50th peal.

A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of eight years as Rector; also to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Whitehead, both ringers of this tower, upon the birth of a daughter.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores, ten callings, six 240's Morris' and five 240's Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt.

Leslie Barry .. .. ..*Treble*		*Charles Phillips ..	4
Frederick Blowen ..	2	Richard Chew	5
Alec Gibson	3	*George Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Chris. M. P. Johnson ..*Treble*		*Roland C. Morley ..	4
Michael N. Bland ..	2	William T. Cook ..	5
Richard J. W. Housden..	3	†William J. Ridgman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

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

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 51, 36, 49, 37, 50, 28, 29. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

James Napthine .. ..*Treble*		Reginald J. Darch	4
Margot R. Thompson ..	2	Jack E. Thurlow	5
C. Jack Gibson	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Goodwin, of Wenhaston, and Mr. W. Smith, of Aldeburgh.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (i) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob, (ii) Thelwall and Childwall, (iii) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (iv) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (v) Oxford Treble Bob, (vi) Kent Treble Bob, (vii) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

*P. Anne Royston .. ..*Treble*		Howard W. Egglestone..	4
Ernest E. S. Johnson ..	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Peter J. Came	3	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal. First peal in twelve methods for all the band.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 22 six-scores, ten callings, and five 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Joan Bussey .. .. ..*Treble*		†Donald Priday	4
*Margaret Smith	2	Leslie Barry	5
†Edgar Chamberlayne ..	3	Hubert Matthews ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*V. Frank Handford ..*Treble*		Wilfred Riley	4
Marion Bradley	2	Frank Bradley	5
Doreen Armstrong ..	3	Albert Wheeler	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bradley.

* First peal. All Sunday service ringers at above church.

Rung as a farewell to ringer of treble, who was joining H.M. Forces.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Roy Fletcher .. ..*Treble*		†Lewis Hemstock	4
†Dennis Smedley	2	George L. Chambers ..	5
*Leslie Barlow	3	Leslie W. Bacon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie W. Bacon.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. D. R. S. Jephson.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings) Tenor 8 cwt.

Mrs. W. A. Godwin ..*Treble*		Brian R. Myles	4
Joyce Morse	2	William A. Godwin ..	5
Ralph E. W. Wenban ..	3	Hugh Falkner	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.

First peal of Stedman by all.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. John and Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Frank Harrington .. ..*Treble*		George Schleuter	4
Peter Wood	2	H. Walter Smith	5
Alfred Little	3	George Saunders	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Saunders.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Elliott, one of the local ringers.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Alan J. Tuttle (14) ..*Treble*		Maurice A. Collings ..	4
Philip Mehew	2	†C. Michael R. Orme ..	5
Angela Willes	3	†Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First attempt at a peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PAULINE M. SAXTON	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	3
JOHN A. H. BETTS	2	*JOHN T. FINEY	4
PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*		

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

* First peal of Grandsire and first peal of Doubles.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*RICHARD ROSE	*Treble*	*ARTHUR BALLAAM	4
WILLIAM STANNARD	2	LEONARD SHARPE	5
*JAMES STANNARD	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal in three methods.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*DENNIS SIMPSON (12)	*Treble*	†WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3	W. NEVILLE BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE BARRY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY NORMAN	4
PETER CLARKSON	2	MICHAEL GILBERT	5
ALFRED LYNALL	3	CHARLES TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Charles Taylor, who has been a ringer at the above church for 53 years.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours nad* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	ALBERT E. WHITING	4
FRANK RUFFLES	2	WALTER W. MILLER	5
DIANA M. MATTHEW	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Jayne Matthew, of Bedfield, sister of the 3rd ringer, to Mr. M. Ashwell, of Earl Soham.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*BRIAN R. COLEMAN	*Treble*	ALAN G. FEVER	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	DAVID BRAND	5
E. GEORGE CATTON	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal.

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BIRMINGHAM.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., March 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING ROOM OF ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

RUTH M. K. HOW .. 1—2 | PETER BORDER .. .. .. 5—6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 3—4 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 42, CHILCOMPTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores of Stedman, four of St. Simon, eight of Old, four of Bob Doubles, six of April Day and ten of Grandsire, with 33 different callings.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. 1—2 | DAVID HOARE .. .. 3—4
*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 5—6

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal in six methods of Doubles on handbells by all and also for the Association.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.
On Fri., March 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT RATTRAY ROAD, MONTMORENCY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation.

*JOAN GRAY .. .. .. 1—2 | †THOMAS W. GOODYER .. 5—6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 3—4 | †JOHN J. CUMMINS .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

Rung to commemorate the visit to Australia of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT NEWNHAM COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*J. M. C. CLARK-MAXWELL (Selwyn) 1—2 | J. M. ABERCROMBIE (Newnham) 3—4
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn) 5—6

Conducted by R. J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 10. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.. 3—4 | ROY C. HURST .. .. .. 7—8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER.. 9—10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: MRS. W. G. YOUNG.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Thurs., March 18, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
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Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, College and St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN E. PEDLER .. .. 1—2 | ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3—4
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

The first handbell peal in four methods by all and for the Society.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Clarke 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R Powell (cond.) 3, T. J. Gundy 4, S. Bowyer 5, R. A. Colcombe 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Pamela Law (first in the method 'inside') 2, Mary W. Brown 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. H. Paine 6.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: F. W. Perrens (cond.) 1, P. K. Williamson 2, H. G. Summers 3, P. Stone 4, J. W. T. Taylor 5, D. A. Carpenter 6, G. Gardner 7, W. A. Stote 8. First quarter for 6 and 7. Rung by Sunday service band.

BOW, E.—On Mar. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. P. Mead 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, C. W. Ottley 4, G. Bryant 5, C. A. Hughes 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Bullock 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS. — On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Holloway 1, Audrey D. Castell 2, R. Willis 3, S. J. Turley 4, A. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. C. Castell 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Very Rev. Dr. W. R. Inge, late Dean of St. Paul's, interred at Brightwell this day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Feb. 29th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: R. Cook 1, F. G. Leaker 2, G. Briggs 3, F. Hansford 4, Miss E. Roberts 5, D. Smith 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, R. Hooper 8, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 9, F. C. Mogford 10. Rung as a farewell to R. Cook, who is going abroad.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,344 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Miss Swan 1, A. J. Glass 2, C. A. Burgess 3, E. Colley 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. Brown 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, A. Peters 3, E. Wickham 4, E. Hudson 5, H. Fountain 6, F. Paramore 7, J. Small 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Fisher.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. G. Davies 1, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 2, D. Lawson 3, W. Gilks 4, W. Corderoy 5, D. Bosley 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Chilton. Also on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Samler (first quarter) 1, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 2, D. Lawson 3, P. G. Davies (first quarter 'inside') 4, W. Gilks 5, D. Bosley 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DERBY.—On Mar. 14th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. M. Hobbs 1, H. Fletcher 2, J. Bailey 3, A. Mould 4, W. Lancaster 5, J. Mould 6, B. Barker 7, W. Steen (first quarter as cond.) 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Pearson 1, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 2, H. Falkner 3, Miss J. Morse 4, W. A. Godwin 5, B. Myles 6, R. E. Wenban (cond.) 7, R. Pearson 8. First on eight for 1 and 3.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 14th, at All Saints' Church, 1,275 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, Miss E. M. Bibby 2, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 3, J. Phillips 4, W. Rawlings 5, J. Waters 6, J. Stephenson 7, S. Dearden 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford): B. R. Coleman (first of Treble Bob) 1, E. G. Catton 2, R. E. Lester 3, R. W. Steward 4, J. W. Blythe 5, A. G. Fever (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Tuttle 1, Miss J. Dear 2, Miss D. Hare 3, M. Orme 4, G. Dear 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Day 1, A. Sercombe 2, Miss S. Barker 3, Miss E. Bracey 4, E. Curson 5, C. Moore (cond.) 6, R. Lofty 7. Rung for the christening of Philip George Day, brother of the treble ringer.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss A. Willes 1, M. Orme 2, L. Fidler 3, W. Todd (first of Superlative) 4, E. Winters 5, C. V. Hare 6, D. Jones 7, P. Mehew (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles (being five 240s plus one 109): F. W. Weller 1, Miss A. Wilson (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, Miss S. A. Richardson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Wilson.

KINGSBURY, N.W.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Taylor 1, N. Fudge 2, Miss R. Foreman 3, M. King (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Fudge (cond.) 5, E. Southgate 6, H. Barnard 7, P. Sockett 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. F. G. Springford to the benefice.

LONG SUTTON, HANTS.—On Mar. 5th, at the Lord Wandsworth College, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. MacD. Warner 1-2, A. R. Williams (first quarter) 3-4, C. P. W. Taylor (cond.) 5-6.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Mar. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. L. Dadds (first 'inside') 4, F. G. Gadsden 5, A. J. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, L. Everest (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bishop 1, J. Lane 2, J. Clements (cond.) 3, F. J. Bedford 4, F. G. Clements 5, J. Colley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest Davies, a regular ringer at this church for more than 30 years.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Acott 1, H. Woolley 2, S. King 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, E. Acott 6. Rung as a birthday compliment by the Sunday band to Mrs. G. Acott, wife of the local secretary and sister-in-law to the tenor ringer.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Margaret Gough 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, M. T. Bartlett 3, Barbara Wilson (first quarter 'inside') 4, L. Tuffrey 5, A. Morris 6, T. Gwilt 7, Barbara Bayliss 8. Rung for the visit to Shirley of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, A. Walker 3, T. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 5, A. Jones 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. W. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10. Rung to celebrate the presentation of the Charter of Incorporation to Solihull, and at the time when H.R.H. Princess Margaret left the borough.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar 9th, at 42, Magdalen Road, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Levett 1-2, A. A. Price 3-4, S. G. Smith (longest length in hand) 5-6, Mrs. Levett 7-8.

STOKE-GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Whiting 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, E. Shouler 3, A. Armstrong 4, W. Mawby 5, V. Adams (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Mar. 14th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Ladd (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. D. Divall 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. F. Wellington (first in method) 4, B. V. Collison 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6, J. A. Hilton 7, K. S. Hohl 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. K. C. Wilkings.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): R. Old 1, G. Roome 2, P. Amos 3, M. Tomalin 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5. For the wedding of the organist, Miss Elizabeth Miles, to Mr. Roy Garner. Rung after a peal attempt failed through the interruption of the acting verger.

A TOUCH OF KENT AFTER 32 YEARS

On Sunday, March 14th, six Suffolk ringers, most of whose names are often seen in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' visited Eye, Suffolk, to ring a quarter of Cambridge Major for evensong at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul (tenor 21 cwt. in E flat). After a wonderful start the effort came to grief at half-way. Just bad luck!

However, after the service, seven of the visitors, with Fred Brunning (tower captain), rang a touch of Kent. Fred was on the sixth and all went very well. This was the first time he had even attempted Kent since 1922. After that he 'retired' to the tenor for Grandsire, and this was also tapped out in fine style.

The visitors were Muriel Pipe, Leslie Foster, William J. Button, Robert E. Lester, Alan G. Fever, John S. Wybrew, F. Sterry and Harry D. Lister.

Eye is getting a few more visiting ringers just now and it is hoped that this will continue.

C. R.

EWELL RINGERS' WEDDING

About 70 people witnessed the marriage at Ewell Parish Church, Surrey, of Miss Babara Valerie Pottinger to Mr. Geoffrey Wreford Roebuck on February 27th.

Babara commenced to ring in 1945 and has rung one peal, at the end of which she expressed a firm determination not to ring in another! Besides her regular service ringing and attendance at practice, she is prominent in the Girl Guide movement.

The local band rang before the wedding but the peal of Bob Major attempted afterwards unfortunately came to grief towards the end. The honeymoon was spent at Shanklin, I.W.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Enthusiasm in the Rutland Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Rutland Branch held at Glaston on March 13th attracted some 40 or 50 ringers. Records show that as far as this band is concerned it was the biggest meeting ever held at a village church.

The ringers paid tribute to the Vicar of Glaston (the Rev. A. Turner) for his interest in the branch and they regretted that he was leaving this district in a fortnight's time.

During the meeting touches of the following methods were rung: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob.

It is very gratifying to note that the membership of the Branch has increased since the annual meeting and that there is a bigger interest.

Cawston Little Bob Major

5,040

By NOLAN GOLDEN

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	bob halfway and end.			
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	tenors together.			

Rung at Saxlingham Nethergate, Jan. 27, 1954.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Formation of New Branch

The annual business meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Truro on February 27th, the chair being taken by Canon Gilbert, Rector of St. Stephen-in-Brannel, in the absence of the president, Miss Symons, who was away from Cornwall.

The officers were all re-elected, Mr. H. J. Clark, Assistant Ringing Master, being added to the number of vice-presidents.

Twenty-seven peals had been rung for the Guild during 1953, six of these being between May 30th and June 6th for the Coronation, including one of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mr. H. Miles, Mr. D. Burnett and Miss M. Lidgey were elected to serve on the Central Council for the next three years.

The towers around Stratton in North Cornwall were forming a new Branch to include the towers of Stratton and Marhamchurch, at present in the Launceston Branch. This means that five new towers are joining the Diocesan Guild, viz. Poughill, Launcells, Morwenstow, Kilkhampton and Week St. Mary. The meeting approved of the Branch being formed, provided they did not encroach further into the Launceston Branch.

It was announced that the Diocesan Festival would be held at St. Columb on Saturday, July 17th.

After tea, provided by ladies of the Cathedral, there was ringing at the Cathedral and Kenwyn.

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LATE NEWS

The new Bishop of Leicester (Dr. R. R. Williams) has announced that the diocesan plan to demolish the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, has been deferred 'at any rate for some years.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

A small party of College Youths met on March 15th at the Charing Cross Hotel to wish 'bon voyage' to Mr. P. W. Cave, of Liverpool, who was flying to Australia the next day. Mr. Cave was going on a business trip which would last about two months. He was instructed to convey the greetings of the Ancient Society to their brother ringers 'down under.' During his visit Mr. Cave is hoping to see something of the activities of our Australian friends and to find time to have a little ringing with them.

For 53 years a ringer at Witcombe, Gloucestershire, Mr. Charles Taylor rang a peal in celebration of his 80th birthday. Congratulations to another ever-young veteran.

Following a meeting at Walgrave, Northants, recently, ringing was also indulged in at the neighbouring village of Old. Among the the visitors was Roger Old, who happens to be very young! Someone has since suggested to Roger that he rings a peal of Old Doubles at Old. But, says Roger, 'I prefer to stay young'!

Mr. Harold Pitstow, of Banstead, attended an investiture held by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, at Buckingham Palace on March 16th, to receive the M.B.E. awarded to him in the Coronation Honours List. Mr. Pitstow has been associated with the ringing at Westminster Abbey for nearly 40 years and was conductor of the band that rang for the Coronation.

Two friends of Prittlewell ringers were commemorated by an in memoriam peal on March 14th. They were John J. Tinsley, who died on February 27th in his 96th year and who, during the past 12 months, visited the belfry several times, and Harold Kebby, verger of Prittlewell Parish Church for 39 years, who died in March, 1943, when the bells were silent. In his younger days Mr. Kebby did some ringing.

The other members of the band wish to congratulate Mr. George M. Rashbrook, of Colchester, on the way he rang the third at St. Peter's to a peal of Double Norwich two days before his 80th birthday on March 15th. George, who started ringing in 1890, is the oldest member of the St. Peter's company and still rings regularly every Sunday and for any special occasions. Due to business reasons his peal total of 60 in as many years is quite modest and this was his first for about 15 years. His list includes several of Superlative Surprise Major and also handbell peals of Bob Major and Royal under the conductorship of the late William Keeble.

Mr. G. H. Spice, secretary of the Kent County Association, is in Ward 33, University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.1. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. J. Chivers, a district secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has just undergone a severe operation in St. Martin's Hospital, Bath. We hope to hear better news shortly.

Those who are superstitious over 13 should note that on March 13th, at Great Barrington, Gloucestershire, Mr. Ralph E. W. Wenban was successful in his 13th attempt for a peal of Stedman. It was also the 13th peal for the conductor (Mr. W. A. Godwin).

In order that the Vicar of Brighouse, Yorks, could hear a peal on his own bells, an attempt for February 27th was postponed until March 13th and was successful. He was delighted that Grandsire had been chosen at the last minute as it was the only method he knew. The band desire to congratulate F. Renshaw on ringing his first peal. He was pressed into service through the band meeting short.

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NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, 1954

A Review of Ringing Opportunities

WHEN at Bournemouth in 1953 it was decided that in 1954 the Central Council would visit Newcastle-upon-Tyne, what was the reaction of the average delegate? Probably comparatively few of the delegates had actually been to Newcastle, and of those who had been, there would not be many who could claim to know Newcastle-upon-Tyne and its surroundings. In order to dispel possible forebodings and in preparation for Whitsun, 1954, these few notes may be of interest.

Let is be said straightaway that Newcastle is not to be compared with Bournemouth, the 1953 meeting place. Newcastle and Tyneside are predominantly industrial areas but of these industries they need not be ashamed. Shipbuilding alone has given the Tyne a reputation that is world-wide. The coal mining upon which the heavy industries are founded, and which is the source of much of London's electric power, has spoilt the face of parts of the countryside of the counties of Durham and Northumberland, but much remains unspoiled by the coal industry and unspoiled, too, by the tourist industry! In Northumberland especially much fine country is to be found within quite easy reach of the city of Newcastle. The delegate who makes the effort to travel to Newcastle at Whitsun should certainly make a little extra effort and explore some of the surrounding country.

One of the great attractions of the beauty spots in this surrounding country, which arise mainly from the Pennine Chain and other lesser hill ranges, is the solitude of some of the wild moorland with the silence broken only by the distant bleating of sheep; a refreshing change from the din and bustle of most modern life. Naturally in these areas bells do not abound and it is not possible to arrange a tour which will include the beauty spots and an abundance of ringing but the host Association has endeavoured to provide a reasonable combination of both in tours that are offered for Whit Sunday and Whit Monday. The outlines of these plans will be circulated to delegates and if sufficient support is forthcoming the detailed arrangements will be completed.

THE RINGS AVAILABLE

In Newcastle itself the delegate will not find himself short of bells and a programme which will provide plenty of opportunity for ringing them is being worked out by Mr. K. Arthur. Peal ringers will have to venture a little further afield but their needs will be attended to by Mr. W. N. Park.

Newcastle Cathedral boasts the most northerly twelve in the country and they are a good twelve, providing a good example of successful augmentation by two stages from eight. In the ringing chamber they can be heard as a twelve and, like many another older ring, they require that the striking to be acceptable must be of a higher order than often is the case with the most modern rings. The semitones and other odd bells bring the total number of bells in the tower to 17.

There is no ten within the city boundary, but just a bus ride across the Town Moor, which, incidentally, in June is the site of the largest fair in the country, is Gosforth. There, at All Saints', the original eight by Taylors were augmented to ten by the same firm many years ago.

In the eights there are rings from each of the main founders, with each founder providing a very good example of a particular class. St. Stephen's has the oldest bells of this trio, but they were the last to receive attention from a bellhanger, the work of rehanging being completed not long before the outbreak of war in 1939. These could not be overlooked in the search for the finest eight in the country. It is a great pity that local conditions restrict their ringing. At. St. John's conditions are much more favourable and it is not surprising that this tower heads the list for peals by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association with nearly 200 recorded therein. The old eight were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1926, but with a tenor of only 11 cwt. they cannot be compared with St. Stephen's at 27½ cwt. The most modern ring is to be found at Fenham. The church came of age only in 1952, so that modern bells are found there in a modern setting. Seventeen bells from the Whitechapel foundry hang in the tower and while all are available at the keyboard, only eight are hung for ringing, the tenor weighing 14 cwt.

W. H. BARBER'S FEAT

There is another eight at St. George's, Jesmond, and another eight just across the river, at Gateshead. These bells themselves call for no special mention, but Gateshead deserves special notice for its association with the first peal of Erin Triples, composed by J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and conducted by W. H. Barber. Here, too, W. H. Barber performed that amazing feat of conducting Carter's odd bob Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell—and blindfold!

A six at St. James', Benwell, completes the list of ringable bells in the city and just over its borders, for unfortunately the eights at All Saints' (tenor 19 cwt.) and St. Matthew's (tenor 31¼ cwt.) and the six at St. Andrew's (tenor 19 cwt.) are unringable. All Saints' provided the first peal of London for the Association back in 1903, but only just as the rival band at St. John's rang one that same day, and 50 years ago peals of London were by no means commonplace!

This short article does not claim to be anything like a comprehensive account of the bells of Newcastle-upon-Tyne nor their contribution to ringing history nor a guide to the would-be tourist in the area, but just a general introduction which it is hoped will stimulate interest and encourage the Council delegates to travel north at Whitsun to find out more for themselves. It is said that as one travels north the climate becomes colder but the warmth and friendliness of the people increase. That is probably true of the general public but ringers have their own brand of friendship and this flourishes throughout the country irrespective of climate or geographical location. For example, writing this just after returning from the Johnson Dinner, it would be sheer presumption to suggest that northerly Newcastle could outdo the more southerly Birmingham in its welcome. We will do our best to provide a typical ringers' welcome to the Central Council in repaying the honour that it has conferred on us by entering in its diary Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1954. D. B.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

A Generous Gift

At the last business meeting of the Society, held at the Ship, Talbot Court, City, the treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, presented to the members a magnificent set of 12 handbells, size 17 in A.

The Master, Mr. J. E. Chilcott, in thanking Mr. Hughes for this truly generous gift, said that he could be assured that good use would be made of the set and that handbell practices would begin as soon as possible in an effort to revive the lapsed activities of the Society in this branch of the art.

Other members having expressed their appreciation of this beautiful gift, Mr. Hughes said that it was the fulfilment of a promise he made some years ago when the Society lost several sets of handbells on the night the 'Coffee Pot' was destroyed. The only set left in the possession of the Society was one which was presented to them by Lady Heywood. This set happened to be in another part of the city on the fatal night and was not destroyed. It is now in St. Paul's Cathedral ringing room.

Several members then tried out the new bells and all agreed that they were perfect. Now that the Society has a set of bells which is easily available, and also a room at the Ship which can be used, it is hoped that handbell ringing will be revived in real earnest. J. E. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. W. H. Trueman

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch at Highworth on March 13th was honoured by the presence of two general secretaries—Mr. Frank Skidmore, of the Gloucester and Bristol, and Mr. Roger Fry, of the Bath and Wells. Other visitors attended from Bishop's Cannings, Brenchley, Bristol, Chippenham, Devizes, Painswick and Twerton.

The usual ringing was followed by the Association form of service conducted by the Rev. J. Brace. At the business meeting it was proposed that meetings for the next quarter be held at Blunsdon, Malmesbury and Bishopstone.

Mr. W. H. Trueman recently resigned the position of Branch chairman after holding the office for 20 years. As a token of appreciation he was presented with a fountain pen and pencil and a quantity of headed notepaper. The presentation was made by the new chairman (Mr. W. Sidwell), who thanked Mr. Trueman for his services to the Branch.

Attention was called to the request that church bells be rung on the Queen's return on May 15th.

A good number of beginners were present and consequently there was a demand for the more simple methods, but time was found for other methods up to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. W. B. K.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In honour of the engagement of Mr. Maurice Twelvetrees and Miss Elisabeth (Betty) Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Mason, of Lewisham, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Erith on March 19th. It was also a 62nd birthday compliment to Mr. A. G. Mason and to Mr. F. Cullum, who was unable to take part owing to pressure of business.

On March 13th an attempt was made for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the Town Hall Ballarat, Australia, where the two heaviest bells are notoriously bad going. (See 'The Great Adventure.') After two hours the ringer of the seventh (Mr. T. W. Goodyer) was unable to continue and the attempt had to be abandoned.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE

Oxford Society's Annual Lunch and Reunion

The annual lunch of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers was held on Saturday, February 6th.

During the morning ringing took place at St. Mary Magdalen's (6), St. Ebbe's (8) and St. Mary-the-Virgin's (6), followed by a service in St. Mary-the-Virgin's, at which the address was given by the Rev. J. C. Stephenson, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen's.

About 60 guests, visitors and members were present at the lunch, which was held in the George Restaurant.

After the president (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. William Jackson rose to propose the toast of 'The Clergy.' He said that though it had been impressed upon him how privileged he was to be able to propose this toast—a duty which he was assured was the ultimate aim of every member of the Society—there was a strange reluctance to relieve him of the task. Nevertheless he was proud and honoured to propose the health of the clergy, upon whom ringers depended so much.

Dr. R. S. Lee (Vicar of St. Mary's), in reply, said that as a boy in the Australian bush, he often heard the Angelus from a nearby convent, and from that day he had greatly appreciated the bells. He said that the sound of the bells floating over the ancient roofs in Oxford was one of the most beautiful things in the city.

Mr. Peter Border, in proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' welcomed' all the guests and visitors, who included Mr. Frederick Sharpe and the Masters of the Cambridge University Guild, University of Bristol Society and Gloucester and Bristol Association, as well as the Master and other prominent members of the Oxford Society.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe replied for the guests. He began by giving some interesting facts about the early history of the Society, the first record of ringing by members being in 1561. He also told of some amusing incidents in his search for information on the bells of Oxfordshire. In one tower he was trapped by his coat for over five hours, while at another a man sent for the police when he asked to examine the bells. Oxfordshire was particularly rich in bells, including among them the oldest inscribed bell at Caversfield. He thought that research into the early history of ringing by the University and City would be rewarding and offered his assistance to anyone undertaking it.

Mr. Eric Roberts, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, proposed the toast of 'The Oxford University Society.' He told of his journey to Oxford in an old London taxi in which his Guild used to go peal-ringing.

The Master (Mr. Donald Niblett), in reply, reported on a successful year's ringing, but regretted the loss of most of the Society's ringers at the end of the academic year. He acknowledged the efforts of Robin Turner and Miss Kathleen Higgins, who had preceded him as Master, and paid special tribute to Peter Border, whom he recalled attempting to raise a band inside the Examination Schools for a 'Schools peal' of Yorkshire Major. He mentioned a very enjoyable coach tour in the Gloucester district, organised by John Smart, who is also arranging a week's tour in the same district at Easter. Fourteen peals were rung by the Society during the year—three on tower bell and eleven 'in hand.'

After lunch, ringing continued at Merton (8), New College (10), St. Giles' (8), Magdalen (10), Christ Church (12) and All Saints' (8). Methods rung included Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal and Spliced Surprise Major.

London Society's Dinner Attracts 'Provincial' Guests

The University of London Society held its annual dinner on March 6th at the Old Bell Tavern, Fleet Street, E.C.

The afternoon's ringing commenced on the pre-Reformation ring of five at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield. The second tower was St. James', Clerkenwell, a fine-sounding ring of eight, which is very popular amongst members of the University Society. The ringing ended at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. Here the ringing chamber was a source of amusement for some, and drew caustic comment from others. It was here that Geoffrey Carter made a never-to-be-forgotten bob with his reflection in the clock-case.

At the service, held in the church, the Vicar of St. Stephen's (the Rev. G. E. Raindorp) gave a stimulating address in which he pointed out that intolerant criticism by parishioners of practices must be ignored, as it was the duty of all taking part in, and contributing to the worship of God to give of their best, which, in the case of ringers, necessarily entailed constant practice and the encouragement of learners.

After a very satisfying dinner, the president (Mr. Denis N. Layton) proposed the toast of 'The Church and Queen.'

Mr. Geoffrey Carter, in proposing the health of 'The Guests,' welcomed visitors from the 'provincial universities' of Cambridge and Manchester and the tower-keepers of Hampstead, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Clerkenwell, without whose help and co-operation the Society's ringing activities could not flourish.

Mr. Eric Roberts, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, in replying of behalf of the guests, refused to comment on the appellation 'provincial universities' but observed that many years ago Fabian Stedman left Cambridge to visit London with the aim of spreading the noble art in the Metropolis. He left this statement as food for thought amongst London University ringers. He ended by congratulating the Society on its progress despite the obvious difficulties arising from membership of a Society covering the whole of such a scattered organisation as London University.

The president rose to propose the health of 'The Society' and said that it gave him great pleasure to do as as he was himself responsible to a considerable extent for its foundation, and that it was a pleasure to see several founder members present at the dinner. He then traced the Society's history up to the present day and observed that it had found a happy home at Hampstead and Lambeth. He also announced the engagement of Miss Mary Martin, well known as a previous secretary of the Society. He finished by thanking the secretary, Mr. J. R. Leeming, on behalf of all present, for the excellent arrangements made for the day's ringing and the subsequent dinner.

Mr. Kay Adkins, the Master, in replying, said that he regretted being unable to report any peals since he took office at Christmas, but one of the main difficulties confronting the Society was the lack of towers available for peal-ringing in London, which made peal attempts extremely difficult to organise. There were, however, many other signs of the Society's activities, in particular the tours and the weekly practices, which continued uninterruptedly.

After the last speech the customary discussion of the year's tours took place, the members deciding in favour of holding the Whitsun tour in Surrey and the summer tour in Cumberland, if these could be arranged.

The evening's festivities ended with handbell ringing ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Maximus, until the late hour brought an end to the gathering.

THE RINGER'S GUIDE

A second edition is now being prepared and I would be glad to have any corrections and additions as soon as possible.

All errors and omissions already advised have been checked and corrected where necessary.

I would like to be advised of any change of practice night from that shown in the first edition, or to include this information where it has not previously been given, but it is hoped that where practice night is stated this may be deemed to be regular and not fitful or liable to alteration in the near future.

Instances have occurred where the weights of the tenor bells published were found to differ from the weights given on the bell-founders' framed inscription lists frequently supplied when bell restorations are undertaken, and it would be helpful if any such discrepancies could be reported to me for investigation and altering where necessary.

All corrections should be sent to me at the following address as quickly as possible, please.

R. H. DOVE.

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Leeds 8. [Advt.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Testing the Augmented Eight at Norton-in-the-Moors

The monthly meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held on March 13th at the Church of St. Bartholomew, Norton-in-the Moors. This church, built on a hill overlooking the Norton side of the Potteries, is comparatively new, being an 18th century building erected on the same site of the first church, which was built about 1100. Many interesting features have been written about the church and parish. The bells have recently been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylors, Ltd., Loughborough. The meeting was attended by ringers from Bucknall, Cheadle, Brown Edge, Hanley, Kinsley, Leek, Newcastle, Stafford, Stoke, Uttoxeter, Wolstanton, Chester (St. Mary-within-the-Walls).

Tea was served in the Church Hall, the Rector (the Rev. R. B. McKenzie) presiding, supported by the chairman (Mr. R. S. Anderson). After the Rector had welcomed the ringers the chairman stated that since the last meeting there had been a loss of two members—Mr. W. A. Fitchford, of Wolstanton, and Mr. W. Fradley, of Bucknall. Both these members had given yeoman service to the Association. The members stood in tribute to their memory.

A committee meeting was held during the evening under the chairmanship of the vice-chairman (Mr. A. W. Hall, of Cheadle), and it was agreed that the sum of £7 7s. should be given to the Bell Restoration Fund of St. Giles', Newcastle, Staffs. The question of ringing members of the Association becoming subscribers to 'The Ringing World' was discussed and it was decided to stress the necessity of each member having a copy of the paper. This matter will be brought before the members at the next monthly meeting.

Ringing in the usual methods was continued until a late hour. D. R. W.

Mr. A. York-Bramble, who is enjoying winter sports at Grindelwald, writes that the first thing he heard on changing trains at Interlaken was the sound of church bells! 'Not in changes, of course, but at about ¼ raised and not in sequence, but rather irregular 2, 3, 5, 8, 6. The effect, very nostalgic, was nevertheless pleasant, the sound echoing in the clear, still mountain air, and the sun streaming warmly from a sky of cloudless blue!'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DESTRUCTION OF SWANSCOMBE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—As some of the older ringers may recall, in 1902, during a thunderstorm, Swanscombe tower was struck by lightning, which set fire to the tower and church and caused serious damage. The bells all fell down and were broken and partly melted. The then band of ringers salvaged what they could of the old bells and metal. In due course the church was repaired and the bells rehung and made into a ring of eight, and were dedicated and opened on March 6th, 1904.

The peal on March 13th was arranged and rung as near to the 50th anniversary as was possible. Mr. Thomas Easterby, an old Swanscombe ringer, who participated in the peal, learned to ring on its new bells and thereby celebrated his 50th year as a ringer; it was also his first peal for 19 years. Mr. Easterby, who was only a lad at the time of the fire, stood outside the church and heard the bells crash.

The writer can recall three other old Swanscombe ringers who remember this disaster—Mr. F. Ring, the present leader: Mr. A. Thompson, an old churchwarden; and Mr. F. Hayes. There may be others, but being a comparatively young man, I cannot recall them.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. BUTCHER.

Northfleet.

GRAMMAR AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—The Grammar and Technical Schools Association, as such, came into being in January of this year. When first started, at the end of last year, it was decided to call it just 'The Grammar Schools Association' because all of its members were either pupils or masters of Grammar Schools. This title was soon dropped because a number of persons belonging to Technical Colleges joined the Association.

Any school attenders (pupils or masters) are welcome to join the Association and any ringers are welcome at the meetings.—Yours faithfully,

D. H. WALKLATE.

Derby.

THE COCKEYS

Dear Sir,—Miss Overend errs, I think, in locating the first of this trio at Frome; Lewis' identity was in doubt for a long time as his castings generally had initials (L bell C), but his surname was recovered from the former tenor at Frampton, Dorset. It is well established, however, by entries in the churchwardens' accounts at Yatton and records at the British Museum, that his foundry was at Bristol. His bells are in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, but Somerset has only three, viz.: Farleigh Hungerford, 1681; Hinton Charterhouse, 1687; and Clevedon, 1695. The Clevedon bell does not form part of the present ring but is on show in the church porch.

William Cockey subsequently set up a foundry at Frome, his earliest bell apparently being at Leigh Delamere, 1706. Edward came much later, 1823-1840.

As to the tradition quoted by your correspondent, in 1872 there were three of William's bells at Frome, the treble 1724, the 2nd 1740, and the 6th 1746, but neither appears to have had the inscription mentioned. A close study of some 25 of these 'King's England' books gives me little confidence in their historical reliability, interesting and well illustrated though they are.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Som.

P.S.—So 'The Ringing World' may have its face lifted. A pity! I've grown fond of that skyline over the years.—E. G. C.

TITLE COVER DESIGN

Dear Sir,—I was not a little perturbed to read in your issue of March 12th that the Editorial Committee had under consideration the alteration of the front page design of 'The Ringing World.'

I hasten to write to implore that no hasty decision be made on this matter, and, indeed, to urge that if the change would involve the destruction of the present heading then the temptation be firmly resisted.

The present well-balanced design with its intriguing background of the famous skyline is one of the tangible memorials we have to the peculiar genius of John Goldsmith and his magnificent work for the Exercise, and I feel, as many must doubtless feel, that only the gravest considerations, backed by the full weight of the Central Council, should be allowed to imperil its existence.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

A BREAK WITH TRADITION

Dear Sir,—I see that the Editorial Committee invite designs for a front page title.

I think it is a pity that any alteration is contemplated and would respectfully urge the committee not to alter the present design.

I have been reading 'The Ringing World' for over 20 years and the design has not changed—except for additional wording. It has, therefore, been the same since the founder's days. It would, in my opinion, be a poor tribute to J. S. Goldsmith to break the tradition. Further, every reader recognises 'The Ringing World' at a glance by its present very fine title, which I do not think could be bettered.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda.

FIVE-BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—If Mr. A. Hilton has been initiated into the art of change ringing to believe 'that in an odd-bell method a peal rung without the tenor covering, even if the tower contains an odd number of bells, is invalid,' may I sharply tell him he is wrong, and also to warn him (or any others who think likewise) of the dangers of such initiation.

Peal ringing begins on five, not on six! This has been the accepted rule for very many years and must continue to be so if we are to avoid (1) a loss of interest, (2) hundreds of five-bell towers throughout the country with no ringers, and (3) 'homes' for the advocates of synthetic bells to fertilise their propaganda. In the Peterborough Diocese alone, out of 215 towers no less than 108 have five bells. This idea of looking upon six as the minimum is all wrong.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

5,088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. W. ROBERTS

23456	M	B	W	H
35264		X		
35642		X		—
35426		X		—
52364		X		
52643		X		—
24536		X		
24365		X		—
32465				—
43265				—
62534	—		—	
23645		X		

Twice repeated.

This composition is now presumed to have been rung for the first time on Saturday, March 6th, 1954, at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

Conducted by Percy Green.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District at Godalming

The Ladies' Guild (Southern District) meeting, held at Godalming, Surrey, on March 13th, was remarkable for the fact that it was the first ringers' meeting to be held at this ancient and picturesque town for many a long year and the first ever of a Branch of the Ladies' Guild.

In spite of the bitter weather a good number of members and friends collected at the church and kept the bells going happily—if not perfectly—until well on into the evening. In the afternoon a service was held during which Miss Y. Eloie, a well-known member of the Southern District, read the lesson.

The Vicar of Godalming (the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham), interpolating into the Guild's form of service a short address, gave all a hearty welcome and said that he hoped that meeting would prove the first of many. He mentioned that never, during all the time he had been at Godalming, had he missed hearing his bells rung for Sunday services and that he regarded as an extremely good record. He was proud of his ringers and grateful to them and he would like to think that such regularity, entailing as it did a considerable amount of effort and sacrifice, would be an example to all present.

After tea, the District business meeting was held in the ringing room with Miss Colgate (the Guild's general secretary) in the chair, while the gentlemen chafed impatiently in the background. There was very little business to discuss but five new members were elected and the subsequent sale of badges was fast and furious.

When operations were resumed Miss Colgate, at the special request of the District secretary, took charge of both the ringing and the gentlemen with her usual urbane efficiency and demonstrated that there is nothing to match good humour coupled with sound knowledge to keep a meeting in order. Later, when left to cope alone with the gabble of conversation which is usual between touches, the District secretary tried to attract attention by banging on the table with the nearest object at hand. As that happened to be Miss Eloie's umbrella perhaps the idea was not a good one—at any rate the weapon was swiftly and purposefully moved out of harm's way.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to all helpers, especially to the gentlemen, with a particular expression of gratitude to Mr. V. H. Smith, the captain of the Godalming tower.

W. A. O.

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Frome on March 13th, when a large gathering of 60 members and friends made very good use of the ring of eight.

At the business meeting the following officers were re-elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. Knight; hon. secretary, Miss M. Taylor.

Seven new members were elected. The June meeting will be held at Tiverton and, as usual, a coach will be run from the Bristol-Bath district.

M. J. T.

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Quarter peals.—Margate 2s., Upper Clapton 1s. 6d., Pencombe 2s. 6d., Itchingfield 2s. 6d., Seal Chart 3s., St. Leonards-on-Sea 1s., Solihull 2s., Burnham 5s., Brightwell-cum-Sotwell 3s., Kingsbury 3s.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

XI. DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Table A.—5,024 changes by Mr C. W. Roberts.

Course Ends 23456	1	4	5	6	Coursing Orders from 53246 1	4	5	6
53624	—	—		—	25346	25634		23564
26354	—			—	52364			56234
24365		—	—			56423	64235	
43265				—				63425
32465				—				62345
56234	—	—			36245	36524		
32654	—			—	53624			52364
25634	—				35264			
43526	—	—			23564	23456		
25346	—			—	42356			45236
53246				—				43526
32546				—				42356

Three times repeated, Single instead of the two bracketed bobs in alternate parts.

Table B.—(See text below).

	PLAIN BOB TYPE			DOUBLE NORWICH TYPE		
Call	From 53246	Code ABC into BCA applied to		Call	From 53246	Code ABC into CAB applied to
W	32546	Front three bells		1	25346	Front three bells
M	53462	Back three bells		4	53624	Back three bells
H	52436	Middle three bells		6	54326	Middle three bells
B	65324	Last bell to first		5	32465	First bell to last

So far for every method we have considered we have used the simple code ABC into BCA—but you may have noticed that all our examples have been even bell methods and all with a fourths place bob. I have dealt with these first and shall come back again to them later when I write of Surprise methods, as almost all the average ringer's even bell ringing is done on them.

There is, however, at least one even-bell method that is rung frequently which has a sixth place bob—Double Norwich—and if we examine this method we shall see that our code for transposing Coursing Orders has to be varied slightly. By this time it should not be too difficult to work things out for yourselves, but it may be helpful if I do so in this chapter.

If you examine a plain course of this method you will see that the Coursing Order of the bells is just the same as in Plain Bob and indeed it is equally as regular. The double-dodging merely gives us extra time to look for the Coursing Order and adds to the music which the Plain Bob Coursing Order gives us in the plain and certain other courses.

But when we come to conduct a touch or peal we are faced with certain differences, as compared with the methods used for our earlier examples.

The first big difference is in the calling positions. If you write out the seven lead ends of the plain course you will see that at three of the lead ends you can call a bob without it affecting the work of the tenors. (The bob of course, is made by a sixths place and the back two bells dodging.) These leads are the first, fourth and sixth. You will also see that if you call a bob at the fifth lead you cause 7 and 8 to dodge together behind in the Home position, thus bringing up a course end in five leads instead of seven. So now we can write out a table of the course ends which will be produced from rounds by a bob at any one of these four calling positions.

23456	1	4	5	6
35426	—			
63254		—		
42635			—	
34256				—

If you are writing out touches, these are the rows you will need for your transpositions. But without a good deal of thought you will not easily use them while ringing and, just like the corresponding transpositions in Plain Bob, etc., they won't tell you much.

Now let us see what is the second big difference. We will use the same table again, but will show the Coursing Orders starting from the Coursing Order of the plain course (53246).

53246	1	4	5	6
25346	—			
53624		—		
32465			—	
54326				—

As you will remember, a bob W in Plain Bob altered the Coursing Order of the **first** three bells from ABC to BCA (from 53246 to 32546). The bob at 1 in Double Norwich also alters the Coursing Order of the **first** three bells, but from ABC to CAB (from 53246 to 25346), with 2 making sixths, 5 becoming eighths place bell and 3 sevenths place bell.

You will also remember that a bob M in Plain Bob alters the Coursing Order of the **last** three bells from ABC to BCA (from 53246 to 53462). The bob at 4 in Double Norwich also alters the Coursing Order of the **last** three bells, but from ABC to CAB (from 53246 to 53624), with 6 making sixths place, 2 becoming eighths place bell and 4 sevenths place bell.

You will further remember that a bob H in Plain Bob alters the Coursing Order of the **middle** three bells from ABC to BCA (from 53246 to 52436). The bob at 6 in Double Norwich also alters the Coursing Order of the **middle** three bells, but from ABC to CAB (from 53246 to 54326), with 4 making sixths place, 3 becoming eighths place bell and 2 sevenths place bell.

In Plain Bob we saw that a bob Before had a different effect from bobs in the other positions—it altered the Coursing Order from 53246 to 65324, by turning the sixths place bell into a fifths place bell (from last to first of our Coursing Order). Similarly in Double Norwich, a bob at 5 has a different effect from bobs in

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the other positions—it alters the Coursing Order from 53246 to 32465, by turning the fifths place bell into a sixths place bell (from first to last of our Coursing Order). Nos. 7 and 8 are of course the other two bells concerned in the bob, just as they are in Plain Bob.

Let us consider as our example the four-part peal of 5,024 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major by Mr. C. W. Roberts shown in Table A above:—

On the left of the calling are the course ends as you will read them in a book. But except at those particular course ends they won't tell the average conductor where the bells are when a trip happens.

On the right are the Coursing Orders as changed at each bob. You don't have to try to learn these, just change three bells, with the code ABC into CAB. as you are ringing. And you will know each time that the bell represented by the letter C will be the one that will make the bob and the back two bells dodging together wil be those represented by the letters A and B and they will go down to the front in that order.

Table B above shews in summary form how the operation of the Coursing Order technique differs in the two types of methods.

QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Pollard (first quarter) 1, E. Littlewood 2, Mrs. D. Day (first 'inside') 3, A. Hinman 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, J. Day 6. Rung as a compliment to the people's warden (Mr. J H. Cook) and Mrs. Cook on the birta of their grand-daughter (Judith Mary), born the same day.

ASH, CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): E. Prescott 1, W. Goldup 2, A. Gambrill 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie 4, W. Payne 5, L. Martin 6, J. Wells (cond.) 7, H. Peattie 8. Rung for the installation of the Rev. C. W. Carter, Vicar of Ash, as Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,256 Granta Treble Bob Major: C. E. Wright 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, A. J. House 8. First in method by all the band.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Mar. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, G. Bryant 4, F. R. L. Blewer 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, F A. Barker 4, J. Euston 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. W. Coles 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Miss J. R. Wells 1, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 2, Miss A. Vine 3, D. Ladd 4, F. W. Lawrence 5. Rung on the back five after meeting short for a peal of Minor.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Merrell 1, Miss I. Werrett 2 (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Willes 3, Miss A. Willes 4, R. Dixon 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss M. Collins (first of Triples) 1, Miss I. Werrett 2, H. Werrett 3, Miss P. Willes 4, R. Dixson 5, M. Collings 6, Miss A. Willes (first as cond.) 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Dixon 1, Jean Sanderson (first 'inside') 2, Ivy Werrett 3, R. Castledine 4, W. Hitch 5, C. Harwood 6, Angela Willes 7, H Werrett (cond.) 8.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Harrison (cond.) 1, J. S. Harrison (first of Minor) 2, A. Mould 3, D. K. Walklate 4, G. Hall 5, D. R. Carlisle 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Darby for Confirmation service.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Laurence, on Mar. 7th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. D. Catherall 2, Mrs. B. Lewington 3, R. G. Burton (cond.) 4, W. Hibbert 5, R.Diserens 6, Neville Diserens 7, T. G. Myers 8, E. Humfrey 9, Noel Diserens (first of Cinques) 10, C. E. Lewington 11, C. Sangwin 12.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Morgan 1, Mrs D. Beavan 2, C. Jones 3, Miss M. Tilbury 4, Miss J. Green 5, J. Webb 6, R. Jones (cond.) 7, T. Beavan 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 3, 5 and 8.

SHROPSHIRE BELLS AND THEIR RINGERS

Tenor Still in Tune After 330 Years

By W. A. FARMER

CLUNBURY is typical of many parishes in South Shropshire in that the area is considerable, the population of the parish is around 700, but on a first visit a stranger would wonder where all the people lived.

The road from Craven Arms to Clun runs through it, with Clunbury itself nestling round the church at the foot of the hill of the same name, to the south of the road. An ancient and picturesque wrought-iron sign post directs the way to Bishop's Castle, and a short distance along this is Kempton, a sizable hamlet which contributes considerably to the population. If we do not turn to either side, we soon pass The Hundred House, at Purslow, a relic, or at least a reminder, of the Saxon system of jurisdiction by a hundred families.

This is by no means the limit of the parish, as presently we come to Clunton, which appears to be a village in itself. The church is of ancient foundation, being a chapel dependent on Clun before the Reformation. The building must have been of considerable size, as in 1549 it boasted of 'ij belles of one accord.' Afterwards it is recorded, 'The chapell of Clonton one Oliver Lloyd toke two belles from hence in the Kings name.'

The original building also disappeared, the present church being modern and administered from Clunbury.

ANCIENT CHURCH

The Church of St. Swithin at Clunbury suggests a Saxon foundation by its dedication, but we know that the nave and the font are Norman. It was also dependent upon Clun until the reign of Richard I., when it is recorded that Isabel de Say and William Botwell gave it to Wenlock Priory. The object of such gifts was generally to secure the manorial rights and income to the monastery, in return for which it was usual to arrange for the monks to say masses for the souls of their benefactors.

However that may be, the parish secured independence in 1341, by which time the nave had been lengthened, and the tower built or enlarged. Further rebuilding in the 17th century gave us the present imposing tower, a sufficient structure for the ring of six bells it now holds.

STORY OF THE BELLS

The story of these bells has been told in some detail by the present Vicar, the Rev. B. T. Herbert, in a booklet published in 1951, and available ftor those who may be interested in the many facets of social life of the middle ages which churchwardens' records supply.

The story is typical of many of our village churches. Starting with the usual inventory of 1549, it is established that there were then three bells in use. Nothing is known about them except that probably they were rather larger than was usual, as in 1620 the tenor or largest was sent to Wellington to be recast by William Clibury. It is still the tenor of the present six and weighs about 10 cwt.

Particulars of the various items of expenditlre on this occasion conclude with the words: 'Spent on the founder when hee came for hys money IIIjd (four).' The total cost was £7 2s. 9d., and the result so far is 333 years of service.

OAK FRAME OF 1628

The three bells swung in an old frame, but shortly afterwards this was considered unsatisfactory, and in 1628 local craftsmen put in the oak frame which is there to-day.

Nowadays one of the firms specialising in such work would be employed, and the frame would probably be made of steel. We cannot but admire the men of the time who undertook such work, as local masons repaired the tower at the same time.

Evidently the occasion was recognised as a little out of the ordinary, as the churchwardens 'laide out the second daye for the same worke for drinke on those that were att the rearing off the Bellframe, and for their suppers at night IIjs vjd.'

'Mr. Lawleye' received 'ji IIIjs. for three tunn of timber' and Barnabas Horton 'for making of the Bellframe and some other worke IIj l xviij s vjd.'

LOCAL BELL FOUNDRIES

Critical ears now decided that the two old bells were unsatisfactory, and one was recast in 1631. It is established that this event took place at Orleton, south of Ludlow, and presumably Richard Oldfield, who was at work in the district at that time, was the founder. Similarly the other was recast at Ludlow in 1639, but while copious details of the amounts spent are available, no founder is mentioned.

Ringers for these bells have never been lacking, and payments, for the fifth of November in particular, are most regular. In 1620 this was one shilling. A later entry of 1678 suggests some differences: 'It was then agreed by the pissioners (parishioners) of Clonbury that the Ringers that doe ringe on the fifth day of November shall have Three shillings for theyre alowance and if the Churchwardens doe pay them anymore the pissioners will not alow it.'

JUBILEE MEMORIAL

The three bells did duty until 1887, the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. We must thank the inhabitants of the day for their foresight in providing so permanent a record of the occasion as exists in five new bells. These were cast and hung by Messrs. Warners, of London, but it should be noted that the oldest bell, cast at Wellington in 1620, was considered tuneful enough to remain. It has, deservedly, a reputation amongst ringers of the neighbourhood to-day.

The cost of this undertaking appears to have been defrayed by the village generally, as no record was made in the church accounts. Most probably a Jubilee Fund was raised for the purpose.

However that may be, the six bells made a sufficient number for the change-ringing which so many ringers find so interesting that it provides a life-long hobby. Mr. E. H. Meredith in particular, is to be found at the ringers' gatherings which are regularly arranged by the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and at home instructs learners and conducts Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. E. H. Meredith learned change-ringing at Runcorn, Cheshire, and rang two peals of Grandsire Triples for the Chester Diocesan Guild. He has since rung several of Grandsire Doubles for the Hereford Guild.

Mr. N. E. Phillips has also rung in similar peals, while Mr. Meredith's two sons, Roger and Charlton, have both rung two peals of Grandsire Doubles.

One of these was at Clunbury, in 1948, the other and first peal, lasting nearly three hours, was in 1908.

The band is justly proud of the fact that a high standard of the lively and musical change ring is maintained for service ringing, the main purpose for which the bells were installed.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows, with Warners' name in addition on the first five: 1, Vivos voco mortuos plango (translated as, I summon the living, I mourn for the dead). 2, Ring in the love of truth and right. 3, Attendite populi (Hear, O my people). 4. Jesus bee our speed 1631. 5, Jubilee 1887. God save the Queen. 6, Gloria in excelsis Deo 1620. William Clebry made me.

(Reprinted from 'The Shropshire Magazine')

COMPOSITIONS

5,120 Spliced Surprise Major in 32 Methods

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

6 4 2 3 8 5 7	— Shoreditch
3 5 4 7 6 8 2	Apsley
2 6 4 3 8 5 7	— Norfolk
6 3 5 7 2 8 4	— Hitchin
5 6 2 3 4 7 8	Radlett
2 5 4 6 8 3 7	Derwent
5 6 3 7 2 8 4	— Yorkshire
2 3 5 6 4 7 8	— Otley
5 2 4 3 8 6 7	Deben
3 6 2 7 5 8 4	Cambridge
5 2 3 6 4 7 8	— Lessness
3 5 4 2 8 6 7	Lindum
5 2 6 7 3 8 4	— Pudsey
3 6 5 2 4 7 8	— Wembley
5 3 4 6 8 2 7	Uxbridge
6 2 3 7 5 8 4	Langley
5 3 6 2 4 7 8	— London
6 5 4 3 8 2 7	Lindoff's London
5 3 2 7 6 8 4	— Superlative
2 5 6 3 4 7 8	Eastcote
6 2 4 5 8 3 7	Framley
2 5 3 7 6 8 4	— Lincolnshire
3 2 5 7 6 8 4	— Dublin
6 5 3 2 4 7 8	— Claybrooke
3 6 4 5 8 2 7	Ealing
6 5 2 7 3 8 4	— Painswick
3 2 6 5 4 7 8	— Rutland
6 3 2 5 4 7 8	— Bristol
2 6 3 5 4 7 8	— New Gloucester
3 2 4 6 8 5 7	Watford
2 6 5 7 3 8 4	— Trowbridge
3 5 2 6 4 7 8	— Falmouth

Four times repeated.
Norfolk rung with a 4ths place bob.
Rung at Harmston, Lincs, Feb. 20th, 1954.

Ludgate Surprise Royal

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5,040
By C. K. LEWIS

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Contains 16 —567890's and 16 —657890's.

This method is a slight variation of the original which was worked out by Thomas B. Worsley on January 7th, 1928, when investigating the possibilities of the extension of London Surprise Major. It is interesting to note that a week earlier (December 31st, 1927) he produced what is now known as London Surprise Royal No. 3 Version.

OBITUARY

MR. D. D. COOPER

The Exercise in general has suffered a severe loss in the passing of Daniel Doulton Cooper on March 13th at the early age of 51. He was well known in ringing circles in all parts of the country and especially in Surrey, where most of his ringing had been done. A member of the Surrey Association for about 36 years, at his death he was its Master, a position to which he was elected in 1946 after holding various other offices continuously since 1927. He had represented the Association on the Central Council since 1933.

Altogether he rang just under 300 peals, including 10,400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 5th, 1926, which is the longest length rung for the Surrey Association. Although not calling many of the peals in which he took part he was a very capable conductor.

His passing will be most felt in Croydon Parish Church, where he had rung ever since he started to learn, 37 years ago, and where he had been leader for 22 years.

As a leader he had the very great qualities of patience and tolerance and had taught numerous pupils to handle a bell, many of whom are now very competent ringers. He strove for the maintenance of good Sunday service ringing and instilled it into all the band that the bells were provided for that purpose and that good striking was of the utmost importance.

The funeral, on March 18th, was conducted by the Vicar (Ven. C. F. Tonks), assisted by the Revs. Mr. Pearce and Mr. Tufton, at the Croydon Parish Church, followed by cremation, and was well attended by friends from the ringing world as well as colleagues from Croydon Corporation and from his parochial activities outside the belfry.

At his expressed wish the bells of the Parish Church were rung open before and after the church service, and in the Crematorium a well-struck course of Stedman Triples on handbells was rung by A. B. Peck 1-2, F. J. Smallwood 3-4, C. H. Kippin 5-6, H N. Pitstow 7-8.

Unfortunately a peal attempt on the tower bells immediately after the funeral came to grief through a shift course after 95 minutes' good ringing by the local band.

At the funeral service the local band was represented by Messrs. T. Bulgin, F. E. Collins, R. Davies, G. H. Humphries, G. Lodge, C. Parks, W. F. Oatway, E. Razzell, Mesdames O. Collins, H. E. Oatway and Miss P. M. Steer.

Among visiting ringers were:—Messrs. A. B. Peck (secretary, Ancient Society of College Youths), F. J. Smallwood (Editorial Committee, 'Ringing World'), A. Harman (Master, Guildford Guild), H. N. Pitstow (secretary, Westminster Abbey band and leader, Banstead), A. Pulling (Holy Trinity, Guildford), J. Chapman (St. Leonard's, Streatham), T. Blow, J. Adcock, E. Voules and Mrs. P. Voules (St. Peter's, Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin (Winchester Guild), Messrs. A. Mason (Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), M. Howard and B. Newson (Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.), A. Gear (Redhill), the Rev. K. G. Hoare (Betchworth), J. Prior (Police Guild), L. Reece (Beddington), W. J. Rawlings, F Housden, H. V. Young, E. G. Talbot, J. Euston, R. F. Layton, A. T. Jones, A. J. Adams, H. J. Skelt. Non-ringing friends included Mrs. C. Johnston, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Skelt, Mrs. Blow and H. Parry.

Among the many floral tributes were those from the Central Council; the Surrey Association; the local band; St. Peter's, Croydon; St. Mary's, Beddington; and Mrs. C. Johnston.

Mr. Cooper leaves a widow and two children to mourn his passing and to them all will offer their deepest sympathy.

F. E. C., R. D., W. F. O.

MR. THOMAS C. NELSON, M.P.

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Mr. Thomas C. Nelson, the Unionist M.P. for Enniskillen in the Northern Ireland Parliament. He died in the Belfast City Hospital following a seizure in Sandy Row Orange Hall on March 16th.

Mr. Nelson was 64 years of age and was a life member of the Irish Association since 1947; previously he was an honorary member. Some years ago he rang the bells of St. Macarten's Cathedral, Enniskillen, and was largely instrumental in having that Cathedral's bells rehung and augmented by Messrs. Taylor in 1935.

He was keenly interested in the affairs of the Church of Ireland, being a member of the Cathedral Vestry, Diocesan Council and the General Synod. He was also a prominent member of the Orange Order and the Masonic Order. His business was a firm of decorators and he was a large employer.

He is survived by his wife and his son, Robert, conductor of the Cathedral band, and his daughter, who is in Australia, to whom our sympathy is offered.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting With Hawkhurst and District Guild

The choice of Rolvenden for the Ashford District's meeting on March 20th afforded the opportunity to make it a joint one with the Hawkhurst and District Guild. It is not often that we have the pleasure of ringing with our friends who do such a useful job on the Kent-Sussex border, but it is an experience which both parties enjoy and which is well worth repeating. The local arrangements were made by Mr. Geoff Waters, who has a foot in both camps.

Ringing began at 3 p.m. and continued until about 4.30, beginners and the more experienced being equally catered for by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Kemp, of Hawkhurst). Then came a good tea at the Bull Inn, followed by two business meetings, both presided over by Mr. J. Willis, and both—much to the relief of the gathering—were kept down to bare essentials by the respective secretaries.

More ringing followed and then, at 6.30 p.m., the service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Savill), with Mr. E. Manktelow at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. Geoff Waters. The Hawkhurst Guild had generously consented to the collection going to the Kent County Association's Bell Repair Fund, and this amounted to £1 2s. 6d.

Ringing followed until 9 o'clock in methods up to Yorkshire Surprise Major. Altogether during the day about 45 members and friends were present, the towers represented being:—Ashford, Benenden, Bethersden, Biddenden, Brenchley, Folkestone, Frittenden, Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, High Halden, Lydd, Marden, Maidstone, Northiam, Sedlescombe and Willesborough.

Rolvenden is at present without a local band. The Vicar on being thanked for the use of his bells and for conducting the service, said that he felt sure that he could get young recruits if he could get assistance to train them. The usual story is that existing bands cannot get recruits. Therefore the situation at Rolvenden constitutes a challenge to our members. Will any help to get another tower going again?

W. P. G.

During her visit to Solihull on March 11th to present the charter of incorporation, H.R.H. Princess Margaret was shown over the Parish Church, which has been admirably described by Mr. C. E. Shepherd in his work 'Solihull Church and Bells.'

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

TWELVETREES—MASON. — The engagement is announced between Maurice Twelvetrees, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Twelvetrees, of Kenton, Middlesex, and Elisabeth (Betty), only child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason, of Lewisham, S.E.13. 4142

DEATH

JARRETT.—After three months' illness, at 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, on March 19th, 1954, Victor Albert, devoted husband of Violet and father of Cyril, Gladys and Marjorie. 4156

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. C. Ernest Smith is now Five Stones, Tuesley Lane, Godalming, Surrey. Telephone Godalming 125. 4134

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

PARKSTONE.—Bed-breakfast or full board in private house. Near bus stop for Bournemouth, Sandbanks and Chines. Lock-up garage. For fuller particulars write J. I. Davis, Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Dorset. 4143

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of eight or twelve handbells wanted, miniatures if possible.—Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Hayes, Middlesex. 4129

PUBLICATIONS

'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS' now out of print. A few copies only left at published price, 21s., from the author, Ernest Morris, Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 4017

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting, March 27th, at Melbourne. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. 4112

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4099

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winchcombe (6), March 27th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 4111

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice, Yorktown (8), Saturday, March 27th. Time 6-9 p.m.—G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 4083

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Aston, March 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Annable's London Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4082

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting, Staplehurst (8), Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names to Dr E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Hitcham, Saturday, March 27th, 6.30 p.m. Branch annual meeting, Cookham, April 24th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough 4103

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting at Sevenoaks, Kent, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. Frequent Southern Electric trains from Charing Cross or London Bridge.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Practice meeting, Taunton (St. James'), April 3rd. Bells 6.15 p.m., recently rehung.—A. H. Reed. 4147

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Westminster Surprise Minor.—Bryan Pattison. 4132

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Hartford (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 30th.—D. Smith, 29, West Avenue, Northwich 4154

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Ely Dis. Sec. 4137

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Chigwell Row, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea at nearby cafe. 4085

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—April 3rd, Emmanuel (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting. Room at rear of church.—A. Bennett. 4140

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells (8) on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 4087

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 31st, to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4122

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's (R.C.) and St. John's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided—J. H. Foster. 4151

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Burton-in-Lonsdale (6 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd Ringing 2.30-8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to J. N. Kirkbride, Rose Cottage, Burton-in-Kendal.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4152

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Aughton Parish Church on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4150

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Annual dinner and social will be held at Thurnby (Village Hall), April 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Tickets, (4s.) from B. S. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. Ringing: Billesdon 3-4.30 p.m.; Thurnby 5-6 p.m. 4146

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Important.—Names for tea to me by Monday, March 29th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4097

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Overseale, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Cotton. Overseal 264. 4149

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Kingsley, Saturday, April 3rd. Names for tea to W. Carnwell, 33, Hayles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent. 4127

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gressenhall (6) April 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 4153

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15 p.m. Please notify for tea by March 29th. A good attendance desired. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4096

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on April 3rd at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4135

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, Bishops Cannings, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4141

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Frampton, near Dorchester, April 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names, by March 31st, please, to Mr. D. Cox, 3, South View, Frampton, Dorchester.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Wevmouth. 4131

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, South Anston (8), April 3rd. Bring sandwiches. Cups of tea for those notifying, by March 31st, H. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston.—N. Chaddock. 4139

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify, by Wednesday, March 31st, Rev. H. Pritchard, The Rectory, Barton, Notts. 4084

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston (12), April 3rd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: Springfield 1025. 4119

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Saturday, April 3rd, 3.30. Names for tea, by March 31st, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4133

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth, April 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names, please, to W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 4123

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting at Hull on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available: St. Mary's, Lowgate (6) during afternoon; Holy Trinity (10) evening. Service in Holy Trinity at 4.15. Tea in Trocadera Cafe at 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. G. F. Williams, 90, Hall Road, Hull. Association badges now available. — H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4103

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4144

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 10th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon and evening. St. Mary's in afternoon for service there at 3.30. S. Nicolas' in evening. Tea and business meeting S. Nicolas' Hall 4.15. Numbers for tea, by April 6th, please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 4155

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitstable, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head for those notifying, not later than Wednesday, April 7th, Miss H. M. Palmer, 37, Clare Road, Tankerton, Whitstable, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4145

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A joint meeting with the Shropshire Association will be held at Claverley on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea, by Thursday, April 8th, please, to Mr. Fred Bennett, Rydale, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 4128

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Saturday, April 10th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, April 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 4136

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Fressingfield District. —A meeting will be held on April 10th at Stradbroke (10 bells) and Wingfield (6) The bells will be available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. at 2s. per head. Let me have names for tea by the 5th, please.—J. Barber, Hillside, Wingfield, Diss. 4138

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — Annual, Seaton, Easter Monday. Service 4.15. Tea and business, Axe Vale Cafe. Names not later than April 9th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary. 4130

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday. Lunch tickets on application, **with remittance**, to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 4s.; others 6s. 6d. Nominations for C.C. representatives to me by April 8th. Service, Parish Church, 12 noon. Committee meeting at Committee Rooms (opposite church) 10.45.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 4148

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Holmfirth, April 24th. For tea notify, by April 10th, Miss A. Haigh, Royd House, Rotcher, Holmfirth.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4081

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Mar. 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,264 Bob Major: F. B. Cookson 1, Mrs. R Smith 2, R. Cooper (first quarter in the method) 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. L. Dunn 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, W. H. Cooper 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung for Evensong and for the celebration of the 21st birthday of Miss Jill Tombs, a member of the band.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Parsons 1, C. F. Wills 2, D. Inkpen 3, F. H. Hart 4, W. Hart (cond.) 5, C. Gay 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hart on their recent marriage.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Brown 1, Mrs. S. G. Brown 2, Mrs. D. Cooper 3, S. G. Brown 4, D. Cooper 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6, R. Christopher 7, R. Hutchins 8. Also on Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, Miss P. Gaunt 2, G. K. Dodd 3, R. Crook 4, H. Reed 5, E. Curtis 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Rung for the evening service.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Rodwell (first quarter) 1, A. Tumber 2, P. Nash 3, R. F. Brewer 4, J. M. N. Lakin (cond.) 5.

HARLESDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

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By R. F. B. SPEED

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23456	—	2		

2nds place lead end
4ths place bob

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Massam (first quarter) 1, A. G. Wood 2, J. Wormald 3, G. Ward 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 6, P. Massam 7, H. Homer 8. Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to G. W. Steel, and 21st birthday compliment to Gnr. A. W. Strangeway, R.A., both members of the Sunday service band.

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A NOTABLE TRIO

DOUBTLESS it is true to say that in the making of any collection of peal compositions, for either practical or historical purposes, there are certain ones that could in no circumstances be omitted. Among those that would very naturally form the nucleus of an anthology (if, indeed, such a word may be used of a selection of peals) perhaps the most certain of inclusion are Middleton's peal of Cambridge, Thurstans' 4-part peal of Stedman Triples, and Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples. These works, remarkable for a number of points of comparison and contrast, have on occasions been described as the three indispensable compositions of the ringing Exercise.

They are alike in the unobtrusiveness of their appearance in the world of change ringing. Thurstans' 4-part peal was certainly composed after a great struggle lasting many years, but in the final triumph the figures were kept secret and the peal was rung almost accidentally in 1846; and once the problem it solved had been overcome there was little comment on the extraordinary qualities of the masterpiece. Middleton's peal, unless one is mistaken, appeared in Hubbard's book as a peal of London Surprise, and its enormous significance as a peal of Cambridge was not immediately apparent. Parker's 12-part, a truly magnificent achievement, was published very modestly in the columns of 'The Bell News' on November 12th, 1892, and the Exercise received it without comment. Parker's peal was rung almost as soon as it appeared in print, and Thurstans' 4-part was rung before it was published; but Middleton's 5,600 had to wait for some years before it was finally rung by the Bennington people.

It is interesting to note the historical position these peals occupy, and then to observe how little was their immediate effect on composition. Not one of the three was, of course, the first true composition in the method. But the Four-Part marked an epoch and sounded the death knell of special calls. Parker's peal was not the first of Grandsire Triples with common bobs and singles only, but it was, for the ordinary conductor, an immense improvement on most of the old compositions, and it almost completely drove out of use the splendid 10-part peal by John Holt, which necessitated the use of two special calls. Middleton was probably not conscious of having solved any particular problem, but his peal was the terminus of at least one line of inquiry, for it was found to be the only possible one in that method with the tenors together throughout.

The three peals seem, then, at first sight not to have stimulated composition in the particular branch they represented. After Thurstans' there were forty years of apathy, a period when interest in Stedman Triples ceased; after Middleton's no further progress was possible without parting the tenors; and Parker's 12-part reigned supreme for a very long time, and it is still, one may venture to say, unequalled.

Transposition of these masterpieces has, nevertheless, given us some very interesting results. It was natural, of course, that Middleton's composition should be varied, for the original length of 5,600 was inconvenient. Henry Johnson reduced it to 5,056, and other famous composers have given us valuable variations. Thurstans' peal inspired Heywood, Davies, Washbrook and other masters, and the resulting transpositions and variations have enriched the conductor's repertoire. Parker's composition allows of numerous transpositions, and the peal may be rung in many very interesting forms. The transpositions, good as they may be, are, nevertheless, of the simplest nature, requiring little or no particular skill to produce, and the transposer can scarcely claim that he has improved the peal or added much to the great gift Parker gave us.

So there stand the three great compositions. Together with their variations and transpositions they form a remarkable galaxy, two of them notable for their extraordinary beauty and symmetry and one for its stern uncompromising utility; and because of them the names of Thurstans, Middleton and Parker will live as long as change ringing persists.

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
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On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 33 cwt.

*BRIAN MARTIN	*Treble*	COLIN WALKER	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	†TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Royal. † 200th peal.
A birthday compliment to Norman Gerard McCrum.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. M. I. PAILING	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. SALTER	5
ALAN CATTELL	2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	6
JOHN E. COOK	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HERBERT LEWIN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	*KENNETH PALMER	6
*GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
JOHN F. BRYANT	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

GILLIAN A. SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
*MARIE K. ROBERTS	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
ROGER B. MORRIS	3	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	7
PHILIP A. F. CHALK	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Major away from the treble.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
†EDWARD J. JENNER	2	‡CHARLES A. BASSETT	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	*KEVIN S. HOHL	7
‡ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. F. LEWRY. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in method. † First peal in method 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal together.
Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	5
MARIE K. ROBERTS	2	MANSFIELD GINN	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	3	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	7
*L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal on eight bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*DEREK G. GOODMAN	*Treble*	*JOHN R. SMITH	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*G. RONALD EDWARDS	4	*TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*STEPHEN J. BOULDEN	*Treble*	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY	5
OLIVE M. BOULDEN	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
MAISIE VANTOM	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	7
HARRY BAKER	4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John F. S. Martin.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
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C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

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On Fri., March 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FRANK E. WALKER	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
FRANCES A. THRELFALL	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	GEORGE BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Frederick J. Cullum and Arthur G. Mason; also in honour of the engagement of Miss Betty Mason.

CLIFFE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PATRICIA SMEE	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	*GEORGE KENWARD	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	ALBERT E. BEANEY	7
HARRY SPRINGATE	4	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by PETER F. BORER.
* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a token of deep respect to Victor A. Jarrett, a long and valued member of the above Association, who passed away on Friday, March 19th.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

LEONARD H. BOWLER	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
FRANK E. DARBY	2	JOHN S. MASON	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JEAN MARSHALL	*Treble*	THOMAS MARSHALL	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
JACK ASHCROFT	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mrs. Marshall, the donor of the 2nd bell and mother of the 5th ringer and grandmother of the treble ringer.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	*R. ROGER SAVORY	5
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
VINCENT A. HEMMING	3	†WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
RALPH HARRIS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

The conductor has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	PERCY GREEN	6
PETER J. CAME	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

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

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD ROCHESTER	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
*AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	DAVID W. BEARD	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	JOHN H. SITCH	7
THOMAS G. FOX	4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Rochester.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN S. WYBREW	*Treble*	†PRESTON G. EVERETT	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
WILLIAM STANNARD	3	ALAN G. FEVER	7
*JAMES G. STANNARD	4	†JOHN W. BANKS	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5136 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	JOHN MOORE	7
CHARLES BAILEY	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Birthday compliments to Miss Evelyn Killington, of the local band, and Mr. R. E. Browne (82), churchwarden.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
WALTER G. SOAR	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	*JOHN F. BRYANT	5
*M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
*SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	*ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
*GEOFFREY INGHAM	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	DORIS E. COLGATE	5
THOMAS E. TAYLOR	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
RALPH BIRD	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	KENNETH H. J. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

FRANCIS WILTON	*Treble*	EDWARD W. COLLEY ..	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ..	2	GEORGE F. BURTON ..	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of St. Cuthbert.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
*C. ROGER HAYWARD ..	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	7
*JOHN VERNON	4	*JOHN A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman by members of the local band. Specially arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. Roger Hayward.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*LESLIE T. OLIFFE	*Treble*	‡HARRY P. FLOYD	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	BERTRAM J. COGGINS ..	6
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ..	3	*GILBERT WRIGHT	7
†ERNEST J. HILL	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. ‡100th peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

YOXALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC EDGINGTON	*Treble*	*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT ..	4
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM ..	5
DOROTHY T. GARDINER ..	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY TAPLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ..	4
FREDK. S. MACEY	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
E. S. JOHN HATCHER ..	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. E. Purcell, Vicar of Sutton Valence with East Sutton.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 18. 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Bourne, (2) Norwich, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham. (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	4
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
Rung to welcome home Mr. J. W. Sinfield from H.M. Forces.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HERBERT LEWIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER ..	4
PAT LEWIN	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ..	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: 1, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; 2, College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; 3, Cambridge Surprise; 4, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 5, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob; 6, Double Oxford and Thelwell Bob; 7, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

FRANK C. MAY	*Treble*	DONALD COOMBES	4
BERNARD SADLER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PHILIP SADLER	3	LAWRENCE J. BEAL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in 14 methods by all.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Benny Lufkin.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of St. Simon, Norfolk, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*RHONA C. PEBODY	*Treble*	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN ..	3
DAWN V. ELSON	2	RICHARD S. HOLLAND ..	4
		SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
* First peal.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Daphne Muddiman to Mr. Kenneth Maycock; also a 21st birthday compliment to Brenda Orland.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED HANNINGTON ..	*Treble*	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ..	4
TREVOR M. RODERICK ..	2	EDMUND MORRIS	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four methods, viz.: 1,440 each of Reverse Canterbury, Old and Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WINIFRED OLIVER	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ..	4
GEORGE L. GROVER ..	2	*G. BRIAN GROVER	5
*JOHN A. MARTIN	3	†SIDNEY M. STRUDWICK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.
* First peal in four Doubles methods. † First peal.
Rung for "Our Lady's Day."

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ROBERT NICHOLLS	*Treble*	ALFRED E. G. OWEN ..	4
CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	2	*STANLEY R. HILLS	5
JOHN N. LINDON	3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal.

SHIPTON MOYNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*DENNIS GANT	*Treble*	HERBERT G. BLANCHARD	4
*JOHN E. BILLINGS	2	HAROLD E. BLACKER	5
COLIN A. TESTER	3	HARRY HEATH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. BLACKER.
* First peal.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

*ALEC T. DENSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	4
FRANK ELSOM	2	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
*KEITH F. BONUS	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., March 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
JOHN W. BLYTHE	2	†G. A. SUTHERLAND	5
*MARGOT R. THOMPSON	3	†REGINALD J. DARCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob.
Birthday compliments to C. J. Gibson's wife and son and J. W. Blythe (father of conductor).

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of: Norwich Surprise, Cambridge, Combined Oxford and Kent, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and St. Clement's College. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*℄. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	4
*†C. FRANK J. ARNOLD	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

HELLESDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT 87, REEPHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	1—2	BERT GOGLE	5—6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3—4	ARTHUR G. BASON	7—8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Mr. Bert Gogle's 200th peal for the Norwich Association.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.
On Sun., March 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT RATTRAY ROAD, MONTMORENCY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

JOHN J. CUMMINS	1—2	THOMAS W. GOODYER	5—6
VALERIE W. WILLARD	3—4	*MARGARET E. WINTER	7—8
		PHILIP M. J. GRAY	9—10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal. First peal of Caters 'in hand' for all, and first of Caters as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the visit to Australia of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

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XII. — CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

Now we have reached a method which bears what to some is that magic word 'Surprise,' and we will try to show that what we have demonstrated in relation to Plain Bob is also applicable. One thing is certain—that if you are only a bob-caller you have now reached the type of method that you cannot call from one of the 'working' bells, because you will not find it easy at the same time to watch the tenor for the calling positions.

One thing I would emphasise here is that, if you are going to give your mind fully to the art of conducting, you should be able to ring the actual method almost automatically. And in methods like Cambridge you should have spent some time studying their construction and finding out where you meet or dodge with your course bell or after bell, etc. You can find these things out for yourself, either with pencil and paper or when ringing with someone else as conductor. Most people nowadays who ring Surprise methods learn the order in which the leads come—i.e., the position of their bell at the respective lead ends—2, 6, 7, 3, 4, 8, 5 in Cambridge Major. In a plain course you will notice that the bells do their slow work (on the front with the treble) in exactly the reverse order to this.

Here first of all is our example of a peal—Middleton's, of course. It is a five-part peal of 5,600 changes, but is usually reduced to 5,056 changes by substituting a bob Before and 3 bobs at Home for the whole of the second part.

Course Ends				Coursing Orders from 53246		
23456	M.	W.	H.	M.	W.	H.
43652	—			53462		
56234	—	—		53624	36524	
23564		—	—		65324	63254
52364			—			62534
35264			—			65324

On the left of the calling are the course ends, as you will see them in the text books. On the right are the actual Coursing Orders, starting from the plain course Coursing Order 5 3 2 4 6 and changing at every bob.

You will notice first of all that the M. position comes before the W. But that doesn't matter. This being a method with a fourths place bob (like Plain Bob or Kent Treble Bob, etc.), we know that at a bob M. we apply our code (A B C into B C A) to the last three bells. Therefore we change 5 3 2 4 6 into 5 3 4 6 2 — 4 runs out, 6 runs in and 2 makes fourths place. We now ring a whole course until the next M. position, but if you did not know that 4, 6 and 2 are the bells which are to be concerned in the bob and that 6 has to run out, 2 run in and 4 make fourths place you would have a most anxious time watching for the tenor to reach the M. position. It doesn't come conveniently next to the course end in Cambridge. However, our M. position is safely recognised and the bob called. The new Coursing Order being 53624. The bob W. comes at the next lead end, which should not be difficult to spot, but it is very comforting to know beforehand that the first three bells 5, 3 and 6 will be the ones affected and that 3 will run out, 6 run in and 5 make fourths place, giving us 36524 as our new Coursing Order.

Now we have to run another whole course until the next bob W. and we shall know we have got there when the same three bells get into position for the bob. 6 out, 5 in and 3 make fourths and we get Coursing Order 65324. After that we have only to call three Homes—on the middle three bells of our Coursing Order—i.e., from 65324 to 63254; then to 62534 and then to 65324 again for our part end.

When you come to the second part (B. and 3 H.) you will find that the bob B. has just the same effect on the Coursing Order as it had in our earlier examples. That is that the bell last of the five in the Coursing Order will make fourths place and become first in the Coursing Order. But a practical difference you will find when conducting is that the course which contains a bob B. has no calling positions of M. and W., your next calling position being the Home.

Now having found that we can call our peal just as easily, let us look at the Coursing Order of the bells within each lead. To save space I ask you to write out a lead of Cambridge Major —or look it up in a text book or your Ringers' Diary.

Look at the order in which the bells go up to the back after the tenor and 7th. They are 5, then 3, then treble, then 2, 4 and 6, and back to the tenor again. But that is **exactly** the same as in our simple methods and you can check all through the plain course and find it is still the same. When you consider all that happens in the middle of a lead of Cambridge, it is perhaps rather a surprise, but a very pleasant one for the conductor.

If you look at the order in which the bells go down to the lead you will notice that they are not nearly so obliging. They vary from the standard Coursing Order because of the fact that one bell stays on the front a long while to do its front work after making seconds place at the lead end and because in the second half of the lead another bell stays on the front a long while doing its front work before the lead end. If you ring a lot of Cambridge you will find it is not too difficult to allow for these variations in Coursing Order—they are the same in each lead —and so know in what order the bells ought to go down to the front. But in fact you will find that you will be able to make quite a good job of your conducting if you watch your Coursing Orders as the bells go up to the back.

Once again this technique applies just as easily to Cambridge Royal and Maximus.

For my example peal of Cambridge Surprise Major I chose Middleton's composition because it is most commonly called, but you will find that as you become more proficient at conducting—or perhaps more lazy as you get older—you will learn to pick out compositions which, for one reason or another, prove less difficult to remember or contain more easy landmarks. This means that you can give more of your attention to the quality of the ringing and to any weaker members of the band.

If you start Middleton's composition with two of the last three bobs H. you get what is known as Johnson's variation—the first part is as follows:—

Course Ends				Coursing Orders from 53246		
23456	M.	W.	H.	M.	W.	H.
42356			—			52436
34256			—			54326
24653	—			54263		
56342	—	—		54632	46532	
34562		—	—		65432	64352

Look first of all at the part end—34562. The second part end will be 45623; the third—56234; the fourth—62345; and the last—23456. Just as from whatever hour you start you meet the hours on a clock face in the order 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, etc., so all your part ends are in rounds order, 23456, merely starting at the next one along. These part ends are called cyclical part ends and are, of course, very easy to remember.

Now examine the bells which are in bob-making positions at the various calling positions. At the first M. position a bob would affect 2, 4 and 6. These three bells are **not** next to each other in the cyclical order 23456, so we do **not** call a bob. At the following W. position, the three bells which would be affected are 5, 3 and 2. Once again these three bells are **not** next to each other in the cyclical order so we do not call a bob. (Note—6, 3 and 2 would be next to each other in the cyclical order 2345623456, etc.—but 5, 3 and 2 are not.) At the H. position we find that 3, 2 and 4 are the bells which would be affected by a bob. These **are** next to each other in the cyclical order so we do call a bob H. And you will find if you examine the affected bells at each calling position M., W. and H. that this is the case all through.

So if you call this variation you need only learn 2H., 2M., 2W., 1H. part end 34562. All the other part ends are cyclical. You keep a check on the Coursing Order with the code ABC into BCA and, as a guide to correct calling, you can remember simply that you always call a bob whenever three consecutive bells in the cyclical order are affected by the call and you never call a bob when the three bells which would be affected are not consecutive bells in the cyclical order.

Just as in Middleton's peal, you can shorten any one of the five parts—but this time call 2H., B. and H. (i.e.—start with 2H. the same as in the main calling in this variation).

(To be continued)

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana Gough (first of Minor) 1, Valerie Mepham 2, D. H. Paine (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Mary W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. A welcome home to Kenneth Sharpe, a local ringer, on his return from the Diocese of the Upper Nile. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Beryl Reynolds (first of Treble Bob) 1, Valerie Mepham (first of Oxford 'inside')/ 2, Mary W. Brown 3, E. E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band as a farewell to Mr. G. A. Steele, a ringer at this tower for 64 years and verger 44 years.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. N. Bristow 1, Miss M. Alderman 2, Miss E. A. Yarde 3, G. Walford 4, G. J. Gammon 5, D. T. North (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2 and 3. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss F. Norman, a local ringer.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Harlow 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, S. Foskett 3, M. Orme 4, D. P. Jones 5, C. E. Jeffries 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, D. Thompson 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Canon F. L. Hilditch, Vicar of St. Paul's, interred this day.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sims 1, C. H. Harding 2, C. Clarke 3, F. Hull 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to the Rector of Blunham (the Rev. T. C. W. C. Teape-Fugard), who is leaving the parish.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Senior 1, Mrs. Moore 2, H. W. Moore 3, J. Brown 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, W. Wintrop 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Piper on her 104th birthday.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Balls (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. Archer (first quarter) 2, Miss E. Boffey 3, E. D. Wilson 4, R. D. Wilson (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. C. Ison (first quarter) 6.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sims 1, K. Everett 2, E. Deacon 3, E. Potter (first quarter) 4, G. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Mews (first quarter) 1, D. Wilson (first 'inside') 2, L. Penfold 3, H. Parsons 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, W. Slaughter 6. Rung in memory of Daniel D. Cooper, ringing master of Surrey Association.

DOVER, KENT.—On Mar. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, T. Ellender 2, H. J. Saunders 3, G. Gray 4, J. E. Chittenden 5, J. E. Walker 6, C. George (cond.) 7, D. J. Thomas 8.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Meddick 1, J. Tudball 2, J. Pugsley 3, J. Haydon 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Herrod 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. J. Hole, a ringer at Dunster for over 50 years, who was interred this day at Exeter.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stephens 1, R. Alsop 2, Miss D. Evans 3, Miss A. Stephens 4, D. Bruten 5, T. Stephens 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, J. Jeynes 8. Rung for morning service on Confirmation day.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Walker 1, F. E. Haynes 2, Evelyn M. Fletcher 3, W. Mumford 4, A. Jones 5, A. Timmins 6, C. A. Barron 7, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Mar. 21st, at the Bell Tower on the back 8, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Hale 1, R. W. Cole 2, A. J. Brazier 3, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 4, W. J. Newman 5, G. J. Hemming 6, R. R. Savory 7, Brenda M. Smith 8. Rung for morning service, and a 19th birthday compliment for Brenda M. Smith.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Hide (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Wells 2, Miss M. A. Cass 3, C. W. Denyer 4, S. Meadows 5, E. J. Wells 6, C. J. Beadle (cond.) 7, A. C. Beadle 8. A farewell to the conductor on his impending departure to Egypt on National Service.

FRAMPTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Betty J. Marsh 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, G. J. W. Abbott (first quarter of Plain Bob Minor) 3, A. J. Slade 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Sheila Cope (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, E. Duffield 4, E. White 5, R. Perry (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the local band, except the conductor) on their bells, which were augmented from four to six at Coronation-tide.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Head (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. Church 2, G. Cherry 3, K. Timbury (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 4, F. Croft 5, P. Croft (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,007 Grandsire Caters: Joan Duggan 1, R. P. Armstrong (first 'inside') 2, D. A. Frith 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, J. Watson 5, T. A. Relf 6, C. Blakey 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, J. Royce 9, L. Squires 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Pacey, verger of this church, who was interred in Grantham Cemetery same day.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Mar. 23rd, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kennington 1, H. Mingay 2, C. Kennington 3, J. Parker 4, G. I. Rusby 5, A. Pashley 6, S. Bromfield (first quarter as cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8. Rung prior to a Confirmation service by the Bishop of Lincoln.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints' and Plain Bob): C. E. Hill 1, Gwenda A. Davies 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, E. M. Baker 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Major Cyril S. Crofton, late treasurer of Church Council.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,440 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal: A. J. Boyack 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. F. Parr 5, T. E. Davies 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, J. R. Mayne 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First touch in the method by all.

KEDINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. Moore 1, T. Earle 2, H. W. Moore 3, J. Warner 4, R. Suckling 5, A. Syder (cond.) 6.

LADOCK, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Harper 1, D. N. Penrose (first 'inside') 2, H. Harper 3, Mrs. J. M. Simpkin 4, Miss V. M. Matthews 5, D. Burnett 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, A. Carveth 8.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Mar. 21st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: P. J. Batley 1, C. R. Smith 2, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 3, C. A. Hughes (first in the method) 4, D. W. Beard 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. F. Grove 8.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 13th, 1,440 Minor (i, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden and College Bob IV. Delight; ii, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob): Mary Dowsett 1, D. A. S. Symonds 2, P. J. Came 3, P. J. Eves 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5, T. Earle 6.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—On Mar. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, on handbells: John J. Cummins 1–2, T. W. Goodyer 3–4, Joan Gray 5–6, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 7–8.

OFFLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,440 Primrose Surprise Minor: M. Orme 1, R. Dixon 2, Miss A. Willes 3, M. Collings 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Mchew 6. First of Primrose by all. To welcome the advent of spring.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. A. Walker 1, Miss H. B. M. Leatherland (first quarter) 2, R. E. Tallis (first as cond.) 3, R. G. Morris 4, J. D. Walker 5, R. Houghton 6. Rung for Evensong. Believed to be the first quarter peal by a local band.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's R.C. Church, on Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hurst 1, B. Holland 2, G. R. Hiner 3, R. C. Preston (first as cond.) 4, W. Holland 5, H. Mortemore 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, R. Birch 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 17th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Tapley (first of Treble Bob) 1, W. Panter 2, J. Salway 3, W. D. Ashdown 4, W. Reeks 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6. First 'inside' by 2 and 3.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Mar. 22nd, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jill Tombs (first quarter) 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, R. Smith 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, W. H. Cooper 8.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (comprising 240 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): S. Earl 1, F. Benfield 2, G. Roome 3, E. Frost 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Miss J. E. Hill and Mr. J. R. Underwood. Also 720 Grandsire and Plain Bob for the wedding of Miss K. Claridge and Mr. E. Needham.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, S. R. Elwick 4, D. Elwick 5, H. Waters 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, H. Lamerton (first quarter) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the Marquis and Marchioness of Normanby.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Sims 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, W. S. Butler 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, B. Rice 5, D. Portway 6, S. Bones 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. J. Frederick Milner rang his 500th peal last Saturday at Southwell Minster. He celebrated the occasion by calling for the first time a peal of London Surprise Major.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Ladies' Guild has its youngest honorary member — Miss Rosemary Staniforth, who was elected at the age of two weeks when the Midland District held their meeting at Rushden. It will be a happy day when Rosemary is elected a practising member.

Mr. C. Frank W. Phillippo has rung in each of Mr. C. Frank J. Arnold's first 50 peals.

Weston Favell, Northants, ringers are meeting the cost of a peal plaque from wedding fees.

Spring was welcomed at Offley, Herts, on March 21st, by a quarter of Primrose Surprise Minor.

Three Sydney ringers—Miss M. Winter, Mr. J. J. Cummins and Mr. T. W. Goodyear—have been on holiday in Victoria and scored two peals and a quarter.

Congratulations to Miss Jill Toombs, of Stourbridge, Worcs. She took her first ringing lesson on December 14th and on March 22nd scored her first quarter—the treble to Grandsire Triples.

The co-operation of Mr. Wright sen. has enabled the first peal to be rung on the bells of Yoxall, Staffs. The band are indebted to him and also to Mrs. Wright, who kindly provided an excellent meal after the peal.

The first quarter by the local band at Packwood, Warwickshire, was rung on March 21st. Unfortunately the whole band can only meet about every three months as J. D. Walker has joined the Merchant Navy. Keen recruits are apparently needed in this tower.

Unless a peal was rung there before 1881, the peal of Stedman Doubles at Great Barrington, Gloucestershire, on March 13th, recorded in our last issue, was the first on the bells. The peals at Blaisdon, Gloucestershire, and Wenhaston, Suffolk, also reported last week, were the first on the bells for 20 years.

A remarkable record of service is that of Mr. George A. Steele, at Aldrington, Sussex. A ringer for 64 years and verger for 44 years, he retired last week and is going to live in Kent. At a farewell social, the Rev. Canon Mogridge presented Mr. Steele with a cheque for £50 subscribed by the parishioners, and the ringers presented an ash tray on a floor stand, suitably inscribed.

Among our lady tenor ringers 19-year-old Miss Brenda Smith has definitely a place. She has rung the 36-cwt. Evesham tenor to a quarter peal. Brute force is not necessary to ring a tenor bell which goes well.

A titanic task has been undertaken by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead in tabulating the 90,000 peals rung since 1881. The first of his articles appears this week, and later ones dealing with different counties will be most acceptable to the Exercise.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung on the beautiful bells of Lichfield Cathedral last Saturday as a welcome to the Ven. W. S. Macpherson, Archdeacon of Richmond, on the occasion of his installation as 55th Dean of Lichfield.

When the Beverley and District Ringing Society visited Market Weighton on March 20th they were the guests at tea of Mr. H. Musk, an elder member of the local company. Such a kind gesture was much appreciated.

It has taken Mr. Roger C. Preston, of Sheffield, over two years to score his first quarter as conductor, as opportunities have been few and far between. His first attempt, in his home tower at Prescot, Lancs, came to grief five minutes before time when the tenor rope broke. Another attempt, before evening service, overran its time and 'Stand' was called. Success came after a breakdown in a peal attempt.

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PEAL RINGING, 1881-1954

By the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead

SINCE 1881 when the 'Bell News' issued its first number, just over 90,000 peals have been rung and published in the ringing papers. This article and those which follow are the results of compiling a card index showing the towers in which these peals have been rung. It is proposed to give a short account of the peals rung in each county in turn with any points of interest. These will appear at regular intervals in the 'Ringing World.' It is not very likely that the conclusions reached would be altered significantly by peals rung before 1881. At an estimate, there are probably not more than about 5,000 from the time of the first peal in 1715 to this date (an attempt is being made to record all these peals also, and if they do make any difference it will be mentioned later). I would like to acknowledge, at the outset, the help given by Mr. Dove's book, 'Guide to the Church Bells of Britain.' In fact, I don't think the job would have been possible without some such book of reference. I have been extremely grateful for it. Of course, certain observations depend entirely on it, and I hope this will be remembered when particular towers are mentioned, for I may be echoing one of the very few mistakes which appear in the book.

And now for the 90,000 peals. I suppose it is probable that, if my estimate of pre-1881 peals is anything like, the 100,000th peal will be rung within the next three or four years. I fear we shall never know where. These 90,000 peals have been rung in just over 4,000 towers. Thus there are still about 1,200 towers which have not had a peal rung in them (tower grabbers please note!). Of course, most of these are 5 and 6 bell towers (590 of the former and 540 of the latter), but there are still 41 8-bell towers which haven't had a peal on them since 1881, two 10-bell towers (St. Andrew's, Norwich, where peals were rung earlier in the 19th century; and Dunham Massey), and one 12-bell tower (Liverpool Cathedral!). So there is still quite of lot of scope for those who like to claim 'First peal on the bells.' Talking of the latter, it has been surprising how many times a 'first peal on the bells' has been claimed when peals have been rung before, and not always a long time before, either—on more than one occasion it was claimed within a year of a previous peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH COMPLIMENTED

The tower with the greatest number of peals to its credit is Loughborough Bell Foundry. At the moment it stands at 544, having passed its 500 mark unnoticed in October, 1952. It also holds the record for the largest number of peals rung in a single year—50 in 1949 (thanks chiefly to Mr. H. J. Poole). Readers may remember that in February, 1952, there was an article by Mr. E. A. Barnett about the 500 peals which had been rung at Crayford and suggesting that it was the first church to accomplish this feat. It is now clear that the claim was justified, although mention of a challenge made in 1943, to which no answer was made, could have been taken up by Erith (St. John) then. This latter tower led in the number of peals rung for nearly 40 years, until, in fact, it was overhauled by Crayford about the end of 1943. It is now third in the list with a total of 489, so there should be another 500-peal tower to be celebrated within a year or two.

If length of time in ringing these 500 peals is taken into account we shall probably find that Erith will come second after Loughborough. The Loughborough peals took 51 years, Crayford 75 years, whilst Erith's first peal was rung on November 18th, 1882, nearly 72 years ago, so it has still three years to go to beat Crayford's time. No other tower comes within 150 of these three, so they have a tremendous lead on the others. Six towers come between 300 and 330—Beddington; Birmingham, St. Martin; Brighton, St. Peter; Burton-on-Trent, St. Paul; Crawley: Warnham. Willesden is very near (297), and since peals were rung before 1881 at Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower, its total of 290 would probably be over the 300 mark. There are actually 24 towers between the 200 and 300 mark. These and the 114 between 100 and 200 will be mentioned in the articles on the different counties. I shall mention also those which are approaching centuries and the 250 mark, so that they can be duly celebrated.

SIX-BELL TOWERS

It has been surprising to find that only one 6-bell tower has passed the 100 peal mark. This goal was achieved as long ago as 1922, too, and still there are only three others approaching this total (Wickham Skeith, Hanley Castle and Lamberhurst). The tower is Thornham Magna, with a grand total of 136. It is not often seen in the peal list now—only two peals have been rung there since the last war. This brings to mind a very obvious fact which has happened over and over again. It is seen that the majority of towers have 'spasms' of activity. This is often due to the efforts of one or two men who get together a good band, ring many peals for a few years, and then fade out for various reasons—often death or the break-up of the band by war, etc. Thus Duffield was very prominent during the life of Sir A. P. Heywood: Drayton, under the Rev. F. E. Robinson, etc. Sometimes 'popular' towers cease to appear in the peal lists through the bells gradually becoming more or less unringable, or through a new incumbent not liking ringing! An example of the former (due more to the state of the tower than the 'go' of the bells) is Chesterfield, which had reached 220 when the bells were silenced for about 25 years in 1923. At the rate they were going, it is likely they would be approaching the 500 mark now. One of the most amazing examples of this sudden cessation is St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, where 40 peals were rung in 1934 and five in 1935 and very few since (two since the war). Angmering is a 6-bell tower where something must have 'happened.' Between October, 1889, and December, 1891, 45 peals were rung (10 of them in December, 1889!), which is an amazing number for those days (over 20 a year). There is then complete silence for nearly 60 years (from December 22nd, 1891, to January 9th, 1950). The three 500-peal towers are the exceptions—their large numbers are due to the consistency of peal ringing at them over the whole period. But there was only one peal at Crayford last year! Is this tower also going to have a 'lean' time at last?

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Preliminary Notice

The first session of the 22nd Council (57th annual meeting) will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whitsun Tuesday, June 8th, 1954.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary not later than six weeks prior to the meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

Peal Attempts.

Those desiring to attempt peals should communicate with the official organiser, Mr. W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. It is expected that towers mainly in County Durham will be available on the Saturday, and those within easy reach of Newcastle on the Monday.

Sightseeing and Ringing Trips.

Two buses have been reserved on Whit Sunday and Whit Monday for sightseeing and ringing tours. Details will be settled when it is seen whether sufficient support is forthcoming, but the broad outlines are:—

Whit Sunday:—

Depart Newcastle 1.30 p.m. Return 8.30-9 p.m. Cost approximately 7s. per head.

Tour No. 1: Northumberland, probably including ringing on the eights at Hexham Abbey, Rothbury and Morpeth Watch Tower.

Tour No. 2: Durham County, probably including ringing on the eights at Durham Cathedral, Consett and Hexham.

Whit Monday:—

Depart Newcastle 9.30 a.m. Return about 6.30 p.m. Cost approximately 8s. 6d. per head.

Tour No. 3: Similar to Tour No. 1 but extended to include Bamburgh.

Tour No. 4: Northumberland and Durham, probably including ringing on the eights at Hexham, Barnard Castle, Staindrop and Durham Cathedral.

The prices quoted are exclusive of meals. It is hoped to arrange tea on Sunday and lunch on Monday.

Members interested should communicate with Mr. D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, as soon as possible. If sufficient support is received the final details will be settled and definite bookings will be required not later than May 1st.

Details of other arrangements will be given later.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STONEHAM RINGERS' WEDDING

Saturday, March 20th, was a day of rejoicing at North Stoneham, Hants, when two members of the local band, Mr. Norman Hayes and Miss Molly Denby, were married at St. Nicholas' Church. Mr. Hayes is tower secretary and recorder of peals for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The ceremony was preceded by a peal of 5,040 Southwell Surprise Royal conducted by Mr. C. H. Kippin, and was the first peal of Royal in this method to be rung.

After the wedding the bells were 'fired' in excellent style by the local band, many of whom accepted invitations to the reception in the Church Hall. It was unfortunate that the date happened to clash with a District meeting at Romsey, so that most of the peal band adjourned there.

Handbells were rung at the reception as a 'send-off' to the couple, and the reception itself continued in fine style until about 11.30.

As the couple left the church they had to go through the traditional archway of handbells. One of the many gifts was a barometer from their ringing friends.

The honeymoon is being spent at Sidmouth.

AN INSIGHT INTO THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Leg-Pulls and Humour at the Second Annual Dinner

THE Derbyshire Association, formed in 1946 after the liquidation of the Midland Counties Association, began life in not very favourable circumstances. Although endowed with many rings of beautiful bells, there was no really strong association-minded band to give impetus to the new organisation.

In spite of this, however, steady progress has been made and, although there are many voids to be filled, the Association is well established and friends with itself and its neighbours.

Whilst lacking the outstanding ringing personalities with whom some Associations are blessed, and who seem to be able to stimulate a whole organisation with their vitality, the Derbyshire Association is fortunate in its principal officers.

The Right Reverend R. S. M. O'Ferral, Assistant Bishop of Derby, served until this year as president and, although a non-ringer, he appreciated the value of ringing organisations and supported them. He added dignity and efficiency to the annual general meetings, and it is to be hoped that the Association will be as fortunate in his successor.

Mr. W. Lancaster is now vice-president, after steering the Association through its first few years in that most important office of general secretary.

The vacant office of general secretary was most ably filled by Mr. A. B. Cooper, of Bolsover, who has proved to be most keen and efficient, and, in fact, one would have to search far to find a better secretary. He is also secretary of the Chesterfield district and, when one finds that he is also the Sunday School superintendent, choirman and pillar of his church, one realises something of his value.

For treasurer the Association is fortunate in having the services of Mr. E. Fletcher, of Ilkeston, a most reliable and experienced man, who has put the finances on a simple and systematic basis and, while in office, has seen the balance swing over to the right side.

The Association firmly supports the Central Council, and is proud of the fact that Sir Arthur Heywood, of Duffield, who was a prime mover in its foundation, came from the Derby area. Two representatives, Mr. A. Mould and Mr. D R. Carlisle (also peal secretary), bring back each year a clear report of the Central Council's meeting.

MEMBERSHIP OF 250+

Membership totals about 250 residents, but there is a steady intake of young members who are very keen, and some have formed amongst themselves a small school society.

In the Derby area itself ringing has improved appreciably in the past few years, both in scope and quality, due to several factors, such as the interest in peal ringing, despite what critics say to the contrary, contact with other Associations, good practices and meetings.

The improvement in standard is exemplified by a recent peal attempt for Pudsey Royal, when the peal was successfully brought round, but not accepted because of a bad course near the end. Disappointment by the band, who were all new to the method, was outweighted by the satisfaction of maintaining a standard.

In the earlier post-war years the St. Peter's practice in Derby was outstanding in promoting interest and advancement under the amiable leadership of Mr. John Clew, whose death last year was felt very deeply. Mr. Freebrey, ringing master at St. Andrew's, also has done useful work in pressing forward with advanced methods and peal arrangements. The practices at All Saints' Cathedral Church of Derby, have, during the last few years, become very popular and fostered ten-bell ringing, particularly Surprise Royal. Mr. Harold Taylor is the Ringing Master and has succeeded during his few years in that office of building up a Sunday service band almost from nothing.

District meetings are always well supported, and, under the successive District Masters, Messrs. G. Freebrey, A. Mould, F. R. Lowe and H. Taylor, cater for learners and less advanced equally with more proficient ringers. Joint meetings with neighbouring districts are frequently held and particularly friendly relations exist between the Derby District and the Midland Counties Guild.

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER

The success of the first annual dinner held last year was evidenced by the increased demand for tickets, which, unfortunately, had to be limited to 90, and resulted in some applicants being disappointed. All districts, Derby, Chesterfield, Ilkeston and Peak, were represented this year, and guests included members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Midland Counties Guild, the Sheffield and District Society and the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. The dinner was again held at the Corporation Hotel.

Speechmaking was subject to one rule, one speech only, limited to a maximum duration of two minutes. Vice-President W. Lancaster observed the rule, but managed to convey a warm welcome to those present, particularly to visitors from other Associations. He also drew attention to the presence of several veterans, pointing out that it was their groundwork in the past which had led to the organisation that made possible these functions.

Change ringing on handbells headed the programme of entertainment. The methods rung were Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples by Miss Joan Beresford and George Oliver (Lichfield), A. Mould and D. R. Carlisle (Derby), Brian Buswell (Nottingham) and David Marshall (Sawley).

Several games were played during the evening, though not always strictly to the rules. In the well known T.V. game of passing an egg on a spoon held in the mouth, a team of men from Derby, who were opposed by a team of ladies, were disqualified for jostling. They had to redeem themselves by singing the signature tune, 'Herr von Schmit.'

As a break from the more energetic entertainment Messrs. Carlisle, A. Mould and J. Mould rang tunes whose melodies were so recognisable that the company was able to sing to them.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. E. THOMPSON

Mr. Cooper, of Bolsover, then announced that a presentation was about to be made to Mr. A. E. Thompson, of St. Andrew's, Derby. Mr. Thompson, who is renowned for his peal ringing activities and also for his partiality for mussels, has only recently broken his first stay after some years of ringing. The citation, condensed below, was read by Mr. Cooper.

'The setting was St. Andrew's belfry on a Monday evening. The occasion, an attempt for a quarter peal of Bristol S. Major, a worthy venture since it was practice night. The type of bob, colloquially "barb," "burp" or "bip," was fourths place.

'With Mr. Thompson on the second a start was made. Soon, probably due to weakness resulting from his partiality to mussels, Mr. Thompson's bell had dropped to half swing. This caused much consternation to the ringer to whom he should have been giving "one." With admirable effort, in view of his mussel-bound condition, Mr. Thompson gave a mighty heave, which not only brought the bell up to full swing, but set it spinning like a top.

'The rope neatly disappeared aloft with Mr. Thompson attached. His return slickly coincided with the call to stand. He was immediately showered with congratulations by his fellow ringers, while the conductor stood speechless in admiration.'

Mr. Thompson was presented with an illuminated certificate and a newly-instituted order, 'Capita Magnissima' (Biggest Head), was conferred upon him. The medallion of the order was pinned upon his chest. Mr. Cooper warned the assembly not to confuse this order with 'Capita Magna' or 'big 'ead,' which is normally reserved for Surprise ringers!

Two duets and a trio were sung by Messrs. R. E. Carlisle, H. Bates and R. W. Carlisle, of Nottingham, and the vice-president obliged when called upon to 'give us a song.'

Another highlight of the evening was a song with words specially composed for the occasion by Mr. G. A. Halls and Mr. D. R. Carlisle. The tune should have been 'John Brown's Body,' and was rendered by the Derby Ringers' Male Voice Choir, augmented by the St. Leodegarius, Nottingham, Glee Singers.

After community singing many of the ringers had to leave, and the remainder spent the rest of the evening dancing or in ringing conversation.

TO PEAL CONDUCTORS

Will peal conductors please put their name and address on the same sheet on which the peal report is written.

When sending a quarter peal report with a peal please write same on a separate sheet.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

A Cold Day at Wednesbury

It was a grey, cold day on the occasion of the Society's March meeting held at Wednesbury on March 13th. The fine Parish Church of St. Bartholomew is in an exposed position on top of a hill and the ringers attending the meeting were quick to get into the belfry right away from the biting wind. Ringing on the grand ring of ten bells (tenor 24 cwt.) was under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by Dr. A. B. Lavelle, Vicar and Rural Dean of Wednesbury, and the Parish Church organist, Mr. Gurney Harper, kindly officiated on the organ. In his address Dr. Lavelle drew attention to a recent memorial in the church to a former verger which bore the inscription: 'I had rather be a doorkeeper in the House of the Lord than dwell in the tents of the ungodly.' Dr. Lavelle appealed to ringers to follow this precept and be faithful in their appointed ministry in the belfry.

Tea was served at Wadsworth's Restaurant, after which Mr. Fred Bennett thanked the Wednesbury ringers for arranging the meeting at short notice (following a cancellation), Dr. Lavelle for taking the service, and Mr. Harper for playing the organ.

Three new members, all ladies, the Misses Ann Ward, Valerie Cubley and Judith Rundle from Rugeley were welcomed.

The attendance of 43 yas the smallest since 1950. The next meeting of the Society will be at Cannock on May 22nd. Preliminary notice is also given that the joint meeting with the Shropshire Association will be held at Shrewsbury on July 10th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—Well over one half of the Associations have sent their contribution towards the cost of the oak case which is to contain the Ringers' Roll of Honour in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The first roll contains 1,076 names and the last more more than 300. Therefore it is quite likely that casualties from every Association in the British Isles are recorded in one or both of the rolls.

It is hoped that every Association will have sent a subscription before the Council meeting on June 8th, so that the rolls may be in their case and open to inspection not long after the meeting of the Council.

It is very heartening to find such a ready response from so many Associations and it would be wonderful if it could be reported to the Council on June 8th that there had been a 100 per cent. response to the Council's request.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—As a ringer, I have reached the stage, or age, when peals, as such, are of little interest to me. They have become 'two a penny'! I much prefer to spend my leisure hours enjoying some outdoor recreation. I would, however, as one who took part in the previous record peal of Spliced Surprise Major, like to congratulate, most sincerely, the Lincolnshire and Yorkshire ringers who have recently rung peals in 32 and 36 methods respectively.

Can we have the 32 method composition published? I make this request as I believe, and here I may be 'sticking my neck out,' that the number of changes (160) rung in each method would prove it to be collectively the better achievement of the two.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. JUDGE.

Oxford.

Note.—Mr. Judge's letter was received after our last issue had gone to press. The composition referred to appears on page 205.—Ed.

'QUICKEST PEAL OF ROYAL EVER RUNG'

Dear Sir,—On page 192 of 'The Ringing World' of March 19th you publish the achievement of ringing a 5,000 Royal in two hours and 28 minutes, and add that there have been such peals even quicker. These, of course, are peals 'in hand.'

Undoubtedly these are achievements to record, but, apart from the fact that a big number of changes on a lot of bells have been rung in a short time, is it really worth while?

After all, what does it *sound* like? Is not the *sound* of a bell or of a ring of bells what really counts?

As far as tower bells are concerned, I think the sound of the bells is miles ahead of any other factor concerning ringing.

It seems to me that rings of ten are often rung too quickly—jingle-jingle-dong, ting-boom-swish and on and on. . . . Let's have a clear open lead and let there be sufficient space between strikes so that each bell has a chance to speak and its tone heard and appreciated.

My opinion—for what it is worth—is that ringing is often on the fast side, and if half-muffled, can hardly be too slow. I know that the weight of the ring makes a difference; but, whatever the reason, I say that all dignity is lost if ringing is too fast, and that eight bells often sound better than ten unless the ten are hung properly and in very competent ringers' hands.—Yours faithfully,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL AT HILLINGDON

Dear Sir,—I would like through this medium to congratulate the band who rang the peal of London Surprise Royal at Hillingdon on February 27th last.

As I listened to parts of this peal I was delighted with the manner that the first peal in this musical and difficult method was being rung for our Middlesex Association, especially to know that so many of our young element were in the band. I know it gave our modest Ringing Master, Tony Price, a great deal of pleasure that his two sons and others he has taught and encouraged were in this creditable performance.

I would also express the pleasure I feel that our young District Master, Richard Speed, conducted the peal. Of course, he had his wife at his side, ringing her first 'touch' in the method—what an inspiration!

I know I can speak for the local band that we are honoured by this peal being rung at Hillingdon, also that our new captain, T. G. Bannister, took part.

It was good that our old friends, Tom Lock and Tom Francis, came to see us again and were associated with the occasion.

I would conclude by 'Thank you all from Hillingdon,' especially for that 'copybook' finish to a good peal.

W. H. COLES.

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—May I take this opportunity of thanking you and all readers of 'The Ringing World' and others who have taken such an active interest in a resistance against the proposal to demolish the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, and say how happy I am to be able to announce that their efforts have met with the success they have so richly deserved.—Yours sincerely,

S. HARRISON,
Ringing Master and Deputy Warden.

Leicester.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Dear Sir,—Your reference in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' to an anonymous letter compels me to raise the matter of the ban upon such correspondence.

Our paper must now have the unenviable distinction of being the only magazine in the United Kingdom which imposes such a ban. An even sadder thought is the fact that nobody has protested, so it would seem that this attack on freedom of speech and writing has been accepted without a murmur. Are we bell-ringers a particularly sensitive class, afraid to have our behaviour and institutions examined in your columns? To reject these letters seems to indicate a totalitarian outlook which should be quite foreign to all of us. We should remember that the preservation of the right to criticise always entails a risk that the privilege may be abused, but we ought not to be afraid on that account so long as an impartial editor permits both sides to air their views.

I would emphasise that I am not condoning poison-pen writers. The editor has a waste-paper basket for missives of this nature.

If a letter is critical of a person or association, why not forward it **before publication**, to the attacked party, who can then pen a reply which will appear in the paper beside the anonymous letter?

I am not convinced by the argument that the signed letter is a satisfactory solution, for it is obvious that anyone with a grievance to air (which could be just) will shrink from it if he is liable to suffer social ostracism.—Yours faithfully,

H. P. CLIFF.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PEAL COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I have read much of the literature and, at least for Surprise methods, have found no systematic method shown for producing peal compositions. Reference is made to round blocks and Q-sets but not much to their actual use.

One is shown how to determine the internal falseness and from this it is a simple matter to derive the maximum number of courses available for a composition. To fit these courses together is not, however, very clear.

I have produced quite a number of compositions in different Surprise methods but always by the method of trial and error or inspired guesswork. There must be many composers who have systematic methods of producing compositions and no doubt there are many ringers like myself who would be interested to learn of these systems.

The reason for desiring this knowledge is not so much to put one's name to a composition as to obtain one in, say, a new method to suit one's own style of conducting (or, to be honest, as simple as possible consistent with good music).

I would be grateful to anyone who could either recommend suitable literature or indicate their own system to me directly or by publication in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

D. R. CARLISLE.

85, Derby Road,
Risley, Derby.

FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE AT ALDERMASTON

Dear Sir,—I beg to inform Mr. Pink that the first peal of Surprise at Aldermaston, Berks, was rung on Thursday, July 31st, 1902, in 2 hours 54 minutes, 5,088 of Superlative, conducted by William Pye.—Yours sincerely,

Saffron Walden. E. W. PYE.

Mrs. Joan Gray's 100 Peals

Mrs. Joan Gray, of Montmorency, Victoria, has just completed her 100 peals, of which 86 were rung in England and 14 in Australia. Her list is appended:

Tower (62). Cinques: Stedman 1. Royal: Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1. Caters: Stedman 2, Grandsire 4.

Major: Double Norwich 16, Real Double Norwich 2, Kent Treble Bob 6, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 4, Marlborough 1, St. Clement's 1.

Surprise Major: Spliced Cambridge and Superlative 1, London 1, Superlative 3, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 2, Bristol 1, Lincolnshire 1. Triples: Grandsire 7.

Minor: Seven methods 1, three methods 1, Plain Bob 2.

Hand (38). Maximus: Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 1: Royal: Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 8.

Major: Double Norwich 2, Combined Kent and Oxford T.B. 1, Spliced Plain and Gainsborough 1, Double Bob 2, Reverse Bob 1, Plain Bob 13.

Triples: Grandsire 2. Minor: Plain Bob 2.

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Pixies' 500-Year-Threat to Ottery St. Mary's Bells

Midsummer's Night Challenge by Local Ringers

If you are superstitious you will enjoy this article from the 'Pulman's Weekly News' of the threat of the pixies to Ottery St. Mary's bells. The ringers are accepting a 500-year-old challenge.

WHAT will happen to the bells of Ottery St. Mary Parish Church on Midsummer's night (June 24th)? According to Mr. Fred Godfrey and an Ottery committee that is the date when the wee folk—the pixies—will try and get their revenge on the town for ringing the bells for the first time on June 24th, 1454 —500 years ago.

'Most people in this atomic age pooh-pooh such talk,' says Mr. Godfrey, 'but not everyone. There are some men and women alive to-day who still believe in the little folk and they are dreading what harm may yet befall the lovely bells of the beautiful church of St. Mary.'

It is planned to hold celebrations on June 24th and when the bells start ringing at 9 p.m. Ottregians will wonder if anything is going to happen to their bells.

Pixie-lore is strong in Devon and near Ottery one of their 'parlours' can be seen on the banks of the River Otter.

'HISTORY' OF BELLS

Mr. Godfrey, relating the history of the pixies and Ottery, said, 'When the foundations of the church were laid much interest was shown by the pixies, but they were not unduly perturbed, for they felt their hold over the people was much too strong to be shaken by the building of a church. But when mention was made of a bell named St. Mary they were alarmed because the ringing of a church bell is to the little folk what holy water is to the devil.

'The pixies then set about trying to stop the bell being cast or erected. An attempt to stop the monks getting the metal failed and they then tried to crack the bell in casting by pouring dew on it. But the flowers forestalled them by mixing honey with the dew which made the note of the bell far sweeter than it would have been.

MONKS 'PIXIE-LED'

'Foiled again, the pixies started again the day the monks commenced towing the bell from Exeter to Ottery. They made themselves very pleasant to the monks at first, fetching delicious cold water and telling them stories. As the journey progressed the monks became "pixie-led" and the pixies got the cavalcade on the very edge of a steep cliff at Sidmouth. They danced with joy at the success of their scheme, but just as the leading monk was about to step over the edge, he trod on a prickle and shouted "God bless my soul and St. Mary." This broke the spell and eventually the bell was safely fixed in the belfry at Ottery.

'Some people say they tried once more on the day the bell was to be blessed. On this occasion the bell was found tightly bound with magic cords. However, the bell was freed after some delay and at 9 p.m. it rang out triumphant.

500 YEARS WAIT

'The pixies decided to lie low for 500 years —time means nothing to them—but at 9 p.m., on June 24th, 1954, they would have their revenge.'

With this 'history' in mind the Coronation Committee decided to organise a celebration with the climax at 9 p.m. to see if anything does happen when the bells ring out. The celebrations may include a summer carnival.

The Organising Committee—and some people in Ottery—had a shock recently when the bell of King's School 'mysteriously' broke down and they asked 'Is this the start of the pixies' revenge?'

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Not since 1938 has the Barnsley District Society visited Ecclesfield, the reasons being the ban on ringing during the war years and the state of the bells. These, however, have been overhauled and repaired and are a pleasure to ring.

The meeting was most happy and successful. Afternoon ringing was followed by tea—a good square meal—in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the curate (the Rev. Charles Whitfield) presided in the regretted absence of the Vicar. The business was mainly of a routine character but five new members were elected viz:—L. E. Smith, A. Gregory, D. Greaves, R. Harrison and N. Clark, all of Ecclesfield.

A committee meeting is to be held at Barnsley on April 3rd at 6 p.m. to arrange the shield and cup contests. The next monthly meeting will be held at Felkirk on April 10th.

The following towers were represented:—Bolsterstone, Darfield, Cawthorne, Felkirk, Handsworth, Horbury, Thrybergh, Leeds Parish, Wath-on-Dearne, Sutton-in-Mansfield with a good muster of the local company.

Further ringing followed until about 8 p.m. in a variety of Minor and Major methods.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' April 3rd, 1914

HALIFAX

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Officers' Peal)

On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in 3 hours and 28 minutes

At the Parish Church

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS

5,163 CHANGES

Tenor 25 cwt.

Joe Hardcastle	Treble
James Cotterell	2
Albert C. Fearnley	3
Harry Williams	4
Joseph Broadley	5
Arthur Gill	6
Charles Jackson	7
John McKell	8
Clement Glenn	9
James T. Rew	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Clement Glenn.

[A simultaneous attempt for Kent Major at Headingley by eight other Association officers was ended by a broken rope. The only member of the executive not taking part was Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who provided the compositions for both peals.]

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District at Bradford

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on March 20th at the Cathedral, Bradford. Upwards of 50 members attended and methods rung during the day ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

It was unfortunate that no tea arrangements could be made, but having sought refreshment in divers restaurants, members were reunited in the Cathedral Hall for the business meeting.

The vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, took the chair and votes of thanks were accorded to the Cathedral authorities and to the local company for their arrangements. Five new members were elected.

The annual election of officers then took place. Mr. P. J. Johnson was re-elected vice-president for a further term of three years, and Messrs. H. Armitage and W. Dixon were re-elected to the District Committee for a similar period. Miss S. E. M. Barton did not seek re-election and is succeeded by Miss M. Barker, of Collingham. Mr. H. Armitage was also re-elected to serve on General Committee of the Association.

Mr. W. Barton made mention of the recent passing of Mr, J. W. Cundall, an old and valued member of the Cathedral company, and members stood in silence as a mark of respect. Mr. P. J. Johnson was pleased to report that Mr. J. Hardcastle, another member of the old Bradford company, whom he had visited earlier in the day, was in the best of spirits, despite an infirmity which confined him permanently to his bed.

This concluded the business meeting and members returned to the tower for further ringing.

THE QUEEN IN MELBOURNE

'We spent quite a lot of time ringing during the Queen's visit to Melbourne,' writes Mrs. Joan Gray, of Montmorency, Victoria.

'On February 28th when the Queen attended divine service in the Cathedral we rang before and after the service, and then in the afternoon tried for a peal of Grandsire Caters. This went well for over two hours, when the tenor man found he could no longer keep the bell up. Investigations revealed a broken bolt in the headstock. This has now been mended and we hope to try again shortly.

'Last Saturday (March 13th) a party of four ringers from Melbourne and three from Sydney motored 70 miles to Ballarat, where they met a ringer from Adelaide, to try and mark the Queen's visit to that city by ringing the first peal of Surprise outside the British Isles. Unfortunately we were again beaten by two back-going bells. I believe the seventh nearly beat George Martin in the famous (and only) peal in 1934, so we did well to get through three-quarters of our peal of Cambridge with hardly a trip.

'Our visitors have gone back to Sydney, so we shall have to wait patiently for a few months before we can try again for Surprise. Best wishes to all ringing friends in England.'

5,136 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By N. GOLDEN

I		O	23456
		—	34256
—		3	45236
—		3	53246
S		3	43256
—		3	35246
—	A	—	62345
		—	23645

A = Additional calls at 2, 3, 4, S5, Twice repeated.

Contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 with 2nds never about 4ths at course-ends, with six singles only.

Rung at Loddon, March 20th, 1954.

RINGING IN AFRICA

Members of a Great Brotherhood

During a recent tour around Africa we have been privileged to ring at St. Mary's, Greyville (Durban), St. Paul's (Durban) and St. Mary's, Woodstock (Cape Town). These, we are told, are the only ringable rings in that vast continent, since some structural alterations have caused an obstruction to the swinging of at least one of Grahamstown's eight bells. We should like to record our hearty appreciation of the welcome we received at each of these three towers, a welcome which emphasised the fraternity existing between all ringers everywhere.

In this country we often hear of a band of ringers struggling along and making only slow progress because they are in an isolated village. How much more, then, must our friends in Africa feel their isolation. Having seen what efforts they are making to improve in the art of change ringing, we must ponder and count our own blessings. For example, in most parts of England we have a wealth of bells within a reasonable distance, many able and experienced ringers anxious to give assistance to all willing learners, and Guilds where both the practical and social side of our art can be furthered for our delight.

AT DURBAN

Our first visit was to St. Mary's, Greyville. Here we were able to join in a weekly practice in a very pleasant ringing chamber, and also to ring for Sunday morning service. The captain, Mr. T. J. Maeder, and his band are working manfully at Grandsire Doubles, and are fortunate in having as their instructor Mr. Cyril Chambers, late of Kidderminster. They are using handbells to help them in their studies, and rang a course of Grandsire Triples (single-handed) while we were there. We wish them all success and hope that in time all the ten bells of this tower will have learned the ways of change ringing.

The next evening we visited St. Paul's, in the very centre of Durban, where Mr. William Gardiner (hon. secretary of the Church Bell-ringers' Guild) had gathered together some ringers. The belfry ladder-and-trap-door entry did not in any way mar the enjoyment of ringing call changes on this octave. ('If we'd had one more we could have rung Grandsire Doubles'—haven't we often heard a corresponding cry in this country?) One remarkable thing in this tower was that the plain white sallies did not seem to be at all soiled either by the warm hands of ringers or by the dust which inevitably got into the ringing chamber through the open louvres from the city outside. The evening ended again with handbells, this time Grandsire Doubles with a few cautious bobs.

Besides the church work of ringing at these two towers in Durban there is a weekly handbell practice held in the city in the lunch hour. This was started not long ago by Mr. Chambers in an effort to arouse interest in change ringing after he had given an open lecture on the subject. His enthusiasm certainly deserves encouragement and his efforts success.

CAPE TOWN'S ENTHUSIASM

The next tower, some 800 miles away, was St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town. Here was another 'ladder-and-trap-door' entry, but beyond it a keen band of enthusiasts whose captain is Mr. J. G. Wood. Unfortunately, Mr. Wood himself was in hospital at the time of our visit and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery from his operation. Meanwhile ringing was in the hands of Mr. Robert H. Stickley, late of Hereford, who conducted the Cape Town Coronation peal last June. Moreover, around the walls were numerous records of recent quarter peals by a band which deserves to progress. At this practice the methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Doubles and Minor. Stedman was also on the list but pressure of time and uncertainty on the part of one or two of the ringers combined to call it off.

When we set sail from England last December we were resigned to the idea of three and a half months without the feel of a bellrope. How could we dare to hope that our very tentative letters to the three ringing towers of Africa, inquiring whether by any chance their days of ringing would coincide with our days of call, would bear fruit? As it was we very soon received answers showing that, in spite of our own vagueness about dates, everything would be done at the other end to make practices available. The welcome and the hospitality given left no doubt about their genuineness, and made us realise that, after all, ringers are ringers all the world over and members of a great brotherhood. We definitely felt that our friends in South Africa liked entertaining ringing visitors and would like to have more opportunity of doing so. So if it falls to the lot of any reader to travel to Africa, let him see that his route be made to include Durban and Cape Town, where he will be sure to find a warm ringing welcome.

A. F. GODLEY,
M. M. GODLEY.

Yetminster, Sherborne, Dorset.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District at Rushden

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held a meeting at Rushden, Northants, on March 20th. Members from Leicester and district travelled to the meeting by special bus and were met at the tower by Mr. A. L. Priestley, the tower captain.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and despite the doubts of some of the 'supporters' club' a service touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round by a band of ladies. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon E. A. Green).

About 55 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided by the catering committee. Before the business meeting Miss Thompson, the vice-president, expressed thanks to the Rector for his welcome, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist, to Mr. Priestley for making the local arrangements, and to the ladies for tea. One honorary member was elected, Miss Rosemary Staniforth, who at the tender age of two weeks becomes the youngest member of the Ladies' Guild.

During the evening further ringing took place on this very good ring of eight, bringing to a close a successful meeting.

Mrs. Priestley and the other ladies at Rushden, not content with providing a delightful tea, very kindly packed the Leicester contingent a hamper of sandwiches and cakes for their homeward journey. These were very much appreciated by the members and even more so by the supporters!

The next meeting is hoped to be arranged at Ibstock, Leicester, on May 22nd.

MR. J. J. HOLE

Dunster ringers regret the passing of Mr. J. J. Hole, who was elected a member of this Somerset tower on December 31st, 1896. He was interred at Exeter on March 22nd and on that day a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on Dunster bells. The band included a very old friend of Mr. Hole, Mr. J. Pugsley, of Minehead.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. BUNCE

With sincere regret we announce the death of Mr. W. J. Bunce, captain of the Ruislip band since 1922, and a member of the St. Martin's (Ruislip) Guild for just 50 years.

He rang in nine peals, six for the Middlesex Association and three for the Royal Cumberland Youths, these being four Plain Bob Major, one Kent Treble Bob Major, two Stedman Triples and two Grandsire Triples. He rang for every important occasion since the funeral of King Edward VII. and was the owner of a silver matchbox presented by the Ruislip residents for ringing at the Coronation of King George V.

Mr. Bunce was much loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed by the Ruislip band. He was a very keen member of Ruislip Bowls Club and was also a founder of the Ruislip Town Football Club. He was in charge of the church clock for 32 years, doing all minor repairs himself and attending to the weekly winding, all on a voluntary basis. He leaves three sons, all ringers.

I shall miss him a lot, having been his constant friend and companion for 66 years. May he rest in peace. TOM COLLINS.

MR. W. R. J. POULSON

It is with sincere regret that we record the death on March 17th of Mr. William R. J. Poulson, of Lavenham, at the age of 65. He has been a member of the Lavenham band since 1908 and was for many years its deputy conductor.

Mr. Poulson was a regular Sunday service ringer for both Matins and Evensong throughout his whole ringing career. He was a splendid striker whether at the 'light' or 'heavy' end. His peals totalled 131 (24 of them being on handbells), his longest being 6,000 and 6,240, both Plain Bob. He will be greatly missed by his many ringing friends.

He was laid to rest on March 24th. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Messrs. F. A. Turner, M. T. S. Symonds, S. H. Symonds and F. F. Mortlock. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (his own composition) was rung to his memory by S H. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Jarvis 2, S. Smith 3, W. Faiers 4, F. Borcham 5, L. Pryke 6, F. Mortlock 7, L. Offord 8.

Among the many floral tributes was one from his fellow ringers of Lavenham tower, also one from St. Mary's ringers, Preston.

S. H. S.

5,248 Double Norwich C.B. Major

By E. F. GOBEY

23456	1	4	5	6
53624	—	—		—
62435	S		—	
24635				—
46235				—
32645	—			—
26345				—
43625	—			—
36425				—
64325				—
23465	—			—
34265				—
42365				—

Three times repeated. Calling bob for S in 2nd and 4th parts.

For 5,024 omit three bobs at 6 in any block of three in one part only.

Rung at Ilkeston, February 6th, 1954, as 5,024.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

South Oxon Branch

A meeting of the South Oxon Branch was held at Warborough on March 20th. Over 40 members and visitors were present, and it was said that 40 years had elapsed since a meeting was held in this delightful village.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Warborough (the Rev. Canon Barker), the address was given by the Provost and the lesson was read by the Vicar of Watlington (the Rev. J. Lewis, vice-chairman of the Branch). A full choir was in attendance, drawn from the villages of Warborough and Benson.

An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall under the supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. Frank Absalom), assisted by ladies of the village.

At the meeting which followed it was decided to have the Branch annual meeting at Watlington on June 19th and it was suggested that the Bishop of Dorchester be approached with a view to preaching at the service.

During the evening ringing took place at Dorchester Abbey, where touches in the standard methods were enjoyed for upwards of an hour and a half.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at the Church of St. Mary, Burry Port, on March 13th. The bells were available to the ringers at 2.30 p.m. and although the attendance of ringers was small, possibly due to only five bells in the tower, it did not stop the older members of the Guild from coming along. The Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Thomas) was at the belfry ready to greet the ringers as they arrived.

The service was at 4 p.m. at which the Vicar very kindly officiated, assisted by Mr. Scaife and Mr. Richards attended to the organ. Members were afterwards entertained to tea at the Church Hall. Altogether 27 members sat down to enjoy themselves.

The Vicar presided at the usual business meeting and the agenda was expeditiously dealt with. The secretary reminded the members of the competition which takes place at Llandilo on May 8th, at which Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxford, has kindly promised to carry out the adjudication.

The annual meeting of the Guild will take place at Carmarthen on Saturday, June 19th. A very hearty vote of thanks was extended by Mr. W. Williams, of Carmarthen, to the Vicar for having the Guild at Burry Port; also to Mr. Scaife and Mr. Richards and the ladies who attended at the tea.

The Vicar and Mr. E. Sage, captain of the Burry Port ringers, responded. The meeting closed with a prayer and the ringers returned to the tower to finish off the evening.

QUARTER PEALS

FROME, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Phippen (first of Triples) 1, W. Mills 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, J. Topp 4, E. Bray (first of Triples) 5, G. Massey 6, D. Flower (cond.) 7, H. Vennell (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss W. Harvey, member of the band, on her marriage to Mr. J. Scudamore.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): R. Rowley 1, J. Mayne (cond.) 2, A. Dix 3, W. Wenban 4, D. K. Adkins 5, R. King 6, S. Hoare 7, G. Seaman 8.

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RETURN THANKS

MRS. DAN COOPER wishes to thank all kind friends for their messages of sympathy and encouragement in her recent bereavement. 4179

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, April 3rd, practice meeting at Ilmington. No service. Tea being arranged. — R. J. E. 4167

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Ely Dis. Sec. 4137

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Chigwell Row, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea at nearby cafe. 4085

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells (8) on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 4087

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Burnley, April 3rd. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4165

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Overseale, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Cotton. Overseal 264. 4149

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gressenhall (6) April 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec 4153

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Monthly practice on Saturday, April 3rd at Whitchurch (6) at 6 p.m. and Pangbourne (6) at 7 p.m.—N. E. Swann. 4171

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Frampton, near Dorchester, April 3rd. Usual arrangements. — Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4131

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, April 5th. 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Also first Monday in each month. Everyone welcome.—H. Rogers. Hon. Sec. 4194

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., April 10th, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4189

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Felkirk, near Barnsley, April 10th, 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than April 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4186

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Spaxton, April 10th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4176

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Silsoe on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Service at 6. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 4159

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, at Rise. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hind House, Park Farm, Rise, Hull. 4187

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by April 6th, to Mr. A. Ashley, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 4169

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Newick (6), April 10th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Wattles Cafe, Piltdown. Names to me by 8th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. Look up Double Oxford. 4170

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4144

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), April 10th. For tea advise Mr. W. Trueman, Ashbury, Blunsdon Hill, Blunsdon.—W. B. Kynaston. 4163

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 10th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon and evening. St. Mary's in afternoon for service there at 3.30. S. Nicolas' in evening. Tea and business meeting S. Nicolas' Hall 4.15. Numbers for tea, by April 6th, please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 4155

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A joint meeting with the Shropshire Association will be held at Claverley on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea, by Thursday, April 8th, please, to Mr. Fred Bennett, Rydale, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 4128

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitstable, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head for those notifying, not later than Wednesday, April 7th, Miss H. M. Palmer, 37, Clare Road, Tankerton, Whitstable, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4145

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Crosby, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent before Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Endbutt Lane, Crosby, Liverpool 23. 4125

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Ulverston Parish Church on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. M. Newby, 19, Union Place, Ulverston.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4183

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided. All names, by April 7th, to A. Lomas, 47, Normanby Street, Swinton.—R. Benson. 4184

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, April 10th. Bring own food. Please look up Double Norwich.—L. Walmsley. 4161

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, April 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Dedication of Coronation peal board. Meat tea at nominal charge. Names, please, by Wednesday, 7th, to F. Mellor, 596, Ripponden Road, Oldham. Practice method: Cambridge.—F. Pritchard. 4185

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, April 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Star Inn 5. Please notify, by April 6th, Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford, Hinckley. 4174

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Knighton, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Church Hall. Names for tea, by April 6th, to J. B. Bennett, 41, Valence Road, Leicester. 4173

A NEW QUARTER

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Buckminster, Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names must be sent, by the 7th, to Mr. T. H. Simpkins, Buckminster, Grantham.—J. H. Cook. 4158

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Kegworth, Saturday, April 10th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Cafe 5. Names, by April 6th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville. 4126

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Saturday, April 10th, Ealing —St. Stephen's, 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Christ Church, 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 4190

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Station Road, Edgware, on Saturday, April 10th, 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing also at Stanmore in evening.—T. J. Lock. 4166

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Nassington (5), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 4177

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Members are asked to attend meeting at Claverley, with HEREFORD GUILD on April 10th. Good bells and warm welcome. Buses near, from Bridgnorth best at 2 p.m., 2.30 p.m., etc.—W. A. Farmer. 4182

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Fressingfield District. —A meeting will be held on April 10th at Stradbroke (10 bells) and Wingfield (6) The bells will be available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. at 2s. per head. Let me have names for tea by the 5th, please.—J. Barber, Hillside, Wingfield, Diss. 4138

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Betchworth, April 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting (Red Lion) 5. Business includes nominations for General Master. Names for tea, by April 7th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 4181

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by April 7th, C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4164

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Wisborough Green (6), April 10th, 2.30. Names for tea, please, by April 7th.—W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4178

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Leiston.—Rededication of Leiston bells, Saturday, April 17th. Service 3 p.m. Buffet tea in Church Hall and short business meeting to elect secretary for Saxmundham District.—A. R. Bridger, Theberton, Leiston.. 4162

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Business meeting in St. Peter's Church Hall 11.30. Lunch 1 p.m. at Granada Restaurant (names to me by April 12th). Ringing arrangements: St. Paul's 10-11.15 and 2 p.m. onwards; St. Peter's 2-4.30; Goldington 2-4. — J. M. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 4175

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — Annual, Seaton, Easter Monday. Service 4.15 Tea and business, Axe Vale Cafe. Names not later than April 9th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary. 4130

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Bells available: Great St. Mary's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after tea; Roman Catholic Church (8) 12 noon-1 p.m. and after tea; St. Andrew's (8) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 1.45-4.30 p.m.; St. Benet's (6) 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6.30-8 p.m.; St Andrew's, Chesterton (6) 1.30-3.45 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at Round Church Hall. Please send names for tea to H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.—W. J. Ridgman, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4188

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday. Particulars as already advertised. Latest date for lunch tickets April 12th.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 4110

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Woolos' Newport, Easter Monday. Bells (12) available 12 noon. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, by April 13th, to F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 4172

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 19th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall. 12 noon PROMPT. Coffee obtainable, College Hall, 1.15 (bring own lunch sandwiches). Tea (3s. per head) at Deansway Cafe, 5 p.m., for all who notify me by Wednesday, April 14th. Bells available: All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; Claines (10); St. John's (8); Kempsey (6), all 2-4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 6-7.30 p.m. — J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4193

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Holmfirth, April 24th. For tea notify, by April 10th, Miss A. Haigh, Royd House, Rotcher, Holmfirth.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4081

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 24th. Details next week.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4180

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual general meeting, May 1st, St. Philip's, Hulme, 3 p.m. Ringing after tea. Tour, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, July 5th-15th, 60s., to secretary before Easter.—Valerie Gutteridge, Hon. Sec. 4168

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(O how amiable are Thy dwellings)

O Parish Church! so fair, so old,
Thy welcome music brings to mind
As Sabbath bells their notes unfold.
That God is near—that God is kind.
Forlorn our town if thou weren't near us,
Who'd point the way if thou wert gone?
When nations wept, yet thou didst cheer us.
Parish Church—old friend, live on!

. . . . . .

Parish Church!—'tis well to enter
Oft 'unto Thy courts with praise.'
By God's Grace, of Faith the centre,
Where Hope doth like beacon blaze.
With these our fathers came—through praying—
To Love and trust the Holy One.
So 'tis but meet we follow saying—
Parish Church—old friend, live on!

. . . . . .

O Parish Church—how sad thy knelling
When a townsman's 'course is run.'
Yet how glad thy pealing, telling
Of a wedded life begun.
So 'to the task!'—we spurn delaying,
Then, having done and homeward gone,
Our children will, in turn, be saying:
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ARCHBISHOP'S TRIBUTE TO RINGERS

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, in his Diocesan Notes for April under the heading, 'The National Tradition of Bell Ringing,' pays this very generous and much appreciated tribute to our art:—

'May we all take this opportunity of paying our tribute of gratitude to the bell ringers of this country? Bell ringing as we know it is an art invented, perfected and perpetuated in this country and is a most valuable and lovely part of our tradition. The bell ringers do their service to the Church and to religion year in and year out, and to the nation as a whole on great national occasions.

'I do not consider that I have properly visited a country church until I have been in the ringing chamber and seen the ringers at their craft; and nowhere else do you find finer examples of the English people than in these sturdy, patient folk-men who have been ringing for more than 50 years, fathers and sons, and very often to-day also, daughters, sometimes quite young boys and girls. There as they ring in the ancient churches in which we worship I find the richest and most moving evidence of the character and the continuity of this beloved nation.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

AT a time when many associations are considering the elections of representatives to the Central Council, it may be as well to examine its composition, and the wholly necessary character of its work. The Council in the main consists of men and women with a background of solid achievement, of specialised knowledge, of long experience in most branches of the art, or of culture and scholarship. It thus is able to take a comprehensive view of all matters relating to bell ringing, and soberly and earnestly to debate them.

Its annual meeting is, then, apart from the social side, a time for the exchange of ideas, and a time, outside of the official meeting, for friendly discussion of common problems. It affords also an opportunity for the many committees to consider difficulties which normally can only be dealt with, somewhat inadequately, through the usual medium of the post. The work of these small committees is often overlooked by the average ringer, and only members of them know the amount of labour involved.

It is true that the meeting of the Council, for those people who are able to make a week-end of it, gives chances to see fresh country, to see the conditions under which other people ring and to acquire new towers to add to their lists. The gathering is in no sense a holiday partly paid for by the associations. It does, therefore, behove those who have a hand in the election of representatives to consider carefully the fitness for the job of those put up for election. In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king. The leading light of a district or of an association may be but a feeble glimmer in Central Council surroundings. The resounding speeches one hears at meetings on occasions may sound very ordinary in different circumstances. Of eloquent speakers the Council has no lack. They know thoroughly the subject under consideration, and can speak with clarity and usually with brevity. There are scores of members who never make a speech; but their silence does not imply that they cannot make shrewd judgment on matters in debate, nor does it mean that they are unable to use their votes wisely.

The Council has no authority over ringers, who may ring what they please; but it rightly refuses to add to its records any performance which transgresses its rules. These were made only after long consideration over the years. Some of these rules are broken unwittingly, which means that the offenders do not acquaint themselves sufficiently with the machinery placed at their disposal, nor with the things that have been done for their common benefit. Sometimes the rules are broken by ringers who are in rebellious or puckish mood. They should not be surprised nor should they be hurt when the result of their efforts prove unacceptable to the Council. They have been warned.

The Council has provided at low cost to ringers collections of methods and compositions, with technical information and useful pamphlets. Without these, ringing could not possibly have reached the present-day increasingly high standard of method splicing. How many ringers, too, realise that without its efforts the Exercise would probably have no newspaper of its own to-day? It assumed the far from inviting responsibility for the production of 'The Ringing World' at a time when no individual or group of individuals would have dreamed of doing so. The growing prestige of ringers is almost wholly due to its Council. Very largely owing to its quiet work, its reception by Church and civic dignitaries at its meetings is very impressive. By its practice of Corporate Communion on these occasions it emphasises the close relationship between ringers and the Church, which is as it should be.

J. T. D.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., March 1, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Barry Holland	*Treble*	Arnold Hill	6
*Mrs. Norman Chaddock	2	Herbert O. Chaddock	7
*Fred Fisher	3	W. Eric Critchley	8
*Elizabeth Bate	4	John J. L. Gilbert	9
*Gordon K. Chaddock	5	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung on St. David's Day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

Reginald A. Reed	*Treble*	D. Cecil Williams	6
Nelia Leahy	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Harold P. Reed	3	Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	8
*Beryl Pittaway	4	Maurice J. Butler	9
J. M. N. Lakin	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
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Tenor 6½ cwt.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Arthur E. Rowley	6
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Composed by William Wilson. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
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CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Bryan D. A. Woolley	*Treble*	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Muriel Reay	2	John Pinfold	7
Arthur V. Pearson	3	George E. Fearn	8
Leonard Trevor	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
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Conducted by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

A. St. John Boyack	*Treble*	D. Kay Adkins	6
John R. Mayne	2	Squire Croft	7
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	3	Francis D. Bishop	8
Thomas E. Davies	4	Victor Griffin	9
Mrs. Kathleen F. J. Parr	5	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary and Chad,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

George E. Oliver	*Treble*	*Edmund Malin	6
Joan Beresford	2	George Davis	7
Albert E. Thompson	3	Peter Beresford	8
Jeffrey B. Webb	4	Harold Taylor	9
Clive M. Smith	5	Walter J. Cope	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George E. Oliver.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Venerable William Stuart Macpherson (Archdeacon of Richmond) on the occasion of his installation as 55th Dean of Lichfield.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18½ cwt.

Mrs. R. F. Deal	*Treble*	*John F. Grove	6
*David W. Beard	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
*†Frank V. Gant	3	*Charles E. Willmington	8
Alfred J. House	4	‡Harry J. Millatt	9
Hilda G. Snowden	5	†John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Venerable E. N. Gowing, on being granted the Freedom of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., March 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
Samela Thomas	2	Walter R. Hughes	7
Edgar T. Smith	3	James S. Eastwood	8
*William Davies	4	Ernest Stitch	9
George W. Hughes	5	Henry E. Green	*Tenor*

Composed by James E. Groves. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* 100th peal.
Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the opening (March 30th, 1929) of the 12 bells, which were augmented and recast.
The 127th peal on this present ring.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., March 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St Philip,
A PEAL OF 5152 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	John Pinfold	6
Clifford A. Barron	3	Peter Border	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., March 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Evelyn M. Fletcher	*Treble*	Clifford A. Barron	5
Muriel Reay	2	John Pinfold	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	George E. Fearn	7
Terry R. Hampton	4	*Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of London.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
TERENCE A. THORNBER	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and 4th. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Bowley.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., March 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
JACK R. WORRALL	2	RALPH BIRD	6
TOM PAGE	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
ROLAND W. MORANT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild, and in the county. Quickest peal on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 375th peal.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
*HOWARD SCOTT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
A welcome from Yorkshire to Rosemary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Staniforth.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS	*Treble*	NORMAN HOBDEN	5
*ELIZABETH LAYTON	2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	6
DENIS N. LAYTON	3	ALBERT J. ADAMS	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. N. Pitstow on his appointment as a Member of the Order of the British Empire, and on the birth of his first grandson, Michael John Pitstow.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
BRIAN BUSWELL	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	FRANK BRADLEY	7
*FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First in the method on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

DEREK NORRIS	*Treble*	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
LEONARD MANNERING	2	RONALD E. NORRIS	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	FRANK THWAITES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Vicctor A. Jarratt, secretary of the Chatham band.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
JOHN R. COOPER	2	WILFRED W. RING	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT (C.C.C. 10).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

M. VIVIEN COPPING	*Treble*	J. HENRY FIELDEN	5
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	2	*RALPH BEAUMONT	6
SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
JOHN F. BRYANT	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and by an All Souls', Halifax, band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*DEREK G. BROYD	*Treble*	MAURICE A. COLLINGS	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	†PHILIP MEHEW	6
†ROBERT L. PIRON	3	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. Mr. A. E. Sharman has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a compliment to Joan Newman, a ringer at Totternhoe, and to Robert Brooks, who were married at Luton earlier in the day.

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GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALAN SHEPPARD	*Treble*	*A. H. HAWCROFT	5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY	2	FRED TERRY	6
MISS D. M. HAWLEY	3	JOHN J. TAYLOR	7
JOHN M. HARROP	4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

FELIX H. ERITH	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	6
GEORGE A. BUTTON	3	ROY DUESBURY	7
ANNE V. LEWIS	4	GEORGE W. BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
First peal of Major as conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*RONALD WALKER	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
ANNE SLINGER	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	7
HENRY O. BAKER	4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. A. Andrews and Miss M. McKenna, who were married at Warrington this day.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	*Treble*	*SIDNEY A. PAICE	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
*WILLIAM ROGERS	4	*CECIL DENYER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Edna M. Trott and Dennis P. G. Kempsall.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Treble*	HARRY HARPER	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	*DOUGLAS BURNETT	6
*PATRICIA D. PROWSE	3	†C. KEITH BREWER	7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung on the eve of Mothering Sunday.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

PETER NASH	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
THOMAS H. TOCOCK	2	HAROLD W. REED	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	REGINALD CROOK	7
FRANK LEWIS	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN	2	JOHN S. MASON	6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Treble*	OWEN A. NEEDHAM	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	*H. LESLIE PASK	7
GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 100th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

DEREK K. KNOWLES	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	5
*HARRY GRIFFITHS	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ALAN A. ELSMORE	3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	7
*J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DAPHNE LLOYD	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
FREDERICK R. EVANS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 100th peal.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	DAVID R. REED	6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	JOHN HARTLESS	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Liverpool Branch.)
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr.

HERBERT ASHTON	*Treble*	*ERIC ROUGHLEY	5
FRANCES E. ELLISON	2	CHARLES BLACKBURN	6
*JOHN R. AUSTIN	3	†EDGAR WHITE	7
RICHARD G. LATHAM	4	HARRY BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Frances Johnson, a ringer at the above church, who was married the same day to Mr. Lewis Jones.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRANSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

G. Lindoff's No. 94 in Corrigan's. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
PETER COXALL	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by the band and for the Association.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28¾ cwt. in D.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
J. Frederick Milner's 500th peal, which he celebrated by conducting his first peal of London Surprise.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Treble*	AUDREY A. BUTLER	5
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	6
MONICA HOWARD	3	ROBERT G. LAY	7
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP	4	JOHN D. ROCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., March 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
GEOFFREY W. HAIR	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

QUINTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HENRY CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	4
JOHN HALL	2	CECIL TOMPKINS	5
†FRANCIS POWELL	3	*ARTHUR J. SIMMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HALL.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

J. W. L. SLACK	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	4
BRIAN WOODRUFFE	2	ALAN A. POTTS	5
ALEX RICHARDSON	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER.

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WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20.
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*BETTY MCKANE	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	4
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
HENRY C. WEAVER	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Marybell McKane.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*FREDERICK C. GIFFORD	*Treble*	*L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN	4
MICHAEL N. BLAND	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
MARIE K. ROBERTS	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of London Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*JOSIE BOTTING	*Treble*	ROBERT W. HINDE	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	ROGER B. MORRIS	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal. The conductor's 50th tower for a peal.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

MRS. E. C. JARVIS	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	TERRY EARLE	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
First peal of London Minor by all the band, and on the bells.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., March 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

SANDFORD C. DUMBELL	*Treble*	EDMUND MALIN	4
RONALD W. ADAMS	2	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH	5
*DAVID NEAL	3	HARRY BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.
* First peal.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., March 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN WOOLLARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR A. LING	4
RAY PECK	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	LEONARD WOOLLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.
* First peal.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ELIZABETH BATE	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	4
GEORGE R. HINER	2	RONALD BIRCH	5
IAN M. HOLLAND	3	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 2nd.

RHUDDLAN, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent of April Day, one of Stedman, ten of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire, 16 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	4
MRS. J. G. PARKINGTON	2	L. JOHN EVANS	5
JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS	3	STANLEY WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.
First peal in four methods on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the treble and 5th.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DONALD H. METTUM	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
RONALD J. HILL	2	FREDERICK J. HUBBARD	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 150th peal.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Wright, of Silk Willoughby, a loyal church worker, known affectionately to her many friends as 'Gran.'

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 120's Grandsire, 10 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 10 Plain Bob, 8 April Day and 240 Hurdibras. Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	DENIS A. FRITH	3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	2	P.C. H. REGINALD WOODS	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung to celebrate the gift of a son, Desmond Walter, to the conductor and his wife.

HANDBELL PEALS

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF SACRED TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*C. ANNE MUIRHEAD (Manchester) 1—2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ((Manchester) 3—4
ROBIN G. TURNER (Oxford) 5—6	

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First handbell peal.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT MINDEN COTTAGE, CHURCH LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

ROBIN G. TURNER (Oxford) 1—2	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM
WILFRED L. ROBINSON (Manchester) 3—4	(Durham) 5—6

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

HAMPTON WICK, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT 3, STATION ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in D.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	1—2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5—6
ANNE B. SPEED	3—4	*ROBERT G. LAY	7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First handbell peal.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Meet Ringing Parson at Aston

The first District meeting of the year, off the beaten track, was held at Aston on March 27th. The six bells were set going promptly at 3 p.m. to various methods from rounds to Surprise Minor.

By service time, at 4.30, a good company had assembled from a wide area. The newly-inducted Rector (the Rev. K. C. Morris), who was a vice-president of the Norwich Association, took the service. His talk was on gravestone epitaphs; this was most interesting and amusing.

A fine tea was provided by the ladies of the village and a collection was taken for church expenses, which amounted to £3 16s. 3d.

The Rector took the chair for the business meeting. The secretary reported that a coach had been arranged for the annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on April 24th, and that there were still a few seats vacant.

The next meeting will be held at Aspenden on May 1st with Lincolnshire Surprise as the special method. Two new ringing members were elected, the chairman and Mr. R. Head, of Pirton. The secretary read the letter from the Central Council with regard to the financial position of 'The Ringing World,' and was elected District representative. He appealed to tower secretaries to help to get new postal subscribers for the paper.

The company then returned to the tower where the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock when the meeting was brought to a sudden close because of a play in a nearby hall.

E. G. B.

5,056 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR (Ilkeston Variation)

23456	M	V	W	H
52364	1	X		
46253	1	X	1	
53624		X		
24365		X		
65432		X		
43526		X	1	
26354		X		
54632		X		
43265		X		1
65324		X		
24536		X		
36452		X		
52643		X		
64235		X	1	
35426		X		
26543		X		
42635	1	X		
53246	1	X	1	
46325		X		
23645	2	X		
45362		X		
56234		X		1
34625		X		
25463		X		
63542		X		
42356		X		
35264		X	1	
64523		X		
23456		X		

Note.—If instead of the second part shown above, the first part is repeated, a peal of 5,504 changes is produced.

Rung at Melbourne on handbells on March 12th, 1954. Composed and conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Memories Revived at Lawton

The monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at All Saints' Church, Lawton, on March 20th. This beautiful church, set in woodland surroundings, has been the scene of many gatherings of ringers. Old ringers of the branch will remember the entertainment provided by the Lawton ringers on handbells under the direction of 'Old Bill.' The band of ringers of this church 20 years ago could be considered as one of the finest in the Chester Guild, but now only two or three ringers of this band remain as regular ringers, but the Rector, the Rev. Ainsleigh Jones, is proud of the fact that the bells ring for every service.

A short service was held in the church and the Rector made a strong appeal to all ringers to stick to their job in the tower because he considered that the bells of the church pealed out a message which was of greatest importance to the population at large.

Tea was served in the new Memorial Hall and 42 ringers did full justice. Mr. Wilfred Kerr, secretary of the Branch, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, and the ladies for the provision of the excellent tea. He wished to express the congratulations of the Branch to Mr. George W. Whalley on completing 50 years' unbroken service to Christ Church, Alsager, as a ringer. During this period Mr. Whalley had been the secretary and conductor, and what an example for the younger members to try to live up to, but then it was not impossible if their minds were set on becoming proficient ringers.

The ringing continued after tea until a late hour.

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LATE NEWS

With regret we announce that Mr. Arthur Rowley, for 44 years a ringer and former leader at St. Michael's Church, Stone, Staffordshire, was struck and killed by a passing train while following his employment as a ganger.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Grand old man of the Horbury tower, Yorkshire, is Mr. Herbert Rowley, now 85 years of age. Next month he will have completed 65 years as a ringer at St. Peter's, Horbury. An extra man turned up for a quarter peal on March 28th so Herbert sat out but conducted the ringing from his chair!

Mr. F. W. Wicks, who has left Arthur Road, Wimbledon, and now lives at Farncombe, Surrey, lost two farewell peals—Stedman at Putney and Stedman at Wimbledon.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, now in his 80th year, stood in at the last minute to a peal at Wyrardisbury, Bucks. The band appreciated his readiness to assist.

First area to respond to the Central Council's request to appoint a special representative to help in the drive for more postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World' is the Northern District of the Herts County Association.

Mr. E. A. Marsh, a former ringer at Woodlesford, Yorks, was married at Malta last Saturday. A peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Pudsey the same day as a wedding compliment.

Ottershaw, Surrey, has lost a ringer with many years of faithful service by the death of Mr. Steve Sleet. To his memory the bells were rung half-muffled on April 1st to 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by P. Underwood 1, W. A. Goldstone 2, R. J. Andrews (conductor) 3, P. E. Parry 4, H. Hancock 5, W. Horn 6.

Australian humour from 'The Ringing Towers': 'The latest method of training "raw recruits" is tying the spokes of the wheel to the frame and saying nothing to the unfortunate ringer who is endeavouring to pull the bell off. The only people who really appreciate this are the other members of the band who watch the facial contortions of the ringer in question.'

It was a graceful compliment to Mr. Harold Pitstow when five ringers whom he had taught at Banstead stood in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on March 27th. The peal was in recognition of Mr. Pitstow's appointment as a Member of the British Empire and on the birth of his first grandson, Michael John Pitstow.

As wedding bells pealed from the tower of St. Matthew's Church, Overseal, near Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, part of the stone coping crashed through the church roof and killed one of the choristers, Mr. William Wright, aged 40, of Burton Road, Overseal.

Imagine Gilbert Thurlow's joy on investigating a battered looking gramophone on the lowest floor in a tower where the bells need rehanging, to find a postcard tied to the instrument with the inscription 'The bell must not be rung until further notice.' What a complimentary way of describing the soulless act of twizzling a dusty record on a bent old gramo!

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Denholme, Yorks, by a band composed entirely of members of All Saints', Halifax, constitutes a landmark, as it was the first peal by the company since 1904. The band who rang that peal broke up in 1907. A bridge between the two peals was that the ringer of the treble at Denholme (Miss M. Vivien Copping) is the granddaughter of the ringer of the third in the 1904 peal. The present band is a young one, the average age of those ringing the front seven at Denholme is not much over 18 years. Since their inception, 18 months ago, apart from high individual attainment, the main factor has been a virtually 100 per cent. attendance record for both practice and service ringing.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIGHTON

The Bells Past and Present

April 16th is the 40th anniversary of the opening of the present ten at St. Peter's, Brighton. The following article by Mr. A. W. Bond, the tower secretary, is therefore appropriate in recalling the bells of this famous church.

IN the year 1882 a ring of eight bells was given by various donors who names are on tablets in the ringing chamber. The bells were cast and hung by Warner and Son, The Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, London, the tenor (largest) weighing 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. and were dedicated on St. Peter's Day, June 28th, 1882, by the Right Rev. Richard Durnford, Bishop of Chichester.

These bells gave great service to the church up to January, 1914, and were manned by a famous band of ringers who excelled in the higher methods of change ringing. Ringers would visit the tower from far and near for the opportunity of ringing advanced methods. A great number of full peals of 5,000 changes and over were rung, the first being on December 2nd, 1882, and the last on January 26th, 1914, including a notable peal on February 2nd, 1901, of the extent of London Surprise Major, 6,720 changes, specially rung for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, it being the longest peal rung in the tower.

About the year 1912 the late Mr. John Thornton Rickman, M.A., of Lewes, a ringer, was greatly interested in St. Peter's tower and the ringers, who gave him every encouragement and assistance in the ringing of the higher methods, with the result he made a generous offer to provide at his own expense a new ring of 12 bells.

For some reason the Church Authorities at that time opposed this number of bells. This was a great disappointment to the ringers, because had the bells been installed, it would have been the only 12-bell ringing in the county of Sussex. Eventually sanction was obtained for a ring of 10 bells, and these were cast and erected by the famous firm of bellfounders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London. The bells were hung in a cast iron frame supported by steel joists and it is interesting to note they are hung at a level immediately below the clock faces, the largest, or tenor bell, weighing 25¼ cwt. in the key of D. Ten tons of iron and steel and 5 tons 9 cwt. of bell metal were used, and they are the heaviest ring in Sussex.

The bells were dedicated on Thursday, April 16th, 1914, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, attended by his chaplains, the clergy, Mayor of Brighton, councillors and the choir during the incumbency of the late Canon B. G. Hoskyns.

The first full peal was rung on May 16th, 1914, being 5,043 changes of Stedman Caters. Many peals have since been rung, one very notable one being 5,040 changes of a very complicated method known as London Surprise Royal, in which the donor of the bells took part.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'Gloris in Excelsis Deo.'

2nd.—'In terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.'

3rd.—'Laudamus Te.'

4th.—'Benedicimus Te.'

5th.—'Adoramus Te.'

6th.—'Glorificamus Te.'

7th.—'Gratias Agimus Tibi.'

8th.—'Domine Deus. Rex Cœlestis.'

9th.—'Sancte Petre. Ora pro nobis.'

10th (tenor bell).—'This peal of ten bells was presented to the Parish Church of St. Peter, Brighton, to replace the lighter peal of eight bells given by various donors A.D. 1882. Benedict G. Hoskyns, Vicar. J. C. Gwatkin, E. G. Hales, B. J. Saunders, Churchwardens. Te Deum Laudamus.'

The following peals are of special interest:—

Peal No. 1,987.

The last peal on the old eight:—
On Monday, January 26th, 1914, in 3 hours and 12 minutes
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,056 CHANGES

George H. Howse	Treble
Arthur H. White	2
John Capp	3
Ernest Gower	4
Arthur W. Gravett	5
William C. Hart	6
Albert D. Stone	7
Keith Hart	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by Keith Hart.

Peal No. 2,016

The first peal on the new ten:—
On Saturday, May 16th, 1914, in 3 hours and 22 minutes
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5,043 CHANGES

John T. Rickman	Treble
Arthur W. Gravett	2
John Capp	3
Arthur H. White	4
Frank Bennett	5
Arthur Harman	6
Oliver Sippetts	7
Albert D. Stone	8
Keith Hart	9
William C. Hart	Tenor

Composed by John Carter and conducted by Keith Hart.

First peal on this new ring of bells.

Note.—Messrs. A. W. Gravett, J. Capp, F. Bennett, A. Harman, A. D. Stone and W. C. Hart are still active. The ringers of 2, 5 and tenor are present members of St. Peter's band.

THOSE NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

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MR. H. LESLIE PASK'S 100 PEALS

Mr. H. Leslie Pask, of Lincoln, has the following interesting list for his first 100 peals:—

Minor (2).—Cambridge Surprise.

Triples (14).—Grandsire 2, Stedman 11, Erin 1.

Major (33).—Double Norwich 3, Cambridge 5, St. Clement's 1, London 6, Superlative 2, Kent 1, Yorkshire 3, Wordsworth 1, Wembley 1, Bristol 3, Jersey 1, St. Giles' 1, Withyham 1, Dublin 1, Runnymede 1, Pudsey 1, Norfolk 1.

Spliced Surprise Major (5).—Sixteen methods 1, twenty-two methods 2, three methods 1, four methods 1.

Caters (5).—Grandsire 1, Stedman 3, Double Norwich 1.

Royal (11).—Plain Bob 3, Cambridge 4, Kent 1, Wembley 1, Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1.

Cinques (24).—Stedman 23, Erin 1.

Maximus (6).—Cambridge 4, Yorkshire 2.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Motion on Synthetic Bells for Central Council

The Society's first meeting in 1954, held at Sevenoaks, Kent, on March 27th, in truly spring-like weather, attracted a large gathering of members and friends. Ringing on the fine octave at St. Nicholas' Church began at 2.45, when a newly-married couple were rung out of church with a course of Cambridge Minor on the back six, and continued until the service at 4.30 in methods ranging from rounds to Bristol.

Unfortunately, the organist failed to arrive, and as the organ key was not available a small harmonium had to be pressed (!) into service. The Kent County Association form of service was used and included an address by the Rector of Sevenoaks (the Rev. F. W. Argyle) who conducted the service. The Rector welcomed the Society to Sevenoaks and his address was most appreciated.

Tea followed at Williamson's Cafe and the business meeting was held in the church with the Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, in the chair. An apology for absence from Mr. M. Harbott was noted. Seven new members were elected, viz:—Messrs. E. J. Munday (Iping, Sussex), J. A. H. Betts (Llanwrda, South Wales), J. T. Finey (Chichester), Miss P. M. Saxton (Chichester), Messrs. A. F. Wellington (Tunbridge Wells), G. McKay (St. Bees) and J. R. Leeming (Braintree).

The motion to be included in the agenda of this year's Central Council meeting, proposed at the annual meeting, concerning synthetic bells, was read and agreed to, and it was also agreed to withdraw the motion concerning increased affiliation fees.

The secretary announced that the annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 2nd, 1954, and asked for members to support the function and make it as great a success as on previous occasions. He also read a letter received from the Central Council secretary concerning 'The Ringing World' circulation, and the Master appealed to members to do all that they could to induce all their ringing friends to become postal subscribers. An announcement was also made concerning the next meeting of the Society which will be held at Windsor and Slough on Saturday, June 12th, and a good attendance was asked for.

Under the heading of any other business, it was announced that an invitation would be sent to the Middlesex County Association to a joint meeting at Shoreditch and Bishopsgate on the first Saturday in December. Finally, a hearty comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector of Sevenoaks for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to the secretary of the local band, Miss D. Colgate, for assisting in arranging tea and the meeting generally, was passed with acclamation.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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MR. J. FREDERICK MILNER'S 500th PEAL

Or the Charge of the Peal Brigade

IT all started when Fred Milner rang a peal in a large number of Surprise methods and was asked for his 'life story' (which has received a large circulation in the 'Police Gazette'). After consulting Loughborough Bell Foundry and, I suspect, the South Kensington Science Museum, he found that he had rung 490 peals. Mrs. Milner immediately asked him where he had been all her life, but Fred started making plans for his 500th to be rung at his home tower, Southwell Minster.

Telephones started humming between Southwell and Leicester and Doncaster and the great day was fixed for March 27th. This meant that Fred had to ring nine more peals in between, which of course is a mere detail if one lives only 40 miles from Leicester and 36 from Doncaster. So all the peals were fixed up, and all were rung until it got to the 498th, one week before the Southwell peal. On this day Fred had wandered about four miles the other side of Bradford for a peal of 10-Spliced Surprise. Then came the blow; a member of the band had to stand within ten minutes of the end of the peal. Small wonder, considering that particular belfry was at the kind of temperature normally recommended for the successful growing of hothouse tomatoes.

The March Hares repaired to a cafe and had a meeting extraordinary of the standing committee. It was agreed unanimously that the Southwell peal definitely could not be the 499th. That fate was designed for a peal on the Thursday previous. Something had to be done, and quickly. A roll-call was taken of all ringers available for a peal at Conisbrough, Yorks, on the Friday night before the 500th, and all excuses were dismissed with the contempt they deserved. The handbook of 'Excuses to Wives, etc..' was consulted, and all present were roped in.

THE 499th

Came Thursday, and the 'Leicester Crowd' duly obliged with the 498th peal. Then Friday, with a dash to Yorkshire, collecting a covey of assorted ringers en route. The bells at Conisbrough had been already raised by an obliging schoolmaster who, of course, had nothing else to do, and very quickly the bells were off to the start of the 499th—they had to be quick: the peal had to be over by 8.30. In point of fact the peal was rung and the bells were down by 8.27, thanks to Wilfrid Moreton on the tenor, whose bearings are, to put it mildly, a little worn (the bearings of the tenor, not of Wilf). Eric Critchley and Wilfrid Moreton were quite relieved to see this peal come round, as they had been warned that if it were lost, they would have to sit up all night to ring a handbell peal for the 499th.

Four of that band now set off to Kirklington, near Southwell, to be ready for the 500th. Kirklington is the home of Mrs. J. F. Milner, not of Mr. J. F.—he is always away, ringing peals. There we were welcomed by the sight of the biggest and best pork pie we had ever seen, though it very soon was rather a wreck, washed down by Kirklington's Best Bottled Water. At about 10.30 p.m. Fred produced his size 26 handbells, but either because of the late hour, or too much pie, no one seemed to want to try that size. Soon after, on a more reasonable set, it was a sight to see Wilfrid ringing Stedman Triples and snoring at the same time.

A CHAT WITH THE ORGANIST

At 11.45 the next morning we were down at Southwell Minster, waiting for the Leicester contingent to arrive. The band was to be made up of two from Yorkshire, two from Southwell and the remaining four from Leicester. Soon after 12 o'clock we were off to London Surprise Major, with Fred perched up on the tenor box. After a few minutes we stopped to have a pleasant chat with the organist, who was busy tuning his organ down below—as there is no floor in this belfry, the most weird noises were floating up to us, and although the organist maintained that we were making more noise than he, he was soon persuaded that the organ had never been in better tune before.

Off we went again, with Fred calling his first bobs ever in London, and sure enough rounds rolled up just before 4 o'clock. After congratulations by the Provost we were whisked off to Kirklington to be entertained to a high tea by Mrs. Milner, whose hospitality is renowned. There the band set off to consume cups of tea equal to Fred's peal total, until the local Water Board rang up to complain that their supplies were getting dangerously low.

The handbells were once more brought out and put to good use. Eric Critchley tried to call a touch of Spliced Major in seven methods, but after getting back to the same course end three times without being able to wangle a bob in anywhere, he played safe and fell back on Plain and Little. To make up for this he rang the tenors size 26 to a touch of Stedman Caters, though very few handstrokes were heard from the tenor. A course of Bowley Triples was called for, and after several attempts this was brought round by the simple expedient of ringing the pairs in the wrong hands, with alternate bells starting at hand and backstroke.

The ringing was rounded off by a touch of Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise Major, then the Leicester ringers set off back down 'The Fosse,' that remarkably elastic road, which is reputed to be twice as long from Leicester to Southwell as it is from Southwell to Leicester. Soon after the Mad Hatters from Yorkshire were off, and Fred could sit back, satisfied that his 500th was now an accomplished fact. Well done, Fred, and hurry up with your 1,000th! I won't get any more pork pie like that one until then!!

W. E. C.

DIAMOND WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. GEORGE HALKSWORTH

Last Monday Mr. and Mrs. George Halksworth, of 3, Newlands Park Grove, Scarborough, celebrated their diamond wedding, having been married at St. Luke's Church, Derby, on April 5th, 1894. Bells were rung for them that day as they were also rung for them on Saturday, April 3rd, this year, in honour of their 60th anniversary.

The diamond wedding was celebrated at the home of one of their children at Doncaster, for it was in this town that Mr. and Mrs. Halksworth spent the first 44 years of their married life, George being a boiler-maker in the Doncaster Locomotive Works, from which work he retired in 1931, and seven years later they went to live at Scarborough.

From 1890 until the removal in 1938 Mr. Halksworth was actively connected with the ringing at St. George's Parish Church, Doncaster, and with that of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, being Ringing Master of the latter for many years up to 1934. When he left Doncaster a presentation of a clock (with bell chimes) was made at Doncaster Parish Church and an inscription at the base testifies to '48 years as Secretary and Captain of the bell-ringers.'

Mr. Halksworth did not join the Yorkshire Association until 1902 but he was one of the 'veterans who rang a peal in the last century,' being a member of a band which rang Holt's 10-part of Grandsire at Doncaster for the Doncaster and District Society in 1897. His last touch of any length was a quarter peal at Scarborough in 1947 at the age of 81. Mr. Halksworth has been unable to ring during the last seven years owing to lameness preventing him climbing the belfry stairs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Halksworth still enjoy their health and it is the wish of all their friends, and indeed of the Exercise in general, that they will continue to do so for many more years to come.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT EASTBOURNE

Eastern Division Annual Meeting

A very successful annual general meeting of the Division was held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 27th when 54 members, representing 17 towers, attended.

The members were warmly welcomed to St. Mary's by the Vicar (Canon L. E. Meredith), who conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. F. R. K. Hare, a member of the St. Mary's band.

The bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, the difficult task of catering for everyone being in the capable hands of the Ringing Master, Mr. L. W. Giles.

An excellent tea, served in the Old Parsonage, was provided by the ringers' wives and friends and was followed by a business meeting.

In the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, Mr. W. Rogers was elected to the chair. He referred to the recent death of Mr. H. R. Butcher, a former Master of the Association and for many years a member of the Rotherfield band. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Regarding the Association's annual general meeting, the chairman informed the members that this had been fixed for the first Saturday in May each year. Mrs. Percy expressed the hope that more members from the Division would endeavour to attend this year. The Divisional report and balance sheet were read and adopted. New members elected were: Messrs. S. Buckland, K. Hirst and Mrs. G. Roberts (All Saints', Hastings), Mr. C. Pilbeam, the Misses D. Pankhurst, S. Pilbeam, J. Kenward and D. Vale (Bexhill), Mr. A. Goldsmith (Hailsham), the Misses A. B Kennard, S. V. Staplehurst and J. D. Holder (Rotherfield) and Mr. F. Lee (St. Mary's, Eastbourne). The election of Mr. Wilmington (London), prior to a peal attempt at Rotherfield, was ratified.

The following Divisional officers were re-elected:—Mr. R. W. Pankhurst, secretary; Mr. L. W. Giles, Ringing Master; Mr. T. A. Hunnisett, auditor; Mrs. B. Percy, committee, and Mr. H. G. Reynolds was elected to a vacancy on the committee.

In standing for election as Central Council delegate Mr. F. H. Dallaway informed the meeting that, having been delegate since 1937, he felt it was time for another representative. He trusted that this would be possible when delegates were next elected in 1957.

It was decided that at future practice meetings one method should predominate, notification of method to be given with notice of meeting in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. L. Giles informed the meeting that the Hawkhurst District Guild had proposed a joint meeting with the Division. After discussion it was decided to approach the Guild with a suggestion that a joint meeting be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on May 22nd.

Mr. Levett proposed that a letter be sent to the Rev. C. E. Ward, of Salehurst, thanking him for his kind co-operation and help to the Division over many years and to wish him many happy years in his retirement.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to the ladies for a splendid tea. Some members returned to St. Mary's tower while others took advantage of the opportunity to ring at All Saints'.

R. W. P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Three or four years ago I heard that the finances of the paper were not in too good circumstances and ever since then I have accepted it as necessary for the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' item to be published in the paper weekly, although I had often thought what an extraordinary state of affairs must exist to make it necessary to take up two inches of column space to acknowledge monetary gifts totalling, say, £3, some items specified being as small as 1s. 6d. each—even 1s. But the front page of the issue of March 26th really startled me and I now realise more than I ever did that 'Gratefully Acknowledged' is necessary. It seems to be almost vital! Just fancy—front page official mention of the possible untimely end of THIS paper because of lack of support!

Such a thing could really happen, I suppose, but what a tragedy it would be! It would be a terrific blow to the whole Exercise and many of us would be left without contact, for there are hundreds of us continually in contact, merely by 'The Ringing World,' although we have never seen each other's faces nor heard each other's voices — and have never corresponded. Merely by the paper we would meet as old friends for the first time!

I am sure that no 'Ringing World' would be a great slice out of the national interest in bellringing, and that's putting it mildly. Many ringers—and non-ringers who are interested—would lose touch with much that goes on, perhaps all that goes on except that closely surrounding their own tower, and that would mean that interest in the Exercise would flag disastrously.

If it were not for 'The Ringing World' such experts and enthusiasts as Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole, Messrs. Fearn, Worth, Patrick Cannon, Nolan Golden, Border, Lester, the Staniforths, the Grundisburgh Pipes, Miss Reay, Mrs. Marshallsay and so on—picking some at random—would be unheard of to a great number of ringers and others, who now seem to know them intimately; and they would probably live until they were 90 and never hear of Gartree Surprise or Southwell ditto. Some might even have no idea who Miles Graye was, unless his work hung in their own tower!

I look forward to each Friday's issue, and I realise that the cost of a crate of a dozen pints of beer (which I humbly confess, lasts me little more than a week!) is more than my 'Ringing World' costs me from the ringing-in of 1953 to the ringing-in of 1954.

Surely a 16-page weekly **full** of interest and not just half-full of just-any-old-and-various-advertisements is worth two cigarettes.

I like a glass of beer but I would willingly go without half of one of my pints per week to have my 'Ringing World,' and that would mean that I pay more than double the present cost of the paper.

No, I am sure that it is not the cost of it that makes sales as low as they are—it's lack of boosting sales. Som of us who take it must boost it—all of us must do so in fact.

I am going to try to get **three** of my friends who do not take it now to take it regularly.

Surely every person who is in charge of a ring of bells should take it—I'm going after my Vicar because I don't believe he has it.

It should be taken by every enthusiastic ringer and especially every beginner. I think the beginner's interest would soar. The paper would help him and he would help the paper.

May the article on the front of the issue of March 26th cause sales to be doubled. The indication is that weekly sales are but 5,000. Let's all go ahead to double that by the time the Queen comes home. To do this we must start now.

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

OUR 'RINGING WORLD'—TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

Dear Sir,—'Campanology,' 'Bell-Ringer' and 'Bell News' all came to an untimely end because of lack of support; and if something is not done to put 'The Ringing World' in a sounder financial position, that will go the same way.

What an indictment!

You write: 'Many hold the view that the answer to the problem of the present "Ringing World" is to raise the price of the paper to 6d. or more'; but is it the answer you ask? Most decidedly and definitely; and any ringer who ceased to support it on that account would not be worth the name of ringer.

Could—or would—any business concern depend on such a doubtful source of income as from 'Gratefully Acknowledged,' which I am afraid is not always 'Gratefully Given'? You will see what a risky business it is, the editorial staff having to depend on voluntary gifts from peals. Take the first five in last week's 'Gratefully Acknowledged': four 6-bell peals and one 8-bell peal 1s. 6d. each.

I know full well that some Branches and/or Guilds demand, and get, 6d. a rope per peal, but if a peal is not worth another 'tanner' then, for the sake of our journal, cut your losses and put the price up to cover publication and leave the rest to the honour of the Exercise. Looking at ringing as a physical exercise and sport, let's be good amateurs and 'pay for our own sport'—and our paper.

Comparisons are odious, it is said, but what about the recent football semi-finals? Two matches attendance 143,434; gate receipts £35,751, nearly 5s. each.

National expenditure:—Beer, £530,000,000; tabacco £800,000,000: betting somewhere between the two.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

TITLE COVER DESIGN

Dear Sir,—I most heartily support Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes re above ('Ringing World,' page 203). 'Them's my sentiments.'—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. STAFFORD.

Glasgow.

ODD-BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. P. Amos for his comment on odd-bell peals since this evens out what I have always considered to be a serious disadvantage of odd-bell towers. I also hope that it will serve, in even-bell towers, as an incentive to 'drummers' to take up 'inside' ringing, since unless a tenor cover is required for musical effect it becomes virtually the waste of a bell.—Yours sincerely,

A. HILTON.

Rochdale, Lancs.

HAMPTON LITTLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—The enclosed method was rung at Hampton, Middlesex, on April 5th, 1951, under the title of Hampton Little Bob Minor:—

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5
2 3 1 6 4 5
3 2 1 6 5 4
3 1 2 5 6 4
1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 5 2 6 4

A few months later we heard that the method recently published as Cawston Little Bob had been rung in the Brighton area previous to April, 1951.

Perhaps someone from the Brighton area could let us know the correct name for this method.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W Bedfont, Middlesex.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see the letter from Mr. H. P. Cliff under the above heading in 'The Ringing World' of April 2nd. I, too, believe that the decision to abandon all anonymous letters was no credit to the Exercise and savoured of dictatorship, and I feel certain that the decision has not got the support of the majority of ringers.

The reason for the ban has never been given. Perhaps the Editorial Committee would enlighten readers.

In any case I hope that the matter will be raised at the next meeting of the Central Council and the question of lifting the ban given serious consideration.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. MUNDAY.

Guildford.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 Version)

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 26th a correspondent writes that the late Mr. T. B. Worsley produced London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version) on December 31st, 1927.

I produced both Royal and Maximus (No. 3 Version) in June, 1921, so unless anyone can prove they composed the methods at an earlier date, I can still claim to be the author of both Royal and Maximus.

Just as there is 312-231 mathematical progression between the round blocks of Minor and Major and Major and Royal, so there is between Royal and Maximus.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

A NEW MILESTONE

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read in your issue dated March 19th of a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major which had been rung at All Saints', Leicester, on March 4th. The length of this peal, 5,008, is a new milestone in the history of Surprise Major ringing, and I am sure that many of us would be delighted to see the figures of the composition published in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

PEAL RINGING A RETIREMENT HOBBY

Dear Sir,—Whilst the fact that a ringer has scored a hundred peals may not be considered a great achievement in these days of plenty of opportunity, I do feel that Mr. J. B. Budd's 100th peal does warrant special mention.

He retired from business in Manchester at 70 years of age and went to live at Mold, in Flintshire, in June, 1950, when his peal total stood at 46, which took him 40 years to complete.

He rang his first peal with us in June, 1950, and has rung 54 peals in less than four years, which is no mean feat bearing in mind that he is now approaching 76 years of age.

It is with regret that we have learned that he is shortly to leave the district to reside in Grimsby. He rang his bell faultlessly and he will be greatly missed by his many friends in the Chester and North Wales Districts, who wish him every happiness in his new surroundings.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Upton-by-Chester.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. Stephens 1, C. A. Hughes 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, C. R. Smith (first of Surprise Royal) 5, J. F. Grove 6, E. D. Smith 7, C. E. Willmington 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. H. Crampion 10.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Law 1, Diana Gough (first 'inside') 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, Beryl Reynolds 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,248 Minor (528 Combined Kent and Oxford and 720 Plain Bob): L. Hall 1, B. C. Castle 2, W. Parker 3, W. Hunt 4, H. Smith 5, G. Gilbert (cond.) 6. After fruitless peal attempt.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Lewis 1, Miss K. Beasley 2, F. Oakshott 3, Miss B. Worsfold 4, D. Astridge (first quarter) 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6, W. G. Newbery 7, H. H. Hayns 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. Rung before Evensong.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Wright 1, Miss P. J. Leaning 2, D. Cooper 3, H. Wagstaffe 4, H. Jackson (cond.) 5, S. Slaney 6, A. B. Cooper 7, J. Saxton 8. Rung immediately after the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. Wilfred Speakman, B.A.), formerly of Treales, near Blackburn.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, B. Bladon (cond.) 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, B. Shepherd 4, Miss D. Lewis 5, W. Trueman 6. First quarter of Minor 3, 4 and 5. Also 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. Trueman (cond.) 1, B. Shepherd 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, Miss D. Lewis 4, J. Manners 5, B. Bladon 6. For Mothering Sunday services.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. B. Davis 1, J. H. Hayne 2, J. Coombes 3, R. Clothier 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. First on the bells since 1946.

CHURCHSTANTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Long (first of Minor) 1, W. H. Tarr 2, S. Bristowe 3, C. Stevens 4, R. Shire 5, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert, on Mar. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. T. Cooke 1, Miss M. Reed 2, D. R. Airey 3, G. F. Newton 4, R. D. Airey 5, T. Senior 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 6 and 7. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Durham.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: P. J. Skinner 1–2, D. K. Walklate 3–4, G. Freebrey (cond.) 5–6. First quarter by ringers of 1–2 and 3–4, aged 14 and 16 years respectively.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Lyons (first quarter) 1, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 2, Miss M. Dobson (first quarter) 3, G. Winter 4, W. Mortimer 5, M. Looker (Swindon) 6. Also on Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Dobson 1, W. Mortimer 2, J. Potter 3, H. Gummer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, C. Fruen 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Witcomb, who are going to Melksham.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Mar. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Savage 1, B. Pidgeon 2, J. Quick 3, M. Board 4, J. Carter 5, S. Skinner (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong by Sunday service band.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ruth C. Russell 1, Evelyn M. Fletcher (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, J. Atkins 3, W. Mumford 4, T. Russell 5, A. Timmins 6, W. C. Dowding 7, E. Cole 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 21st, 1,302 Holt's Original (last quarter): G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Hurrell 4, Miss M. Hunt 5, F. Richardson 6, T. Easterby 7, W. Daynes 8. Rung for Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bridges (first quarter) 1, H. Carver 2, W. Mills 3, J. Phippen 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, C. Pearce 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 28th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, J. Phillips 3, R. Charge 4, J. Waters 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, J. Chilcott (cond.) 8, R. Sanders 9, H. M. Page 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders on the eve of their silver wedding anniversary.

GILLINGHAM, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Ralph 1, J. B. Powlesland 2, W. A. Osborn 3, P. H. Hull (cond.) 4, F. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Tiley 6, A. J. Gray 7, A. S. Braddick (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. L. Seager, M.A., R.D., H.C.F., Vicar of Gillingham, and chairman of North Dorset branch of Salisbury Guild, on his appointment as Honorary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): L. Sharpe 1, W. Stannard 2, E. Bishop 3, A. Ballaam 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, J. Stannard 6.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Little 1, P. Wood 2, F. Harrington 3, G. Schleuter 4, Dr. L. Castleden 5, H. W. Smith 6, A. T. Perry 7, G. Saunders (cond.) 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss M. A. Strong (first quarter) 1, F. A. Rye 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, T. A. Wickens 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday. Also to congratulate Miss J. Court, daughter of the tenor ringer, who has recently passed Parts I. and II. Preliminary State Examination for Nursing.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Lanfear 1, Miss M. Carp 2, H. Lovell 3, J. Culley 4, B. Huddlestone (cond.) 5, C. Rugman 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

GREAT WYMONDLEY HERTS.—On Mar. 28th., 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, L. Fidler 4, J. Church 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. For special family service.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Bracey 1, M. Day (first 'inside') 2, A. Sercombe 3, Miss S. Barker 4, R. Lofty 5, B. Elvin 6, J. Moore 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, M. Orme (first of Yorkshire) 3, P. Croft 4, E. Winters 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones (first of Yorkshire as cond.) 7, F. Croft 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Hall (first of Major) 1, Miss P. Wood 2, A. Bowers 3, M. T. J. Axford 4, N. R. Hunt 5, R. F. E. Axford 6, M. Hunt 7, E. Atkinson 8. Conducted by H. Rowley.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, a quarter peal of All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Eileen M. Malden 1, C. E. Hill 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome Maurice Baker, our captain, on his return from hospital.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 College Exercise: J. Papworth 1, R. Pye 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung for St. Mary's Day

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Smith 2, P. Inskip 3, E. Gilbert 4, H. Gilbert 5, W. Izzard 6, R. Freeman 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of L. Turner's daughter's 21st birthday. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent 540 Plain Bob): Miss P. Gray 1, Miss M. Stephens 2, W. Izzard 3, P. Inskip (cond.) 4, L. Turner 5, M. Stephens 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss M. Carpenter, sometime choirmistress at the church.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. I. Haynes 1, P. I. Chapman 2, C. W. Bird 3, R. F. Turner 4, D. I. Haynes (first quarter as cond.) 5, G. Geary 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Idle on the birth of a son.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,440 Annable's London Surprise Minor: S. Wallis 1, Miss A. Willes 2, J. Church 3, M. Orme 4, P. Mehew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. John Humphries, a local ringer and chorister for 74 years.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Mar. 28th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Saggers 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, C. S. Hoad 3, Miss B. Mayers 4, G. Oliver 5, G. Peters 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. H. Inwood (first of Caters 'inside') 8, J. W. Euston 9, E. G. Talbot 10. In memoriam Dan Cooper.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Curtiss (first quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, A. Cozens 3, K. Perkins 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lowe 1, Miss M. Page (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Harris 3, J. Sutton 4, H. Abrahams 5, F. Harris 6, R. Marlow 7, J. Mussell 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, R. Springham 2, S. Clark 3, H. Bird 4, W. Wheeler 5, D. Hayden 6, R. H. Young 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Miss D. Watts to Mr. P. Scarff, both ringers at this church.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On Mar. 26th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cook 1, C. Pring 2, M. Hallett 3, A. Woods 4, W. Shute (cond.) 5, M. Fisher 6. First quarter for all except the conductor. Rung before the induction of the new Rector.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Horwood 1, J. Sinfield 2, D. Broyd 3, F. W. Taylor 4, J. Scott 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6, J. Newman 7, A. Broyd 8.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Bluff (cond.) 1, W. Groom 2, W. Longfoot 3, A. Clarke 4, H. Goakes 5, D. Bell 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. O. Davies 1, L. Pullin 2, G. Westlake 3, D. E. Vowles 4, R. Brice 5, E. A. Price 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

THE 27th annual meeting of the Guild was held at East Grinstead on March 20th was attended by over 50 members from 23 different towers. The bells were set going just after 3 o'clock and were rung in various methods until the service at 4.30 conducted by the Guild's president, the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird, D.D. Mr. Pattern was the organist and the lesson was read by the Rev. H. C. Wright, who also gave a telling address. He told the ringers that the bells not only called the people to the services but their sound could not be avoided by the butcher, the baker or the candlestick maker doing their usual Sunday odd jobs.

As usual, Dr. Golding-Bird entertained the company to tea in the Small Parish Hall and afterwards took the chair for the business meeting. There were apologies for absence from Mr. B. Collison and from Mr. A. Laker, who had to miss the annual meeting for the first time since the Guild was formed. Arising from the minutes, Mr. Wellington explained that trustees of the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund were Mr. E. J. Ladd and Mr. C. A. Bassett and not the chairman and secretary in office, as stated.

Before the election of new members the company were asked to stand in silence in respect of an old member who had passed on, namely, Mr. Walter Ladd. The following were then elected: Mr. and Mrs. J. Hilton (Tunbridge Wells), Leslie Everest (Tonbridge) and John Meade (Portsmouth).

Mr. Wellington explained the new lay-out of the balance sheet and spoke on the main points of same. They were—income had exceeded expenditure by £7 15s. 7d.; the deficit for 1952 had been repaid; and there was cash in the hands of the secretary and treasurer of £3 16s. 9d. On the General Fund there was a balance of £60 0s. 3d. and in the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund £55 10s. 5d. This result was due to an increase in vice-presidents' subscriptions, a small profit on the summer outing and a surplus instead of a deficit on the dinner, both of which were a great success.

The election of officers proceeded as usual. Dr. Golding-Bird told the meeting that they were not forced to elect him, but Mr. E. J. Ladd, in proposing his re-election, said that he could see no one else in the job, and, in seconding, Mr. Wellington reminded the Doctor that his name was on all the stationery so he would have to stay on in office. All the officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. B. Collison, who, owing to pressure of work, resigned from the committee. Mr. Ivan Butcher (Turner's Hill) was elected in his place.

Newick was announced as the place for the April meeting, while Penshurst was chosen for May. A letter from Mr. W. Morland was read, inviting the Guild to Lamberhurst in June, when the gardens of Court Lodge would be worth a visit.

It was recommended from the committee that the summer outing be shifted from the holiday months of July and August and, after some discussion, the date was fixed for June 26th and a route via Dorking, Guildford and Cranleigh chosen. It was agreed that a dinner should be held in December, the venue and details to be left to the committee.

Mr. Hilton (Tunbridge Wells) said that as a comparative newcomer he was rather impressed by the good striking at Guild meetings and was pleased to become a member. Mr. E. J. Ladd then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Golding-Bird and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success, and, in reply, the president said that he was always pleased to come among such genial company and congratulated the Guild on having such a good committee.

Further ringing until 9 o'clock brought the meeting to a close. C. A. B.

OBITUARY

MR. VICTOR A. JARRETT

By the sudden death of Mr. Victor A. Jarrett on Friday, March 19th, after a short illness, at his home at Chatham, the Rochester District of the Kent County Association have suffered a great loss of a very valuable and much beloved ringer.

For a great many years Mr. V. A. Jarrett, or better known to his fellow brother ringers as 'Vic,' had been a time-serving member of the Royal Engineers' Band at Chatham. Despite his many service commitments he was a keen churchman. Besides ringing for many years at Chatham he was an active chorister and church councillor.

During the war he and his family moved to Halifax, Yorkshire, where he worked with the R.E. Pay Corps. When the ban on ringing was removed, he helped, with his daughters and son, to start a band of ringers and rang a few peals for the Yorkshire Association and made many friends in the Halifax District.

Returning again to Chatham in 1947, after a short stay in Hampshire where he rang a few peals for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, he took a more active part in peal ringing for the Rochester District of the Kent County Association. He also organised several outings for St. Mary's ringers, and on Easter Mondays arranged for ringers of the Medway towns to attend the annual meetings of the Kent County Association.

When elected as the District's first Ringing Master, three years ago, he set a high standard by carrying out his duties in a fatherly manner —always a smile and a word of encouragement for the learner.

Some 45 years ago he rang his first peal—of Minor—at Upchurch on October 28th, 1908. He also took part in the first peal to be rung by members of Army and Navy at Gillingham, on January 8th, 1914. It gave him great pleasure to conduct his son's 100th peal, which was rung at Upchurch on October 24th, 1953. He rang his last peal at Dartford on November 12th, 1953. His total of peals in various methods was 130, conducted 19.

Thus passes a true Christian gentleman, who was laid to rest at Frindsbury Parish Church on Wednesday, March 24th. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Frindsbury, assisted by the Rector of Chatham.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by P. F. Borer 1-2, T. A. Cross 3-4, G. J. Butcher 5-6, G. Kenward 7-8. After the interment touches on the bells of Frindsbury were rung half-muffled by his fellow ringers.

Among the mourners and friends were the following ringers:— Mr. S. Jarrett (brother), Mr. C. C. Bishop (brother-in-law), Mrs. Allen, Mr. A. J. Hewitt, Mr. P. Borer (Frindsbury), Mr. and Mrs. B. W. May (Bobbing), Mr. G. Kenward (Sittingbourne), Mr. H. Springate, Mr. C. E. J. Norris (Chatham), Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Butcher (Northfleet), Mr. T. A. Cross, Mr. G. A. Naylor, Miss E. B. P. Walker and Mr. F. J. Cheal (Rainham). There were many floral tributes from the Rochester District.

To Mrs. Jarrett, his two daughters, and Cyril, his son, who is secretary of the Rochester District, we offer our deepest sympathy. F. J. C.

HIS PEALS

Mr. Jarrett rang 130 peals, of which he conducted 19. His list is appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (conducted 1), Grandsire and Plain Bob 1.

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 7 (4), two methods 1, three methods 7 (3), four methods 3 (1), five methods 5 (1), six methods 3, seven methods 7 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 24 (2), Oxford Bob 3, Stedman 12.

Major.—Plain Bob 16 (3), Kent Treble Bob 17 (3), Oxford Treble Bob 5, Double Norwich 7, Superlative Surprise 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Hereward 1, Single Oxford 1.
Stedman Caters 1, Plain Bob Royal 1.

MR. FRANK BLONDELL

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frank Blondell on March 29th. Latterly he had been living with his son at 5, Whitton Manor Road, Isleworth. The funeral was at Northwood Cemetery, Ruislip, on April 1st.

An Appreciation

Memories of 55 years ago are recalled by the death of Mr. Frank Blondell. At that time he was a regular service ringer at S. Nicolas', Guildford, until work intervened. I remember him hurrying from work, without tea, to catch trains to ring in different towers. With him, I watched the late Rev. F. E. Robinson ringing the 7th at Godalming, which many would not try. The reverend gentleman there told a London ringer every blow of the single to the latter's disgust.

When our own bells (Holy Trinity, Guildford) were rehung I remember looking with wonder at Frank turning in the tenor, a bell which up to that time had taken two men to ring. In those days back-end men had no idea how bells went.

As our tower advanced in method ringing Frank rang his first peals of London and Bristol and he also rang in the last peal on the old bells, Bristol, arranged on purpose for the late Mr. J. A. Trollope to ring his first peal in the method, a fact which Frank was always proud of.

It was, however, as a 9-10 ringer 'in hand' that he excelled. He rang a peal of Stedman Caters on each night of the week, also a 7,023, 14,031 and the 19,738. The writer has only met one to equal him—that grand old man of Leicester, who has that wonderful gift of a perfect beat. There is left now only one of the stalwarts at Guildford of those days—Mr. C. Willshire, who lives in Canada. It was with regret time and distance made it impossible to pay my last respects. A. H. P.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' April 10th, 1914

LONDON
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
(The St. Stephen's Society, Westminster)
On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in 3 hours and 15 minutes
At the Church of St. Stephen, Westminster
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
5,184 CHANGES
Tenor 23 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow	Treble
Arthur G. Ellis	2
James Willshire	3
William H. Pasmore	4
Henry S. Ellis	5
Harry R. Pasmore	6
John W. Golding	7
Henry R. Newton	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.

[Few peals have since been rung at this church. Those taking part in this one were members of the famous band there who played a prominent part in the development of Surprise ringing, particularly of London, of which among many others they rang the first non-conducted peal at this church on January 5th, 1901.]

LIVERPOOL
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On April 4th, 1914, at the Church of St. Nicholas, in 3 hours and 46 minutes
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
5,088 CHANGES

Alfred Barnes	Treble
*Henry W. Wilde	2
George Garnett	3
George R. Newton	4
*Thomas Murray	5
Walter W. Wolstencroft ..	6
Edward Caunce	7
Joseph Ridyard	8
*John T. Bottrill	9
*Charles F. White	10
William Davies	11
Harry Chapman	Tenor

Composed by John Cox. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard

* First peal on 12 bells. First as conductor on twelve bells and the 50th peal as conductor.

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, LEICESTER

Bishop Explains Why Demolition Was Deferred

'The Ringing World' has already announced the decision of the Leicester Diocesan Reorganisation Committee to defer approval of plans for the demolition of the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester.

The decision to grant a reprieve was explained by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. R. R. Williams) when he preached to a crowded congregation at the church on March 21st.

'As you know,' he said, 'I am a very new Bishop and I have many other tasks and problems with which I have to become acquainted, and I did not want, so soon after my appointment, to make so drastic a decision as to close and pull down this big and imposing church.

'On the other hand, I could not overthrow plans which had been under discussion for so long a time and which had been recommended on more than one occasion by commissions and committees set about to consider the future.

'We took into account the events which had been supplied of the continuing life and activity in the parish and we did not want to put the shutters up if there was any likelihood of the church still contributing to the Christian life of Leicester.

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'The committee acted in complete uniformity and agreement in deciding not to approve the scheme for the time being.'

But, the Bishop pointed out, if the parish was really denuded of its population, if the church became a drain on the finances of the whole diocese, and if there was no sign of it ministering to its own important environment, then it might easily have to be closed.

On the other hand, if the plans for pulling down houses in the parish were still delayed, if progress were made in getting parishioners in touch with the church, and if there was obviously a real spiritual life in the parish, then the thought of closing the church might be put out of the way.

NO VICAR

Explaining that the suspension notice for the church must remain in force, the Bishop said that a Vicar could not be appointed.

'I realise that it is hard for you to make progress without a Vicar,' he said, 'but we will make the best arrangements we can.'

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual nomination meeting was held at St. Paul's, Drighlington, on March 27th, when by kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens this lovely ring of eight was at the Society's disposal.

Ringing commenced at 3 and carried on until 8.45 with breaks at 5 for tea and at 7 for the business meeting.

The president was in the chair for the business meeting and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, East Ardsley, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Wakefield Cathedral, Sowerby, Northowram, Halifax and the local company, together with visitors from Elland and Darlington.

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. E. J. Crapp and W. Wheatley (Drighlington) and Mr. G. Ingham (Queensbury).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was ably proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, who said it was always a pleasure to come to Drighlington and that the Society was always made very welcome. Mr. L. Drake seconded.

Mr. S. Barron replied on behalf of the local company and promised to convey the thanks of the Society to the proper quarters. He said the Society would always be made welcome here subject to local circumstances. The president remarked that Mr. S. Barron appeared to be Vicar, churchwarden and the lot when it came to arranging ringing meetings, and he added his personal thanks for all that had been done for the pleasure and comfort of the visitors at this meeting.

The following nominations were received:—President, Mr. T. W. Strangeway (Rothwell); vice-presidents (three required), Mr. S. Barron (Drighlington), Mr. H. Lofthouse (Armley), Mr. W. Dixon (Guiseley) and Mr. J. Roberts (Leeds Parish Church); Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake (Leeds Parish Church); secretary and treasurer, Mr. I. Slack (Leeds); auditors, Miss M. S. Rhodes and Mr. H. Lofthouse.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting, and ringing continued, all classes being catered for. A well-struck touch of Little Bob Major was the last of the day and as it came round the tenor man asked, 'Have we caught the train?' Nevertheless both ringers and listeners enjoyed it.

The annual general meeting is due to be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 24th.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its March meeting at Market Weighton on March 20th, 25 members attending, with a visitor from York. The light ring of six was rung during the afternoon to standard methods and Cambridge, some touches being very well struck.

The Vicar (Canon E. Marsh) conducted the service in All Saints' Church and gave a short talk on Psalm 95. Ringing for service should have the same effect as Psalm 122 had on the Jews when it was sung on the ascent to the ridge of the Mount of Olives, and he hoped ringers would bear in mind that there was no higher service than doing the work of God.

At tea in the Londesborough Arms the ringers were the guests of Mr. H. Musk, an elder member of the local company. His generous gesture was suitably acclaimed. After tea, when the votes of thanks were being proposed and answered, the ringers heard a very good response from Mr. C. Metcalfe, the organist. Mr. Metcalfe has been interested in bells and ringing all his life, more than 70 years, and spoke of the bell customs that were in use during his boyhood in the town but had since gone out of use.

Further ringing took place in the evening.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

PAGE.—On March 23rd, 1954, at Hatfield, to Mary (nee Hickson) and J. Martin Page, a sister (Louise Margaret) for Elizabeth. 4198

ROBBINS.—On April 1st, 1954, at 374, Moorside Road, Swinton, Manchester, to Betty (nee Spice), wife of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, a daughter, Catherine Mary. 4212

APPEAL

THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS', CAWTHORNE, are to be rehung at a cost of £530. The greater part of this amount has already been raised. Please help us to reach our target. Contributions gratefully received by N. F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 4229

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH. — At 12, Highfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton welcome old friends and new. Board-residence, bed-breakfast and high tea or bed and breakfast only. Terms on application. Personal attention. One minute to buses all parts. Garage adjoining. 4011

LLANDUDNO.—Close to sea, bowls, tennis, golf and buses. Full board 16s. per day.—Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffiths, Maesteg, Clarence Road, Llandudno, Tel. No. 7271. 4192

FOR SALE

ONE SET of 12 handbells (by Mears and Stainbank, 1948), key C, tenor size 15; one set of 8 handbells (by Mears and Stainbank, 1950), key B flat, tenor 16. Both sets very little used and in new condition. 1946-52 complete 'Ringing Worlds,' several instruction books and sheets. Offers around 54 guineas secures the lot, or would sell separately.—R. Beale, Shepton Beauchamp, Ilminster, Somerset. 4157

PUBLICATIONS

'THE ART AND SCIENCE OF HANDBELL RINGING.'—A few copies left at 3s. 6d.—J. M. Turner, Waterloo House, Moulton, Northampton. 4160

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, April 10th, 3.30 p.m.. The Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. No ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 13th (Holy Week).—A. B. Peck. 4189

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Richmond (8) at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4224

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 4169

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Newick (6), April 10th. Bells 3. Tea 5, Wattles Cafe, Piltdown. Look up Double Oxford. 4170

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4144

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting, Berkeley (10). April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 4211

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 10th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon and evening. St. Mary's in afternoon for service there at 3.30. S. Nicolas' in evening. Tea and business meeting S. Nicolas' Hall 4.15.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 4155

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitstable, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4145

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Saturday, April 10th, Ealing—St. Stephen's, 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Christ Church, 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 4190

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Station Road, Edgware, on Saturday, April 10th, 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing also at Stanmore in evening.—T. J. Lock. 4166

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Members are asked to attend meeting at Claverley, with HEREFORD GUILD on April 10th. Good bells and warm welcome. Buses near, from Bridgnorth best at 2 p.m., 2.30 p.m., etc.—W. A. Farmer. 4182

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting. Betchworth. April 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting (Red Lion) 5. Business includes nominations for General Master. 4181

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. — C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4164

CAMBRIDGE.—The rededication of Great St. Mary's bells will take place on Palm Sunday, April 11th, at 11 a.m., by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Visiting ringers will be welcome at the service but there will be no opportunity for ringing by visitors until Easter Monday. 4209

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Fare for outing £1 2s. each to be paid.—L. W. Allen. 4220

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Leiston.—Rededication of Leiston bells, Saturday, April 17th. Service 3 p.m. Buffet tea in Church Hall and short business meeting to elect secretary for Saxmundham District.—A. R. Bridger, Theberton, Leiston. 4162

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE. — A short choral evensong will be held (D.V.) at St. Mary's Church at 6 o'clock on Saturday, April 17th (Easter Eve), to which it is hoped as many ringers as can manage to attend will do so. Ringing from 3 o'clock in the afternoon and again after the service. Tea obtainable at nearby cafe. 4199

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wells on Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral 12 noon. Lunch at Wickenden's at 1.15, followed by business meeting. Applications for lunch tickets should be sent at once, enclosing stamped addressed envelope. **No ticket, no lunch.** Ringing: Cathedral 11-12, 5-6; St. Cuthbert's 4-5.30; Street 6.30; St. John's, Glastonbury, 6.30; other towers will be announced at the meeting. —R. O. Fry, Hon. Sec., 5, Morford Street, Bath. 4210

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Business meeting in St. Peter's Church Hall 11.30. Lunch 1 p.m. at Granada Restaurant (names to me by April 12th). Ringing arrangements: St. Paul's 10-11.15 and 2 p.m. onwards; St. Peter's 2-4.30; Goldington 2-4. — J. M. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 4175

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Carlisle, Easter Monday. Cathedral bells (8) 1.30 to 3.30; St. Stephen's (8) 1.30 onwards. Service at St. Stephen's 4. Tea 4.30, for those who notify, by Wednesday, April 14th, Mr J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle. Special invitation to Lancashire Association, Lakes Branch.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4195

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, April 19th, to be held at South Normanton. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire. Visitors welcome.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4208

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Bells available: Great St. Mary's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after tea; Roman Catholic Church (8) 12 noon-1 p.m. and after tea; St. Andrew's (8) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 1.45-4.30 p.m.: St. Benet's (6) 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6.30-8 p.m.: St Andrew's, Chesterton (6) 1.30-3.45 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at Round Church Hall. Please send names for tea to H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.—W. J. Ridgman, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4188

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday. Lunch tickets obtainable from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, if ordered, with remittance, **at once.** Towers available for ringing: Bromley (8) 10.15; Beckenham (10) 10.30; Chislehurst (Annunciation (8) 10.15; Chislehurst (St. Nicholas') (8) 10.15; Down (6) 10; Eltham (8) 10.15. Lewisham (8) 10; Sidcup (6) 10; West Wickham (6) 10.15; Hayes (6) after meeting. Hours for ringing after the meeting will be announced after the business meeting.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 4110

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Woolos' Newport, Easter Monday. Bells (12) available 12 noon. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, by April 13th, to F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 4172

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Meeting at Parish Church. Burton, Easter Monday, April 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4223

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, St. John's, Egham (8), Easter Monday, 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to me by April 13th (numbers limited).—W. Parrott, Dis. Sec., 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4197

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 19th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon PROMPT. Coffee obtainable, College Hall, 1.15 (bring own lunch sandwiches). Tea (3s. per head) at Deansway Cafe, 5 p.m., for all who notify me by Wednesday, April 14th. Bells available: All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; Claines (10); St. John's (8); Kempsey (6), all 2-4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 6-7.30 p.m. — J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4193

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Tickhill, Easter Monday, April 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, 15th, to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, near Doncaster. Buses half-hourly from Doncaster and few from Rotherham.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4225

NEXT WEEK'S PUBLICATION

The next issue of 'The Ringing World' will be in subscribers' hands by Thursday morning, because of Good Friday. The advancement of press day by 24 hours means that latest time Notices can be received for publication in this issue is first post Monday, April 12th.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 24th. Committee meeting, Diocesan House, 3.30 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Diocesan House, 5 p.m. Annual meeting, Diocesan House, 5.45 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's (10) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 3 p.m.-4.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 3 p.m.-4.25 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.-8 p.m. Names for tea, by April 21st, to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Road, Derby. —A. B. Cooper. 4213

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Elmdon (6), near Saffron Walden, on Saturday, April 24th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4201

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Bristol, Saturday, April 24th. Meeting at Redcliffe Parish Hall, Guinea Street, at **2 p.m. sharp.** Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Please notify for tea, by Wednesday, April 21st, **certain.** Bells available: St. Ambrose, Bristol E. (8) 11 to 12 noon; St. Thomas' (City) (8) 11 to 12 noon; St. Mark's (Lord Mayor's Chapel) (6) 12.15 to 1 p.m.; St. Mary Redcliffe (12) and St. Stephen's (10) after tea.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank Bristol 5. 4203

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Merrow, April 24th. Bells 3-9. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Room. Service 7. Numbers for tea, by April 20th, to Miss Warren, Hallhurst, Swayne's Lane, Merrow. 4216

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at Woolwich on Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belevedere, Kent. 4206

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 24th. Bells: Cathedral 3-4; St. Margaret's and St. John's 2-3.45; St. Mary-de-Castro 2-4. Service, Cathedral 4.15. Tea 5 in Little Theatre, Dover Street, followed by meeting. Social evening at Victoria Hotel 7.30-10.30. Early application for tea essential. Names to me by Wednesday, 21st. General committee meeting in Cathedral ringing room 7.30, Thursday, 22nd.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec, Fosseway Croft, near Leicester. 4218

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, April 24th, Leeds Parish Church. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 in Church Hall. Names to me, please, by Wednesday, April 21st. Business meeting in tower at 7 p.m.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec., 47, Sunroyd Hill, Horbury, Wakefield. 4227

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 24th. Cathedral evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eastgate Court, for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Business meeting will follow in Chapter House. Usual ringing arrangements. 4226

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: Holloway 2-4 p.m.; Clerkenwell 3-4.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate in evening. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by 21st, please, to W. N. Genna, 17, Tintern Way, West Harrow. Phone Byron 5197. 4215

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Somerton (6) April 24th. Service 4. Tea 5. Deddington (8) evening. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 4205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m. Names by April 19th, or no tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4214

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Speen (6) Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Shaw bells 6 p.m. Names, by April 21st, to J. Goddard, 11, Council Houses, Lambourn Road, Speen, Newbury. 4219

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 20th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 4200

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Eydon, on Saturday, April 24th. Usual arrangements. Please notify not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea. — A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 4204

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, April 24th. Service 4.30. Names to W. G. Callis, 2, Ivy Cottages, Mears Ashby, Northampton. 4221

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Nottingham, Sat., April 24th. St Mary's bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying, by Thursday, April 22nd, Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Please take own food. Business meeting in same room after tea. 4207

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Wonston, April 24th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Swan Inn, Sutton Scotney. Names, previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4217

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual general meeting, May 1st, St. Philip's, Hulme, 3 p.m. Ringing after tea. Tour, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, July 5th-15th, 60s., to secretary before Easter.—Valerie Gutteridge, Hon. Sec., 34 Gordon Street, Ilkeston, Derbys. 4168

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual festival of the Guild at Brecon, June 26th. Full particulars later.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4202

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hollis 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, A. Barton 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. Smith.

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SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Turner 1, Miss P. Salmon 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, Miss S. A. Richardson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Head 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. Rapley 1, Miss J. M. Phillips 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, D. H. J. Body 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5, M. Head 6.

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EASTER!

THE world has its own uses for Easter. The large numbers who flock to the church services in town and country form a comparatively small proportion of the population. For the many, the incredulous, the indifferent and the ignorant, the day will mean the freedom to rush through the countryside in search of change and the glories of Spring: catching, perhaps, here and there the sound of the bells, but untouched by their call.

That may be a distressing note, but we cannot linger upon it. For Easter is the Festival of Renewal and the bells are there to sound the triumphant note of Joy and unassailable Hope.

We do not celebrate Easter as a mere pious vision. Its truth and reality are based upon a fact of history which all the theories and arguments of opponents to Christianity have not been able to disprove or eradicate during 1,900 years.

Those who would pronounce the Resurrection of Jesus Christ to be incredible are forced to gloss over the evidence that it created a new impulse of spiritual life, fervid zeal and triumphant hope in those disciples who, at the time of their Master's betrayal and death, showed themselves craven-hearted even to the extent of denying association with Him: yet very soon afterwards becoming bold as lions, making light of sufferings and bearing witness to their Lord regardless of threats and maledictions. To assert, as the opponents of the Truth have done, that the rapid spread of Christian belief, its continuance and influence until now, resulted from the superstitious and weak-minded delusion of a small band of Jewish men and women who were given over to credulity and fanaticism can only, from a rational point of view, seem to be the straining out of the gnat and the swallowing of the camel, for it creates difficulties which are incomparably greater than belief in the supernatural explanation of the Resurrection.

For, as one writer has said, 'the disciples in undertaking a world-wide propaganda had nothing whatever to gain, but everything valuable to lose. Everything that human nature finds hardest to bear and most seeks to avoid, shame, persecution, martyrdom, stood out luridly before them as their inevitable prospect.' Who will dare to say that the whole phenomenon, with all that flowed from it and is inseparably connected with it down the ages, is to be explained by hysterical imagination working upon weak-minded infatuation?

Well, there was the Easter challenge to the world then, and it remains unweakened still.

As the bells rang out again, after their long silence during the last war, in proclamation of victory and the opportunity of life, so they must ring on Easter Day to proclaim the victory of the Christ over sin and death; over all that contributes to the fear of death; over everything in human scientific invention which conjures up prospects of extermination; over all defiance which men blindly throw in the face of their Creator and Redeemer. Is it to be thought for one moment that the world is to become one vast cemetery?

Why! It is the very virtue of Easter that talk in terms of the grave is ruled out. 'Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victory?' The towers and spires of the Christian Church point upward to the Immeasurable; to the vast realms of Immortality; to the Life of which the glorified sinless Jesus is the centre and fountain. And from those towers the voices of joy and hope and reassurance ring out on Easter Day to waken the world from its stupor; to turn men's thoughts from blasting strife to the splendour of their real destiny.

As the buds reopen and the flowers spring into bloom to gladden the earth breaking forth out of its winter shroud, so the Church in her message has no emphasis for the tomb, except to display its emptiness. 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear!' Hark to the bells! 'The Lord of all life passes on His way. Death hath no more dominion over Him.' It is the perfect cadence translating all the discords and dirges and doubts into the harmony of the glorious certainty of survival. 'Behold, I make all things new.'

Therefore, brisk are the feet that take the ringers to the tower on Easter morning; bright are the faces giving the Easter greeting; ready are the hands to grasp the ropes; fresh are the resolves of the heart to put new life into the belfries, to pour new joy into the work, to open new avenues of progress, and to raise a new Christian example in human living.

'Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.'

C. C. C.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	ALAN A. POTTS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
ERNEST BENNETT	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*TERENCE A. THORNBER	2	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	9
†MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	*†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of York Surprise Royal. † 100th peal together.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jesson, parents of the 7th ringer.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Circuit AX. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
JAMES BENNETT	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	8
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
First peal of Pudsey Royal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Suffolk Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

EILEEN M. TURNER	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	5
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	2	ROY COLLINS	6
EDWARD J. BRAGG	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
JAMES F. DODSON	4	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
The first peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and for the Guild.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*BRIAN WOODROUFFE	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	5
NEIL D. LOMAS	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
ANNE WORTH	3	ALAN A. POTTS	7
†ALEX RICHARDSON	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
ROGER BALDWIN	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
First peal in the method for all the band except the ringer of the tenor. First touch of Treble Bob Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
*PETER J. MORTON	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
MURIEL REAY	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.
On Tues., March 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Insp. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	Ex.-Con. F. E. WILSON	5
Ex-D.-Sgt. E. C. TURNER	2	Con. E. A. JACQUES	6
Con. C. H. F. KNIGHT	3	Con. H. R. WOODS	7
Ex-Sgt. H. G. JENNEY	4	*Con. R. P. ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by INSPECTOR H. J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
The ringers of the front six are members or former members of the Leicester City Force. Constables Woods and Armstrong are members of the Lincolnshire Constabulary stationed at Grantham.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*MICHAEL N. BLAND	5
*MARIE K. ROBERTS	2	CYRIL A. HURST	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
†GILLIAN A. SMITH	4	DENIS E. PEPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*KEVIN S. HOHL	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	6
†ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	‡ERNEST J. LADD	7
‡BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Surprise. † 150th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together. The conductor's 25th peal on the bells.
Arranged and rung as a 90th birthday compliment to William Collison, father of the 4th ringer.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Rita M. Stratford	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
Christine J. Stratford	2	*John Vernon	6
Winifred M. Burton	3	Michael E. Brown	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	John A. Acres	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Measures on their golden wedding anniversary.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Joseph Lovett	*Treble*	Trevor M. Roderick	5
*Benjamin Williams	2	Albert J. Pitman	6
Alfred Hannington	3	*Edmund J. Morris	7
Robert E. Coles	4	Gwyn I. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Lines. Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Kent Major.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

W.Bro. Edwin Barnett (Gavelkind Lodge No. 4266) .. *Treble*
W.Bro. J. Howard Freeborn (Chorleywood Lodge No. 5162) 2
W.Bro. Harry W. Badger (St. Mary's Lodge No. 1763) .. 3
Bro. Philip A. Carter (St. Clement Danes Lodge No. 1351) .. 4
Bro. Frederick Vickers (Grenville Lodge No. 1787) 5
Bro. William Hibbert (Victoria Lodge No. 2671) 6
W.Bro. George W. Debenham (Old Berkhamstedian Lodge, No. 4903) 7
W.Bro. Arthur D. Barker (St. Clement Danes Lodge No. 1351) *Tenor*
Composed by Bro. Bernard H. Swinson (Old Albanian Lodge No. 4999).
Conducted by W.Bro. George W. Debenham.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Kathleen E. Weller	*Treble*	Maxwell F. Oakshett	5
Jeanette M. Winchester	2	Stewart F. W. Kimber	6
Barbara A. Mitchell	3	James W. Knight	7
Mary Fuller	4	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde (C.C.C. 126). Conducted by Ralph Bird.
A compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on her birthday.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*John Trueman	*Treble*	Leslie Aston	5
Frederiok Nurden	2	Thomas Boreham	6
Ivor Goulter	3	Edwin T. Newbury	7
Peter Baker	4	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Edwin T. Newbury.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

Alick Cutler	*Treble*	*Philip J. Coward	5
*Robert G. Lay	2	*Alfred J. House	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	*Richard F. B. Speed	7
*John D. Rock	4	*Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal in the method.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

Sydney J. Merry	*Treble*	Mark J. Barker	5
Alex Richardson	2	Francis R. Lowe	6
*Joan Beresford	3	Harold Taylor	7
*George E. Oliver	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Richardson, of Fairfield.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

William R. Proudman	*Treble*	Henry Hollis	5
T. Kelham Deacon	2	John W. Rawson	6
Norman Statham	3	Edgar Vallance	7
Frank K. Measures	4	Alan Hough	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. E. Pilling, who was inducted to the living of Market Bosworth the previous day.
Ringers of 2nd and tenor have now 'completed the circle.'
A birthday compliment to Mr. Norman Statham.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

John Ambler	*Treble*	William Barton	5
Alexander E. Marsh	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	John W. Gibson	7
Molly Marsh	4	Gordon Benfield	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Barton.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. A. Marsh, a former ringer at Woodlesford, who was married at Malta on the same day. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Ambler.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Alfred T. Greenwood	*Treble*	Robin G. Leale	5
Brian J. Luff	2	Roger Baldwin	6
*S. Kathleen M. Knight	3	Frederick W. Burnett	7
Ernest J. Mundy	4	Frederick W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick W. Burnett.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 3rd.

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WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
*LOUIS J. LOCKYER	4	JACK MUSSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* 50th peal.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Orginal. Tenor 12 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM MANSER	5
LEONARD MANNERING	2	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE	6
LUTHER HONESS	3	LOUIS HEAD	7
GEORGE CANTRILL	4	FRANK THWAITES	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of Mr. Lewis Newman's first peal, which was rung at the same church, the same composition, conducted by the late Mr. Thomas Mannering, father of the 2nd ringer.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ROBERT E. MOULDS	*Treble*	†HARRY WILD	5
*M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	*KENNETH PALMER	6
GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
*RALPH BEAUMONT	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

* First peal in the method. † 75th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Burton, Rochester, Morning Star, Braintree, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JAMES BUXTON	*Treble*	HERMAN RUSBY	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	NOEL F. MOXON	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung in memoriam Mr. Herbert Smith, of Ruardean Hill, Gloucester, father of the conductor, who died February 12th, aged 84, and also Mr. Walter Rusby, of Cawthorne, near Barnsley, father of the ringer of the 4th and grandfather of the ringer of the 2nd, who died March 26th, aged 74.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

R. REED	*Treble*	F. S. PARSONS	4
S. F. HAW	2	T. A. BEVIS	5
R. W. SPENCER	3	T. BUSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. A. BEVIS.

Rung in honour of the wedding on this day at Yaxley, Suffolk, of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parmenter, the bridegroom being a former ringer at St. Wendreda's; also to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clarke, whose wedding took place at St. Wendreda's prior to the peal.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEWELL	*Treble*	*MICHAEL H. MAISEY	4
PHILLIP E. DODD	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
*KENNETH G. PURSE	3	REGINALD T. EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. A. Turner, a life member of the Guild and a faithful churchman.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	*DAVID BEACHAM	4
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
REGINALD WOODYATT	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Minor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of seven extents each of: St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
SIMON L. BARLEY	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

First peal in six Doubles methods by all the band.

ST. BREOCK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BREOCK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 49, 44, 36, 38, 35, 37, 28). Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*REV. W. H. TREWHELLA	*Treble*	A. HUBERT EPLETT	4
*V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	ALEXANDER R. JONES	5
†MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

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

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR

Being one 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
PETER L. WOOD	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	5
JOHN WARNER	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

First peal in the method by all the band.
Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

MORETON CORBETT, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK LEECH	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	4
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
*WILLIAM A. FARMER	3	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal in five methods.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven 720's differently called, every call being a Single. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

FREDERICK E. WATSON	*Treble*	FRANK T. LONG	4
JOHN VERNON	2	JOSEPH TAYLOR	5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. A. E. Hall (verger and ringer of Peckleton) and Mrs. Hall. Ringers of 1, 5 and 6 are vergers of Croft, Thurlaston and St. Margaret's, Leicester.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT 164, VICTORIA STREET, HARTSHILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*FREDK. E. WILSHAW	1—2	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	5—6
†ALAN LAMBERT	3—4	*CHARLES H. PAGE	7—8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
* 100th peal together. † First peal 'in hand' (age 14).

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 30, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT 63, PARKGATE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being sixteen 120's and five Morris' 240's Grandsire, and sixteen 120's Plain Bob.

*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	1—2	BRIAN HARRIS	3—4
		*HENRY O. BAKER	5—6

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First handbell peal.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Being 3,440 changes of Plain Bob and 1,560 changes of Little Bob; 240 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	1—2	BERT GOGLE	5—6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3—4	ARTHUR G. BASON	7—8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	1—2	JACK BAILEY	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	ALFRED MOULD	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* 100th peal.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 164, VICTORIA STREET, HARTSHILL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	1—2	ALAN LAMBERT	5—6
FREDK. W. GROCOTT	3—4	CHARLES H. PAGE	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. (different callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
		WILLIAM HALL	5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM HALL.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dunwoody.

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By WILFRID G. WILSON

XIII. — YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

I have probably written enough already to show how useful our Coursing Order technique is in conducting a large number of methods. Let us take one more example. For this I have chosen Yorkshire, of which many more peals, especially in Royal and Maximus, are being rung lately. The average ringer may well think that, although he has managed to call peals in the plainer methods, he will have a full-time job merely to ring, say, Yorkshire Surprise Royal, without making himself responsible for looking after others.

But it is almost always true that the members of a band which attempts to ring a peal in this type of method will be good enough ringers to put themselves right after a slip, if only they can speedily be warned to follow so and so, or course down or up between this bell and that bell. And this piece of vitally important information our conductor will be able to supply almost as easily as in Plain Bob. In some respects I had nearly written more easily than in Plain Bob. For one thing there are far fewer courses and far fewer bobs in Surprise Royal and Maximus—in many courses there is only one bob and that means that for 15–20 minutes the Coursing Order remains the same, giving ample time for the conductor to be fully conversant with it and to work out what will happen at the next bob.

First of all let us examine a plain course of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Look at the order of the bells at the back end of each row of the first lead and you will see that the tenor is at the back at first and that the other bells get to the back in this order: 9, 7, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. We have learnt by now to omit the treble and the back four bells, which form our constant 'framework' and we have our old friend the Coursing Order 5 3 2 4 6. And if you look at all the other leads of the plain course you will see that you still have this same Coursing Order all the way through.

If you look at the order in which the bells come down to lead you will see that, as in Cambridge but to a lesser degree, there are slight variations in this Coursing Order. It is not difficult to learn these—in fact, by the end of the first two or three courses of a peal you will be able to allow for these alterations quite easily if you want to. But you will find that the order of the bells up at the back will often be sufficient to correct trips in the ringing.

Note also from the plain course that the calling positions come in the order M., W. and H. at the 4th, 5th and 9th lead ends, but if you call by the Coursing Orders and the position of the bob-making bells this will make no difference to you.

Here is a very simple composition of 5,040 changes to which many peals of Surprise Royal (not only Yorkshire) have been rung:—

Course Ends				Coursing Orders from 53246		
23456	M.	W.	H.	M.	W.	H.
43652	—			53462		
26354	—		—	53624		56234
32654			—			52364
63254			—			53624
45236	—	—	—	53246	32546	35426
24536			—			34256
52436			—			32546
43526		—	—		25346	23456
54326			—			24536
32546		—	—		45236	42356
53246			—			43526
25346			—			45236
34256		—	—		52436	54326
23456			—			53246

Just as in our earlier examples, we have shown on the left the course ends produced by our calling. If you were to learn them all by heart, which is quite possible though I know that I personally should get them all mixed up, they would tell you a few useful things. For instance, you would know fourteen of the actual rows to be rung out of the 5,040 of the peal! What a sell if the course end should come along unexpectedly or you should be thinking of something else and you missed the satisfaction of checking that you actually did ring one of these 14 precious rows. You would also know which were the bells in the 5–6 positions—but only throughout the whole of the course if it were a one-bob course. In addition you would know which of the bells were concerned in the bobs at the Home positions.

This information, while useful at certain parts of the peal, would be no help at all at other parts—probably just when the trips would occur. And if you got into a real muddle it is ten to one all your figures would go clean out of your head and you would have to start doing five-figure transpositions in your head, possibly from the start of the peal.

On the right of our calling are set out the Coursing Orders as they change at each bob. And you will see that they all change in accordance with our code A B C into B C A. At the M. on the last three figures of our Coursing Order; at the W. on the first three figures and at the H. on the middle three. And we know before we reach the calling position that of the three bells affected, B will run out, C run in and A make fourths place.

All the time you are ringing you can glance at the bells at the back and see them come up behind in the Coursing Order given by the figures. When the treble comes to lead you can see easily whether one or other (or all three) of the bells to be affected by the next bob have yet reached the correct positions for the call to be made. Whereas unless you have rung a great deal of the particular method you will find it very difficult to see, from one of the front bells, when the tenor is getting into a calling position.

(To be continued)

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Banks 1, Miss S. K. M. Knight 2, G. Verrill 3, F. G. Barron 4, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 5, R. C. Beale 6, Miss C. A. West 7, J. Hedges 8. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Knight, also for the sixth birthdays of Susan Margaret Nobes and Alan Beale.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Littlewood 1, J. Day (first quarter 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, A. Hinman 4, R. Looker (cond.) 5, H. Bell 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Margaret Thompson, daughter of Mr. Albert Thompson, a local ringer.—Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Day 1, E. Littlewood 2, F. J. Williams 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, J. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Marjorie Cook and Mr. John Bottomley.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX. — On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. Mills 1, A. C. V. Gasson 2, E. H. Knapp 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, D. J. Laker 5, I. Butcher 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, K. Trinick 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. Squire and Miss A. Kershaw.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul on March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 1, Miss K. J. Tooze (first 'inside') 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, L. W. Moses 4, E. Naylor 5, H. J. Merrett 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On March 21st, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Evans 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, G. Flower 3, G. Williams 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, Miss J. Powell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Toombs, father of a local ringer.—Also on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Flower 1, Miss J. Powell 2, A. Evans 3, G. Williams 4, B. Werry (cond.) 5, A. R. Price 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 540 Grandsire): F. J. Foster 1, H. Hill 2, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward 5, J. Lane (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell message to the Rev. E. J. Charrington, hon. member of the Guild, who is leaving to take up another post in Buckinghamshire.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jean Stevens (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Stevens (first 'inside') 2, C. W. Tarr 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Edwards 1, Miss B. Tester (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. Bromley 3, R. E. Lambert 4, R. T. Lambert 5, C. A. Tester (first as cond.) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4.6.8 covering): G. H. Underhill (first quarter) 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. W. Evans 5, T. Thomas (first quarter) 6, C. A. Gerrish 7, H. Preece 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. D. R. James, for 45 years a ringer at this church, and to Mrs. James.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sims 1, G. Rouse 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CADOXTON, NR. NEATH, GLAM. — On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Lewis 1, H. Boyce 2, J. E. Bloxham 3, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 4, E. Morris 5, B. Williams 6.—Also on April 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: D. G. Lewis 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, H. Boyce 3, E. Morris 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, B. Williams 6.

CAPE TOWN, S.A.—On March 28th, at St. Mary's, Woodstock, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. V. Sheppard (first quarter) 1, O. Lamb (first on working bell) 2, J. Riley 3, C. Gardiner 4, R. H. Stickley (cond.) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. Rung for Refreshment Sunday and thanks to Almighty God for the successful recovery from a serious operation of the tower captain, J. G. Wood.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 6th, 720 College Pleasure, 600 Violet: W. Broadhead 1, I. Crossland 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. Moxon (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. H. E. S. Meanley on leaving the parish.—Also on March 6th, 720 College Pleasure, 600 Oxford: B. Broadhead 1, W. Broadhead 2, C. Rusby 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. Moxon (cond.) 6. At the induction of the Rev. F. Barrie Flint.

CLERKENWELL, E.C. — On April 4th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss G. Friswell 3, J. Hales 4, D. Neal 5, G. Parsons (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, R. Begrie 8. Rung for Passion Sunday.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET. — On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brinson 1, B. Peters 2, H. Hooper 3, A. Hooper 4, J. Harding (first quarter 'inside') 5, F. Paramore (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service and also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Hooper, parents of the ringers of 3 and 4.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 4th, at St. John the Baptist's, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: Mrs. O. Collins 1, S. H. Dearden 2, Mrs. H. E. Oatway 3, E. W. Razzell 4, Miss P. M. Steere 5, N. H. Brown (first 'inside') 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, H. G. Pratt 8, G. H. Humphries 9, R. Davies 10, W. F. Oatway (first of Cinques as cond.) 11, F. E. Collins 12. Rung in memory of Daniel D. Cooper, leader at this tower for over twenty years.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Turner 1, D. V. Gare 2, T. J. Setter 3, G. Gaylard 4, R. J. Fox 5, C. Savage 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, J. S. Hacking (first quarter) 8.

FRESHWATER, I. of W. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Saunders 1, A. Green 2, Henry Thomas 3, E. F. Ridett 4, F. Green (cond.) 5, P. Stephens 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Riddett.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Creak 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. F. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, T. E. Davies 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. Tomblin 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's on April 4th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, Miss A. Diserens 3, R. D. Tomlin 4, R. G. Turner 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method by all except 2nd.

SHROTON, DORSET. — On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Taylor 1, Mrs. D. M. Wright 2, W. C. Shute (cond.) 3, W. A. Damen 4, G. W. Dennis 5, Fred C. Crew 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Wellock (first quarter) 1, W. B. Kirby 2, J. A. Robertshaw 3, J. A. Parker 4, H. Spencer 5, G. W. Frayne 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, F. Murray (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Halksworth on their diamond wedding.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Wood (first quarter) 1, F. J. Wood 2, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 3, A. Bryant 4, H. G. Goddard 5, D. J. Crouchman 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

STAMFORD HILL, N. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Tomlin 1, I. M. Parry (cond.) 2, Miss P. Lentz (first 'inside') 3, W. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Westmacott.

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Hiddins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (first as cond.) 3, D. W. Evans 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, H. Preece 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 5 and 6. A 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On April 4th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, F. B. Cookson (first 'inside' in the method) 2, G. C. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, D. N. Layton (cond.) 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Smith 8. Rung for evensong.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On April 4th, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss G. Brown 1, Mrs. D. Cooper 2, G. K. Dodd 3, Miss P. Gaunt 4, R. W. Rex 5, E. Curtis 6, R. Crook 7, H. Reed (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 4. Rung for evening service.

WALMER, KENT. — On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Woodcock 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. A. Rye 5, F. B. Lufkin 6, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, E. Dixon 8. Rung for evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 23rd, 1,285 Stedman Caters: D. Taylor 1, R. Bell 2, J. Mayne (cond.) 3, D. K. Adkins 4, A. Dix 5, A. Wenban 6, W. Wenban 7, J. Rootes 8, S. Hoare 9, R. King 10. First for 1, 6 and 8.—On March 30th, 1,280 Berkshire Surprise Major: A. Wenban 1, D. Taylor 2, W. Wenban 3, D. K. Adkins 4, R. Rowley 5, S. Hoare 6, R. Bell 7, J. Mayne (cond.) 8. First in method for all.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On March 27th, 1,568 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Jennings 1, D. A. S. Symonds 2, J. Warner 3, H. W. Egglestone 4, T. Earle (cond.) 5, E. C. Johnson 6, E. W. Furbank 7, J. E. G. Roast 8.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

This is a last reminder to postal subscribers whose subscriptions were due on April 2nd. Please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, and help in our drive for postal subscribers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Regret was expressed at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at the decision of Mr. George L. Grover, the hon. secretary of the Guild, to resign from the Central Council. His decision was prompted by five nominations being received for four vacancies. The new representative is Mr. Jack R. Worrall. Mr. Grover will be missed on the Peal Analysis Committee; he has served on this body for many years.

The Rev. J. M. Turner announces that his book, 'The Art and Science of Handbell Ringing,' is now out of print.

Southwell Guild members are requested to note amended arrangements for tea, etc., at the annual general meeting on April 24th. (See Notices column.)

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Measures, of Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on their golden wedding. Although not ringers, they are keenly interested in the ringing activity of their son and grandchildren, who are members of the local band.

On two successive Saturdays quarter peals have been rung at Asfordby, Leicestershire, in honour of the weddings of daughters of local ringers. The first was for Miss Jean Margaret Thompson, daughter of Mr. Albert Thompson, and the second was for Miss Marjorie Cook, youngest daughter of Mr. J. H. Cook.

To delegates and visitors attending the Central Council, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mr. K. Arthur, of 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne 4, writes that he has four vacant places for the tour on Whit Monday visiting and ringing at Guisborough (6), Whitby (10) and Saltburn (8). The tour starts at 9 a.m. and returns to Newcastle between 9 and 10 p.m. Cost, including lunch and tea, £1. Immediate contact is requested.

Oddfellows attending the A.M.C. at Southport this year will be interested to hear that Bro. Sam Jones jun., of 51, Watling Crescent, Hanbridge, Chester, is anxious for an Oddfellows' peal to be rung one evening during the A.M.C. between June 19th and 25th. He is Provincial Grand Master of the Deeside District. Southport has two rings of eight—Christ Church (tenor 10 cwt.) and Emmanuel (tenor 12 cwt.). Visitors to the Conference feel certain that they can count on Mr. Norman Heaps and other Southport ringers giving them facilities for ringing.

The bells of Bishop's Lydeard, Somerset, will be broadcast in the West Region on Easter Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

A correspondent informs us that the last peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Goole was the first peal on the bells—May 3rd, 1890. The peal on February 20th at Quinton was the first in the tower for 30 years.

At the peal at Grundisburgh on April 3rd Mr. Cecil W. Pipe 'circled' his first tower in 34 years of ringing! Lewis Wiffen recalls that he rang his last peal there 53 years ago. Lew, incidentally, made no mistakes!

The band that rang the peal of London Surprise Major at Fairfield, Derbyshire, on April 3rd, wish to convey their appreciation for the hospitality and welcome extended to them on their visit by Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson.

Commenting on the peals that appeared in our issue of April 2nd, a correspondent writes that the peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on March 13th, was the 100th since 1884, but many peals were rung before then. Shipton Moyne has only had one peal rung there previously, in 1908. That, too, was Grandsire Doubles. It is 22 years since the last peal was rung at East Sutton. The peal on March 10th was the first to be rung there in seven methods.

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RINGING IN BEDFORDSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead

RINGING in Bedfordshire has never been spectacular either in the past 70 years or before that (according to Mr. Ernest Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing').

But, if peal ringing is anything to go by, there has always been a steady interest in the art. To-day, 75 per cent. of the towers are of five or six bells. In 1881 this was more like 85 per cent. for six out of the present 14 8-bell towers were then sixes. Luton has also been augmented from eight to ten in this period.

Not a single tower has yet reached the 100 peal mark. The nearest to this total is St. Peter's, Bedford, with 79. This church was one of the above six-bell towers which has only recently become an eight, so that 75 of the peals were on the old six. Usually, one finds that more peals are rung in eight-bell towers than in six, but this is not the case in Bedfordshire where little difference is apparent. Thus although six of the now 8-bell towers have recorded over 50 peals, four of them had only six bells when most of those peals were rung. These six are Bedford (St. Peter's, above), Bromham (59), Dunstable (50), Kempston (55), Maulden (70) and Turvey (53). Three churches with six bells have also passed the 50 mark. They are Biddenham (70), Harrold (54) and Willington (52).

TEN-BELL TOWERS

Peals on the three 10-bell towers have been well spread out over the period. Bedford (St. Paul's) has 65 peals from 1885 onwards, Leighton Buzzard 27 from 1899 to 1949. Luton had 45 peals on the eight between 1901 and 1932. There was then a gap until 1951 since which four peals have been rung on the ten. The next peal rung there will be the 50th. All the 10-and 8-bell towers have had peals rung on them since the war with the exception of Toddington. This has had the least number rung at the church of any of its group (five), the last being in 1928. Actually, the majority of towers where a peal has been rung have had at least one other peal rung since the war, so it would seem that ringing in Bedfordshire is flourishing at the present time. Clifton provides a minor puzzle which, no doubt, the local ringers can answer. Between 1902 and 1908 15 peals were rung on the eight bells. There was then silence until 1931 since which date ten peals have been rung on six bells (three since the war). Are the trebles unringable or is it just a coincidence?

TO BE CONQUERED

Out of the 78 churches with rings of bells given in Dove's book, only two with six bells and eleven with five bells remain to be 'conquered.' The former are Caddington and Wymington. Those with long silences include St. Mary's, Bedford (25 peals were rung there between 1885 and 1902 and none since), Eversholt (27 years), Houghton Regis (29 years), Northill, Potton and Roxton (21 years), Wootton (32 years) and Renhold (34 years). The only 5-bell tower to have reached double figures with its peals is Oakley, with 13. None of the others have more than five peals to record.

The only towers nearing the 50 mark apart from Luton are Sharnbrook (45) and Woburn (43). There are three in the thirties—Cardington (35), Husborne Crawley (32) and Old Warden (38).

A HAPPY MEETING AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS

The Tonbridge District held its most successful meeting for many years at Tunbridge Wells on April 3rd. Ringing commenced punctually at 3 p.m., and soon the belfry, which had at first seemed quite roomy, became filled to overflowing. By the time the service commenced no less than 68 members and friends had gathered together, this being more than double the number attending last year's annual meeting of the District.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Ward), who gave a most interesting address to which even the youngest members listened attentively.

The tea which followed was provided by the local band, and perhaps it was the reputation this tower has for producing excellent refreshments that drew such a large crowd. It is certain that this reputation in no way suffered on Saturday week, and, despite the valiant efforts of the ringers, it was found impossible to clear the tables!

At the business meeting 3 honorary, 7 adult, 3 juvenile and 2 non-resident members were elected. It was encouraging to see a good proportion or young members present and they all had opportunity during the afternoon and evening to try any method they had looked up. Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Bristol Surprise, and members attended from Brenchley, Edenbridge, Hadlow, Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Leigh, Marden, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Shipbourne, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, with visitors from Biddenden, Burwash, Eridge, Lydd, Rotherfield, Wadhurst and Worsley.

Altogether it was any secretary's ideal meeting—all the arrangements were made by Mr. B. Collison, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried with acclamation, a good attendance, an excellent tea and a happy business meeting, plus the fact that on the whole the standard of striking was above the average.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT CHEDDAR

It was very encouraging to see such a good gathering at the ringers' supper on Tuesday, March 30th, held, for the first time in the ringers' memory, in the Church House, Cheddar. Thirty-six people sat down to an excellent spread. Those present included the Vicar, churchwardens and the tower secretary, G. Prescott (Ringing Master of the Axbridge Branch) and 27 active members of the tower, aged between 12 and 50, except Mr. E. Fisher, who is 80 and has been a member of the tower since 1911.

This band has been built from a mere handful of ringers and at Christmas there was no ringing owing to the lack of members. Mr. Prescott commented on the achievement and thought it was a good example to a number of towers throughout the country. There were other remarks of encouragement from the Vicar, churchwardens and the tower secretary, and the captain said that he hoped to keep the band together and would welcome newcomers at any time.

The evening's events included ringing in the tower, handbells and impersonations by Mr. Hembury.

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To assist them in their task the following summary of postal subscribers according to respective counties has been compiled.

From time to time we hope to publish figures showing the response of different areas to the drive.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Bedfordshire	30	Nottinghamshire			21
Berkshire	32	Oxfordshire			39
Birmingham	41	Rutland			1
Bristol	33	Shropshire			11
Buckinghamshire	36	Somerset			70
Cambridgeshire	18	Staffordshire			35
Cheshire	44	Suffolk			36
Cornwall	18	Surrey			76
Cumberland	4	Sussex			40
Derbyshire	31	Warwickshire			35
Devonshire	36	Westmorland			2
Dorset	30	Wiltshire			27
Durham	13	Worcestershire			28
Essex	55	Yorkshire			58
Gloucestershire	27	Wales			67
Hampshire	53	(Brecon	4		
Isle of Wight	3	Caerns	3		
London	74	Cards	1		
Herefordshire	17	Carms	5		
Hertfordshire	46	Denbgh	1		
Huntingdonshire	9	Flint	1		
Kent	77	Glam	25		
Lancashire	96	Month	26		
Leicestershire	39	Montgm	1)		
Lincolnshire	57	Scotland			10
Middlesex	37	Ireland			6
Norfolk	36	(Northern	2		
Northamptonshire	25	I.F.S.	4)		
Northumberland	16				

OUTSIDE GREAT BRITAIN

Australia	11	New Zealand	4
Canada	5	South Africa	3
Ceylon	1	Tasmania	2
Germany (B.A.O.R.)	1	U.S.A.	6
India	1		

MR. GEORGE KENWARD'S 300 PEALS

Mr. George Kenward, the well-known Kent ringer, rang his 300th peal at Cliffe on March 20th. His list is as follows:—

Doubles. — Grandsire 5 (cond. 1), two methods 3, three methods 2, four methods 3.

Minor.—Plain Bob 9, two methods 2, three methods 13, four methods 15, five methods 5, seven methods 12, Oxford Single Bob 1, St. Clement's 1, Double Oxford Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 48, Stedman 23, Oxford Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 32, Canterbury Pleasure 2, Plain and Canterbury 1, Double Norwich 29, Kent Treble Bob 42, Oxford Treble Bob 4, Double Oxford Bob 1, Little Oxford Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Hereward Bob 1, Victoria Little Court Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 7, Superlative Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 5.

Caters.—Grandsire 7, Stedman 7.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 5.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

OBITUARY

MR. W. FRADLEY

Bucknall, Staffs, band have lost a member of long standing by the passing of Mr. 'Will' Fradley. He started ringing at the age of 21 and had nearly completed his 50th year as a ringer at Bucknall. A member of the North Staffordshire Association, he was in every sense a 'service' ringer—a very regular and reliable attender, no matter what the weather.

On Sunday, February 28th, only four days before his death, he rang for Matins and Evensong, travelling a mile each way from his home in a snowstorm. He was not a prolific peal ringer but was always ready to stand in for a special occasion and especially if a youngster was making an attempt at a first peal. He rang his own first peal on January 31st, 1920. He had also been a chorister for a considerable time in his younger days.

On March 21st, at his memorial service a quarter peal of 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by a Sunday service band consisting of J. Bateson 1, F. Walklett 2, H. Bateson 3, C. Bowen 4, G. Mountford (conductor) 5, R. O. Preston 6. First quarter by 1 and 3 and first as conductor.

MR. ARTHUR ROWLEY

Just as we were going to press last week we heard of the tragic death of Mr. Arthur Rowley, of Stone, Staffordshire, aged 61 years. He was struck by a passing train while following his employment as a ganger. He had worked on the railway for 41 years.

For 44 years Arthur had been a member of the St. Michael's, Stone, tower and was a former leader and clock winder. In his younger days he was a member of the church choir.

Like the rest of the Stone ringers, his peals were few, but he conducted the first peal by a Stone local band—Grandsire Triples—and took part in the first peal of Stedman to be rung on the bells.

The funeral took place in the Parish Church, the bells being rung half-muffled before and after the service by his fellow ringers. Mr. C. Page, of Stoke, who represented the North Staffordshire Association at the funeral, also rang. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following:—Mrs. J. Rowley, I. Kane, C. Templeton, W. Buckley, L. Bowden, R. Smith, E. Young (conductor) and B. Purslow.

Mr. Rowley leaves his wife and daughter, to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

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By A. J. PITMAN

	23456	W	M	H	Methods
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	56423		2	—	Ox K K P
	34256	2	—	—	P K (6 P)
	56342	—	2	—	(6 P) K P
B	43652	2		2	P K K Ox Ox
	42356		2	—	Ox K K P
	32546	2		—	P K (6 P)
4A	65432				
B	42635				
3A	23456				

At St. John's, Leytonstone, E.11, on April 4th, a plaque was dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. George Dawson, who for 54 years was ringer, secretary and worker at this church. The plaque was erected by his fellow ringers and members of his family.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' April 17th, 1914

TREBLE BOB ROYAL RECORD
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Monday, April 13th, 1914, in 9 hours and 24 minutes
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
14,000 CHANGES
Tenor 27 cwt.

Samuel Wood	Treble
Joseph Mellor	2
Thomas Jakeman	3
Charles Broadbent	4
Joseph Ridyard	5
Benjamin Gill	6
Samuel Wood	7
Albert Adams	8
Harry Chapman	9
Arthur E. Peglar	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Samuel Wood.

This is the longest length of Royal ever rung.

[The previous record, 12,000, had stood since 1784.]

FOUR SURPRISE MAJOR PEALS IN A DAY
EGHAM, SURREY
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Monday, April 13th, 1914, in 2 hours and 57 minutes
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
5,024 Changes
Tenor 17 cwt.

William J. Nudds	Treble
George R. Pye	2
Alfred W. Grimes	3
Isaac G. Shade	4
Reuben Sanders	5
John H. Cheesman	6
Ernest Pye	7
William Pye	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by W. Pye.

[The same band rang London at Chertsey, Cambridge at Staines, and Superlative at Old Windsor, all conducted by William Pye. William J. Nudds and Reuben Sanders, now both in the 'octogenarian class,' still survive.]

WEDDING BELLS AT ASHTEAD

St. Giles', Ashtead (Surrey), was filled to capacity on April 3rd for the wedding of Miss Beryl Worsford and Mr. Michael Angas.

The bride, who learned to ring at St. Giles', has been a member of the Ashtead St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers. It is only during the past three or four years that the bells have been rung for all choral services and the bride has contributed no small part to this achievement as she has been a regular ringer both morning and evening. In addition to her ringing activities she has served on the Parochial Church Council, has been a leader of the youth groups and a member of the St. George's Singers. One of the many wedding gifts was a dinner service from the Ashtead ringers and from three or four ringing friends. The bridegroom was a member of the choir of St. George's, Ashtead, and a keen worker among the youth.

The service was fully choral, the choir consisting of the St. George's Singers. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. R. Tidmarsh, formerly a curate at Ashtead, assisted by the Rector (the Rev. C. J. Halsey). Immediately following the marriage the bride and bridegroom received Holy Communion, the celebrant being the Rector. The church was beautifully decorated. Fellow ringers rang the bride and bridegroom out of the church.

In the evening four of the local ringers took part in an attempted peal of Grandsire Triples. Although the bells ran round, after 2 hours and 52 minutes the conductor, Mr. A. Harman (Master of the Guildford Guild), decided that a true peal had not been rung and the peal cannot be recorded. This was a source of great disappointment to all and particularly to three of the 'locals' who so nearly scored their first peal.

Mr. and Mrs. Angas will live at Cranleigh, Surrey. J. T. S.

TOURING THE EAST ANGLIAN HEIGHTS

The first Saturday in April and spring weather provided a good start for the outing season. Seventeen ringers set out by car from the Bedfordshire and North Herts towers of Maulden, Cardington, Blunham, Biggleswade, Clifton, Henlow, Totternhoe, Stotfold, Hitchin and Norton to visit eight towers in the deep countryside of the East Anglian Heights on the Cambridgeshire, Essex and East Herts borders.

Ickleton (8, 18¼ cwt.) has very tuneful and ringable bells rung from under the central tower at the chancel entrance. A small clock bell is suspended from a projection near the top of the spire. Annable's, London and Spliced Surprise sang across a wide ploughland valley from the little tower of Chrishall (6, 9 cwt.), where we received a warm welcome from the Rev. Mr. Bagley and Mr. G. Pratt, who joined in the ringing.

Next came the pleasing eight at Barkway (16 cwt.), whose bells were from John Bryant's Hertford foundry. On the tower roof a cracked mediæval bell is used as an hour bell. Before high tea at Buntingford the recently rehung six at Great Hormead (14 cwt.) was visited. The only bells at Buntingford are on a gramophone record! The old church, known as Layston, is in ruins and the five bells are unsafe to ring.

The five cars got 'wet feet' fording the River Rib before reaching the tower of Braughing (8, 19 cwt.), which is crowned by a tall 'spike' of the type so frequently met in East Herts. It is a pity this fine-toned old ring is so badly odd-struck. The bells were favourites in the early days of change ringing. Quite a good course of Yorkshire was brought round when we became accustomed to their ways. The next tower, Standon (6, 17 cwt.) also has a good spike to its almost detached tower, and very good bells they are, with measured tread, recently rehung.

Dusk deepened to night as we threaded the deep, winding lanes to Little Munden, in whose lonely tower, crowned again by a little spike, was a good-going ring of six (13 cwt.). Mr. A. Phillips welcomed us to the ringing chamber, whose walls are covered to the ceiling with boards and peal cards recording the vintage years of this almost historical six under the late Mr. W. ('Bill') Lawrence, including his performances ringing both treble and second bells at once to peals, and conducting!

The last tower was Walkern (another ford!) and the lightest six in Herts (6½ cwt.). The bells are a very handy and quaintly pretty ring hung in an H-frame. We lingered here to tap off a number of methods including Spliced London and Little Bob, almost drowned by the efforts of one of our Maulden friends who combines an interest in the music of bells with the music of the organ! D. P. J.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. P. Cliff, of Newcastle-on-Tyne states, 'Our paper must now have the unenviable distinction of being the only magazine . . . . which imposes such a ban,' etc. I say it is a distinction to be proud of, to be envied—and copied—by all papers and periodicals.

Mr. Cliff rather defeats his own arguments. The fact that no one but himself and Mr. Munday has protested is clear proof of almost unanimous approval. If he reads correctly the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' he will see that correspondents are not afraid to say exactly what they mean, although it sometimes hurts, and in doing so are quite prepared to take a little more than they give; leastways, that is my experience.

The ban on anonymous letters is a guarantee of freedom of speech, and because we are allowed a great deal of liberty does not mean we should take licence.

There are, probably, only two occasions to justify anonymity; one, perhaps, in unmasking crime, or reporting to the appropriate body, the N.S.P.C.C., of cruelty to children—which they ask for—and to hide one's generosity.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

MUSIC OF THE TENORS

Dear Sir,—As a novice, it appears to me that music produced by changes on ten bells is inherently dependent on the structure of the method being rung and, to a lesser extent, on the composition of the touch or peal. Stedman Caters, for instance, has a glory of its own and whether the bells are in the handstroke, home or Tittums position the rolling up of the back bells rarely fails to send a tingle down one's spine. Surely it is this rolling up of the tenors that provides music which is most pleasing to the ear.

Why, then, are methods such as Erin Caters and Duffield Royal, which bring these musical roll-ups twice as frequently as Stedman, looked upon as a source of amusement and are only rarely rung?

I have been told, on good authority, that these are 'conductors' methods.' True the calls must of necessity be more frequent than in other nine- or ten-bell methods, but surely the Exercise can boast one or two conductors capable of conducting them.

I am also told that these methods are relatively simple to ring; we do not have to remember or calculate or look for our course bell to determine whether we go into the three-bell work quick or slow. This, I am assured, is most uninteresting and quite boring. I think I must be somewhat abnormal in that I enjoy this form of boredom.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

MONTHLY CORPORATE COMMUNIONS

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, April 4th, the ringers of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, Northampton, celebrated the anniversary of their monthly Corporate Communion.

The curate (the Rev. J. M. Ouless), also a ringer, was the celebrant, and Messrs. C. Windram, J. Hadley and R. Old served at the sanctuary. The duty sidesman was E. Nobles.

To mark the occasion a 360 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by the following—Messrs. J. Hadley 1, R. Old 2, J. M. Nash 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. Windram 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

This is the longest length and first time Treble Bob has been recorded by any local band at Dallington.

E. NOBLES.

Dallington.

SOUTH BENFLEET 'PEALS'

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article in your issue of April 2nd, 'Peal Ringing, 1881-1954,' by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. In the belfry of South Benfleet Church there was a board, which, unfortunately, cannot now be traced. According to Beaton's 'History of Rochford Hundred' (about 1870) the inscription on it read:—

'These compleat peals were rung in the year 1794 by us, Wm. Banbrooke, Jno. Brooks, Jno. Cooper, Wm. Potter and Jasr. Lane or Jno. Pickering, as follows:—

'Old Doubles Kents 12; New Doubles 12; Old Grandsr 15; New Grandsr 25; Fortune 12; Gogmagog 15; Dream 12; St. Dunstan's 12; Antilope 15; Hudibrass 12; Four Cambridge Delights 14, 15, 24 and 25; London Doubles 132; Cambridge Journey 15; Chase 15; Two Westminsters 12 and 15.

Prior to 1949 there were five bells in the tower. The numbers would appear to indicate the hunt and half-hunt bells and the 'peals' to be extents of 120, but were quite an achievement for a village band at that time.—Yours, etc.,

C. L. MATSON.

South Benfleet, Essex.

FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE AT ALDERMASTON

Dear Sir,—As one of the band who rang in the peal of Cambridge Major at Aldermaston recently, I take full responsibility for the error in claiming it as the first of Surprise on the bells.

It was at my suggestion that the footnote appeared, not Mr. Pink's.

I have known the tower for many years and have rung quite a few peals there but had never heard of a previous peal of Surprise on the bells. The year 1902 is a little before my time.

My apologies to all concerned.—Yours, etc.,

R. W. REX.

Thatcham, Berks.

A VETERAN'S ACHIEVEMENT

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, congratulate Mr. J. B. Budd, of Mold, on completing his 100 peals.

He began regular peal ringing at an age when most ringers are thinking of giving it up, and the result is that in his retirement he has grown younger. In one peal I recall, the sum of the ages of the rest of the band was but a few years in excess of his age, yet he still felt quite at home!

His willingness to co-operate, punctuality and enthusiasm are examples to his brother ringers.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN HARRIS.

Chester.

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CONDUCTING AND COMPOSING

Dear Sir,—With reference to discussion of these two matters in your issue No. 2,244 of 2nd April, 1954:—

CONDUCTING. There must be many who feel that congratulations and thanks are due to Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson for his practical and helpful articles now appearing in these pages. It is interesting to find therein some further endorsement of the precept we have often urged as to the study of the principles of method-structure—as a helpful preliminary to both ringing and conducting.

In the second paragraph of his article XII., Mr. Wilson recommends the spending of some time in studying the structure of the method and of learning (inter alia) the position sequence of one's bell at successive lead-ends. He refers to the fact that in Cambridge Major the reversal of this sequence gives the order in which, in the plain course, bells come to do their work in front, with the treble. Perhaps Mr. Wilson will not mind if we add that this 'rule' applies even more widely—in fact, it will give the order of the bells coming into any set of corresponding positions in the successive leads of the plain course; that is to say, not only in any such positions at the lead-ends, but in corresponding positions **anywhere within** the successive leads.

Furthermore, it applies in methods without a hunt-control, as in Stedman, for instance; though here the student must be careful to group his rows correctly in 'divisions.' (These are the 'leads' of a hunt-controlled method, and in Stedman they comprise groups of 12 rows starting from and including Rounds). Of course, there will be found different sequences for different methods, though these sequences fall into similar groups. The theory is developed in the 'Memorandum of the Technology of Method Structure' (on loan from C.C. Library) in Arts: 80 to 83b inclusive; under the subject of 'Cyclics,' where the first type of sequence that Mr. Wilson quotes is described as the 'Position Cyclic,' and its reverse type of sequence as the 'Bell Cyclic.' These interesting and very useful features will be found inherent in **all** methods of conventional design. Ringing a method without recognition of its cyclics may be compared with travelling a route without reference to its sign-posts.

COMPOSING. In a letter from Mr. Carlisle on this subject (page 219), he asks for information as to methods or systems of composing. While it is true that many of the well-known composers build up their own systems, there is little published on the subject, which is, of course, quite distinct from that of method design. I believe that Mr. Maurice Hodgson has carried out some research into the relationship of 'natural' course-ends, and of the occurrence, in groups, of false rows. (Vide Corrigan—Part D, page 33.)

Snowdon, in his 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' Part I. (unfortunately now out of print, but no doubt on loan from the C.C. Library), explains a system of composing in methods on the T-B principle, with the tenors together, devised by James Lockwood.

As to Stedman's method, in the earlier edition of 'Stedman,' by C. D. P. Davies (also published in the Snowdon series), there is an Appendix of 29 short chapters dealing with composition in (Stedman) Triples.

Perhaps Mr. Carlisle is aware of these sources, in which case their mention may yet be of help to others interested.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

THE COCKEYS OF THE WEST COUNTRY

Bellfounders, Clockmakers, Engineers, Churchwardens

By J. EDWARD LEWIS COCKEY, A.M.I. Mech. E.

THE origin of the name seems obscure, but it was probably one of the numerous early forms of the word Cook. Cooks were important functionaries in large baronial and monastic establishments, and the name is an occupational one, surnames coming in later. The Norman lords did not trust Englishmen to prepare their food, and the office was held by their own people. The name seems to appear first in the Bristol area but later spread all over the West Country.

Stephen le Cokke was Provost of Bristol in 1261, and James Cokkye was Baliff in 1487—note how the name gradually develops.

Wickham, a writer, and well known in the topographical world, says, speaking of the Exchequer Lay Subsidy Roll, i.e., lists of persons liable to tax in the Manor of Holcombe, about six miles from Frome, Somerset:—'Another payee is John Cockys,' who in 1524 was assessed upon his personal goods, the sum of ijs (9s.), as a subsidy upon a rateable value of 51s.

In 'Wiltshire Notes and Queries' it is stated that 'Ellis Cockeye married Margery Sharpe 26th July, 1589 (? at Salisbury) and on 30th Nov., 1589, William Cockey married Annabell Maynard.'

In 1629 37s. was paid to Richard Cockey 'Pewterer of Warminster' (Wilts) for casting eight brasses for the bells—86 lbs. of brass being used. It was probably the same person who supplied some altar candlesticks to the Parish Church at Shepton Mallet. It is also stated (no date) that the barrel of the chiming apparatus, with wooden teeth, at Westbury (Wilts) was made by Lewis and William Cockey, 'Pewterers of Warminster.'

'Wiltshire Notes' again states that Leonard Cockey, apothecary, of Salisbury, married Anne Ricketts, of Chute, Feb. 1st, 1630.

In 1667 William Cockey is given as a tenant of the Dean and Chapter, in Dolphin Chequer, Salisbury.

A Lewis Cockey was casting bells in Bristol about 1680, and a Mordecai Cockey, near Totnes, about the same date. (One of the latter's bells was seen by the writer at the Croydon foundry some years ago.) This person was probably an itinerant founder—unlike the others—and is referred to in Eden Philpotts' novel 'The American Prisoner.'

Prebendary Daniel, the local historian, states that Lewis Cockey came from Warminster to Frome about 1680 and set up a bell foundry. Bell Lane, named after this, was recently in existence, and the actual site of the foundry has been pointed out to the writer. An old rate book states that Lewis Cockey, with a residence in Frome, paid a 3d. rate in 1682. In one document he is referred to as 'Mr. Lewis,' implying a person of some importance. The registers at St. John-the-Baptist Church refer to his burial in 1703 but, strangely enough, there is no trace of his grave, nor does his name appear on the family tombs.

'Wiltshire Notes' refers to a declaration in wills at Salisbury, by William Cockey in 1705.

In Sweetman's 'History of Wincanton' it is stated that William Cockey repaired the town clock. He was a skilled workman and probably migrated to Frome later. He was a churchwarden at Wincanton in 1692, 1693 and 1703. In 1711 he repaired the clock for 29s. In 1719 he recast the bell for 7s. (sic), and in 1721 he repaired the clock again for 7s. 6d. He is the first clockmaker whose name appeared on the clock ? 1692—1721.

'Wiltshire Notes' refers to 'Mr. Cockey's bill of £93 14s. 2½d. (note the odd ½d.) for bells at Bradford-on-Avon in 1734.

AS CLOCKMAKERS

An Edward Cockey was making clocks in Warminster about the end of the 17th century and must have been a great craftsman. A number of his clocks are still in existence and are truly remarkable works of art. One of these, a magnificent astronomical and equation clock, standing over nine feet high, was the largest specimen at a recent British clockmakers' exhibition at South Kensington; and another, a similar clock, was recently disposed of at Sotheby's for a sum approaching £200. A third is in the possession of the Marquis of Bath, at Longleat, and can be seen by visitors to this historic mansion. A smaller specimen is in a private house in Frome, and is said to be keeping perfect time.

The registers at St. John-the-Baptist, Frome, show the burials of father and son in complete succession from those living towards the end of the 17th century, and the tombs from a Richard Cockey (date not given) but who must have been living in the late 1600's, almost to the present time. These tombs, which lie near the head of the famous Via Crucis, are in a good state of preservation, and the inscriptions have recently been restored by Miss Dora Cockey, Admiral Bromwich and the writer.

About 1679 a William Cockey migrated to America and his descendants are numerous in the States, and it is noteworthy that they seem to retain the old family Christian names, such as William, Edward and Richard. A number of them came over with the American Forces during the late war, showing great interest in their forbears. One, Commander Richard Cockey, has had distinguished service in the U.S. Navy in the Far East and elsewhere.

AS BELLFOUNDERS

Church bells cast by the Cockeys from the mid-17th to the mid-19th century are scattered in profusion over the West Country and are generally of good quality. It is noteworthy that, as far as can be ascertained, they never descended to the level of ribald or derogatory rhymes on their bells, as the Bilbies and the others did, nor did they reply to Bilbies' jibes. Their standard inscriptions were, such as at Frome, 'William Cockey, Bellfounder, 1724,' and little else. The one exception is a rumoured inscription 'God made Cockey and Cockey made me,' which is supposed to have been on one of St. John's bells. This can hardly have been the case as it is certainly not there now, and the latest bell there is by Bilbie, about 1790 This inscription has never been traced, though the writer spent much time, years ago, looking for it. There is just a possibility that it was on one of the Warminster bells, since recast, but this is very doubtful.

The family took a prominent part in the Church and public life of Frome and district in the 18th and 19th centuries, and in connection with the serious election riots at Frome in 1832 the names of Edward and William Cockey appear among the burgesses in a framed record, which is still on view in the George Hotel there. Incidentally, the William Cockey recently referred to in connection with Shaftesbury bells, as probably an itinerant founder, could hardly have been so. He was churchwarden at St. John's in 1743 and was followed by Lewis Cockey 1766-1784, Edward Cockey 1815-1816, and Henry Cockey 1859–1861.

An interesting story is told of the situation there, when Father Early Bennett was presented to the living by Lord Bath, about 1851. He was one of the first Ritualists, and a most aggressive one; the church at that time, as with most others, was very Evangelical. It is said that at his first service about 2,000 people filled the church, with its then galleries. Father Bennett made no bones about it, but preached a violent Anglo-Catholic sermon, apparently attacking the Evangelicals, and stating that he proposed immediately to introduce vestments, incense, confession, and so on. This caused a great sensation and much resentment, and practically the whole congregation left, some, it is stated, walking out during the sermon. The Cockeys, Byard Sheppards and other influential members immediately joined the then new Church of Holy Trinity and carried on the Evangelical tradition, becoming churchwardens there, and many of them lie buried in the churchyard. One result of this was that Byard Sheppard brought a famous legal action against Father Bennett, and, after a long drawn-out struggle, lost it and almost ruined himself in the process. This action is still, one understands, one of the causes célebres which are referred to in the study of ecclesiastical law. Incidentally, one of Byard Sheppard's daughters was a godmother of the writer.

FATHER OF 16 CHILDREN

The last of the bellfounders, Edward Cockey, son of Christopher, was born in 1781 and died in 1860. He married Elizabeth Hagley in 1808 and was the father of 16 children. The Hagleys were a well-known family, and on their side was Joseph Bromwich, a close friend of Nelson, and who is referred to several times in Carola Oman's 'Nelson.' Nelson states that on one occasion the Admiralty were 'very civil' to him, allowing him to choose all his own officers, and 'the faithful Bromwich' was to be one of his lieutenants. He was commissioned on Nelson's recommendation, and, later, Nelson secured his appointment as Warden of Portsmouth Dockyard. A number of Nelson's letters and one of his telescopes are now in the possession of two of Edward Cockey's descendants—Rear Admiral G. H. Bromwich, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Rear Admiral W. Scott Hill, C.B.E.—the former having changed his name for sentimental reasons from Cockey to Bromwich.

Edward Cockey was a remarkable man. The last of his bells that one can trace was at North Cheriton, dated 1840. His portrait, and that of his two sons, Henry and Francis Christopher, were, until recently at any rate, in the Board Room of Edward Cockey and Sons, Ltd., of Frome. This portrait shows a remarkably handsome man, one would imagine with a fierce personality. He was obviously shrewd and capable, and apparently, when he decided that bellfounding was not a paying proposition and that the gas industry was coming along he changed over to gas and general engineering, a business that is still carried on by the above firm, though none of the family are now connected with it. He founded the Frome Gas Company and was for a long time managing director and practically the owner of this undertaking. He held almost the whole of the trade of the West Country in the production of gas plant and carried out many contracts in Russia and elsewhere for gas holders and the like.

He had a great reputation for reliability and efficiency and at one time the works were employing about 800 men, a pretty considerable number for those days. A number of stories are told of his methods, which were autocratic, to say the least, by present day standards. It was said that on his daily inspection of the works if he met with any item which displeased him, the person responsible, whether one of his sons, a foreman or workman, was wont to receive a heavy blow across the shoulders from a stick which he always carried. On other occasions he would look over a machine which had been completed to everyone's satisfaction. Some small item would displease him, and the

THE COCKEYS — Continued

offending item would get a hearty whack with the stick and be condemned to the scrap heap, and to be replaced. Withal, he was a religious, and probably a kind-hearted man and must have been typical of some of the early Victorians.

Of his sons, Francis Christopher was an explosive but kindly personality, whose chief weakness was ex-Service men, and he could never turn one away. This became known and he was the constant recipient of hard luck stories, and his remedy was to 'find him a job in the works.' These kindly jobs are said to have been a source of embarrassment at times. In the writer's early days, as an apprentice at these works, there were still one or two old Crimean and Mutiny veterans about, who used to regale us with lurid tales of their doings in these wars.

THE REV. H. A. COCKEY

His eldest son, Edward, entered the Church and became Warden of Wadham College, Oxford. It is said that it was in his study that the first meetings of the Tractarian movements were held. He later became Rector of Fryerning, in Essex, where he died and was buried, in 1880. His son was the Rev. H. A. Cockey, also a Wadham man, who gained a great reputation as a ringer, especially at the heavy end, and took part in a number of notable peals. He was chaplain to Greenwich Hospital at one time, and was instrumental in refounding the Trinity Youths, who did much ringing in the Greenwich area. He later became Vicar of Oldland, Bristol, and died there in 1916. He married a daughter of Canon Ellacombe, and one of his sons, Air Commodore L. A. Cockey, C.B., has recently retired from the R.A.F. The last William, another of Edward Cockey's sons engaged in the engineering industry in Glasgow, died there in 1877 and is buried in Sight Hill Cemetery. Two of his grandsons are the above-mentioned Rear Admiral W. Scott Hill, and W. Thompson Hill, now archæological correspondent of 'The Times.'

Whether or not any of the old founders were practical ringers is not known, and the only two descendants to take up the art are the Rev. H. A. Cockey, mentioned above, and the writer. The fine ring at Frome contains bells by William Cockey—the two trebles, dated 1724, and the 6th, dated 1746. The 4th, dated 1624, and the tenor, 1662, are by a John Lott, of Warminster, who may possibly have been a colleague or predecessor of the Warminster Cockeys.

Shortly before the war the writer had the pleasure of ringing the 2nd bell at Frome to a fine peal of Double Norwich, conducted by Mr. Nolan Golden. It is pleasing to note that the local band, with their secretary, Miss Overend, are taking such an interest in this fine old ring, and one hopes that it may continue.

'THE LEDGER IS CLOSED'

There are now few male descendants left in this country to carry on the old name, and at Frome, Miss Dora Cockey, a granddaughter of Edward, is the last remaining link with the family. It seems, therefore, that in time to come, except for the engineering firm, the name, after a sojourn of near 300 years, will become extinct.

It may be, as with individuals, so with families, their mission accomplished, the ledger is closed and they are called to rest. For the family, as a whole, it may fairly be said, that 'They feared God and honoured the King' during these 300 years. They gave melody to the air, art and beauty to the showing of Time. They served with distinction the Church, the Forces, medicine and, above all, engineering, and now, as a family, they rest from their labours. The names of those who rest there, and some others, are recorded on the two simple slabs that lie at the head of the Via Crucis at the lovely Church of St. John-the-Baptist—a way that more than one of them has passed with his own cross to bear, in company with the saintly Bishop Ken, the Singers of Frome (great Victorian craftsmen) and many others, close to the sound of the bells they made—and it seems not inappropriate to quote for them the words on Jasper Snowden's tomb:

> 'Year by year the Bells so softly
> O'er the graves their music pour
> Where the dust of Saints is gathered
> Till the Master comes once more.'

THE BELLS OF EGHAM, SURREY

HISTORIANS do not agree regarding the exact spot at Runnymede where King John signed the Magna Charta, and while some hold that the signing took place by the Thames in the parish of Egham, others claim that the document was signed at Magna Charta Island in a neighbouring parish. Which is correct still remains a matter of opinion, but the facts tell us that Egham has been associated with the historic event of 1215 for centuries, and commemoration services are held yearly at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Egham.

When John de Rutherwych, the famous Chertsey abbot, ruled at Chertsey Abbey from 1307 to 1346, he included the building of churches in his programme, one of which was Egham, but nothing remains of this building seeing the present church was rebuilt in 1817. The first recording of bells comes from the Royal Inventory of 1552, when Egham possessed four bells, and this was probably the number until 1819 when T. Mears cast a ring of six for the present tower. One of these bells recorded that 'the peal was purchased by subscriptions and ordered to be made by the Churchwardens,' while another bell revealed that 'this church was rebuilt and the first stone laid April 9th, 1817, by Ld. Vist Bulkley.'

In 1912 all the bells were recast at Croydon and with the addition of a new treble and tenor they form a fine Simpson tuned octave, which can be clearly heard in the ringing chamber. The tenor weighs 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. and many people hardly credit that such a small tower could hold a ring of bells with a tenor nearly 17 cwt. The way to the ringing chamber is via the gallery steps and a left turn into a narrow corridor which brings one into the apartment without further steps.

After the opening of the bells on March 30th, 1912, the church authorities expressed two wishes: (1) that a peal of Triples be rung on the new bells; (2) that the new band be taught change ringing. The first was carried out on April 19th, 1912, when a peal of Stedman was conducted by the writer, and the second, a much bigger proposition, was undertaken right away.

Being in a corner of Surrey with three counties, Middlesex, Berks and Bucks, nearby, it proved a bit of a problem to the Surrey Association and the Winchester Diocesan Guild, but road transport has helped considerably in more recent years. At the present time there is a keen band who welcome visitors at service ringing and on practice nights.

In these days when we are faced with synthetic recordings it may be interesting to recall an event in which Egham played a part during the early part of 1937. The account is from 'The Church of England Newspaper,' and it says that 'a large party of bellringers and friends from St. Paul's Church, Egham, visited North Acton to witness a demonstration of a new kind of carillon, which is entirely without bells. This new invention, which is electronic in character, had never before been publicly demonstrated. It produces (not reproduces) bell music by new scientific means, and such famous carillons as those at Bruges and Malines and the peals at Canterbury and Winchester Cathedrals can be given with the utmost fidelity. The apparatus is controlled from a small keyboard or desk, which can be placed in any convenient position such as porch, vestry or organ loft, and a single operator can achieve the most elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology. Any depth or weight of tone can be provided, and even automatic change ringing can be fitted. This new (fully patented) apparatus employs no gramophone records or oscillating valves. It is purely electrical and requires but a few cubic feet of space. It imposes no strain whatever on the fabric and its cost is only a fraction of the expense entailed by a set of bells.'

It should be mentioned that St. Paul's Church, Egham, is a neighbouring parish and does not possess a ring of bells, so where they obtained the large party of bellringers from is not quite understood, but after inquiries from several ringers in the neighbourhood at the time, nobody was able to give additional information on the subject.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

A Musical Peal of Stedman Caters
5,091 Changes

Containing 'Queens,' 'Whittingtons' and 'Tittums'

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A 412365978			B 513264879		
214563	5	16			
213465		16	314265	5	
312564	5	16	413562	5	16
314265		16	412365		16
314562	S5	16	412563	S5	16
312465		16	413265		16
213564	5	16	314562	5	16
214365		16	312465		16
412563	5	16	312564	S5	16
413265		16	213465	5	16
415362		16	213564	S5	16
512364	5		214365		16
162453	S456	16			
263451	5		Rounds next change.		
362154	5	16			
364251		16			
361452		16			
163254	5	16			
164352	5	16			
461253	5	16			
463152		16			
462351		16			
264153	5	16			
264351	S5	16			
261453		16			
163452	5				
362451	5				
263154	5	16			
364152	5				
463251	5	16			
361254	5				
164253	5				
461352	5	16			
462153		16			

A 1 S34 6 S8910 12 16 17 18 19
B S4 8910 S12 16 18

Two quarter peals of Stedman Triples for the young conductor

A.—Call the 6th In 'Slow' three times, the first time with a 'Single,' then Out 'Slow' three times, the first time with a 'Single.'

B.—Call the 7th likewise.

Both twice repeated.

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MISCELLANEOUS

WOULD the lady or gentleman who left a blue scarf in the belfry at Sevenoaks after the Cumberland meeting on March 27th please contact the undersigned, as the forwarding address has been lost.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4247

PIPE'S PILGRIMS.—Tour of Cornish towers and resorts August 1st to 7th. All those requiring reservations please notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 4239

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On and after Thursday, April 22nd, practice night will be every Thursday instead of Tuesday.—G. J. Leversuch. 4236

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice for April **cancelled.** Tower unavailable.—W. Leslie Weller. 4260

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MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Leiston.—Rededication of Leiston bells, Saturday, April 17th. Service 3 p.m. Buffet tea in Church Hall and short business meeting to elect secretary for Saxmundham District.—A. R. Bridger, Theberton, Leiston. 4162

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Business meeting in St. Peter's Church Hall 11.30. Lunch 1 p.m. at Granada Restaurant (names to me by April 12th). Ringing arrangements: St. Paul's 10-11.15 and 2 p.m. onwards; St. Peter's 2-4.30; Goldington 2-4. — J. M. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 4175

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Bells available: Great St. Mary's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after tea; Roman Catholic Church (8) 12 noon-1 p.m. and after tea; St. Andrew's (8) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 1.45-4.30 p.m.; St. Benet's (6) 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6.30-8 p.m.; St Andrew's, Chesterton (6) 1.30-3.45 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at Round Church Hall. Please send names for tea to H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.—W. J. Ridgman, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4188

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 4110

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Meeting at Parish Church, Burton, Easter Monday, April 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4223

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, St. John's, Egham (8), Easter Monday, 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—W. Parrott, Dis. Sec., 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4197

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 19th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon PROMPT. Coffee obtainable, College Hall, 1.15 (bring own lunch sandwiches). Tea (3s. per head) at Deansway Cafe, 5 p.m. Bells available: All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; Claines (10); St. John's (8); Kempsey (6), all 2-4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 6-7.30 p.m. — J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Tickhill, Easter Monday, April 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Buses half-hourly from Doncaster and few from Rotherhom.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4225

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cheddar, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. — E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Cheddar. 4228

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, April 24th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock, Salthouse Hotel.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4258

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington, Saturday, April 24th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Langport. 4244

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 21st, please.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 4255

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Audlem, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by April 21st.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe, Cheshire. 4273

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, April 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before Tuesday, April 20th, Mr. J. Bagshaw, 17, Macclesfield Old Road, Burbage, Buxton, Derbyshire.—C. K. Lewis. 4274

COTLEIGH, NEAR HONITON, DEVON.—Dedication, Saturday, April 24th. Service 3 p.m. Number for tea by April 21st. Transport from Honiton Station can be arranged.—W. A. Sparks, Burnside, Cotleigh. 4257

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Coventry on Saturday, April 24th. Bells of St. Michael's, Stoke (8), and All Saints', Allesley (8), available 3-4 and after the meeting. Service Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate, 4.30. Tea 5 in Council House, followed by business meeting. Names **must** be sent, by Wednesday, 21st (definitely no names no tea), to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 4249

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 24th. Committee meeting, Diocesan House, 3.30 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Diocesan House, 5 p.m. Annual meeting, Diocesan House, 5.45 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's (10) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 3 p.m.-4.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 3 p.m.-4.25 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.-8 p.m. Names for tea, by April 21st, to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Road, Derby. —A. B. Cooper. 4213

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Brixham, Saturday, April 24th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 4242

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan, Saturday, April 24th, 2.30. Names for tea, by Thursday, April 22nd, to Mr. H. W. Nunn, 67, Studley Road, West Hartlepool. 4246

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening practice meeting at Balsham, Saturday, April 24th, 6.30 p.m. Next full meeting, Whittlesford, May 8th.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4241

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6) Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4254

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4267

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Elmdon (6), near Saffron Walden, on Saturday, April 24th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4201

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Bristol, Saturday, April 24th. Meeting at Redcliffe Parish Hall, Guinea Street, at **2 p.m. sharp.** Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Please notify for tea, by Wednesday, April 21st, **certain.** Bells available: St. Ambrose, Bristol E. (8) 11 to 12 noon; St. Thomas' (City) (8) 11 to 12 noon; St. Mark's (Lord Mayor's Chapel) (6) 12.15 to 1 p.m.; St. Mary Redcliffe (12) and St. Stephen's (10) after tea.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank Bristol 5. 4203

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Merrow, April 24th. Bells 3-9. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Room. Service 7. Numbers for tea, by April 20th, to Miss Warren, Hallhurst, Swayne's Lane, Merrow. 4216

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 24th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.45. Names for tea, please, by the previous Wednesday, to G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4238

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, April 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by April 21st, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 4230

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Reports and booklets available. Ringing at Redbourn (6) 10.30-3.30; King's Langley (8) 10.30-12; Apsley End (6) 12 noon-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. also 7-8 p.m; Great Berkhamsted (8) 1.30-3.30 p.m.; Hemel Hempstead (8) 1.30-4.30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Lunch (2s. 6d.) at The Salmon, Apsley 1 p.m. Names, early, to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley. Tea (2s. 6d.) at St. Mary's Hall, Hemel. Names, by 21st, to D. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard, Miswell Lane, Tring.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4240

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at Woolwich on Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belevedere, Kent. 4206

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 24th. Bells: Cathedral 3-4; St. Margaret's and St. John's 2-3.45; St. Mary-de-Castro 2-4. Service, Cathedral 4.15. Tea 5 in Little Theatre, Dover Street, followed by meeting. Social evening at Victoria Hotel 7.30-10.30. Early application for tea essential. Names to me by Wednesday, 21st. General committee meeting in Cathedral ringing room 7.30, Thursday, 22nd.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec, Fosseway Croft, near Leicester. 4218

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Wigan, Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: All Saints', Wigan Parish, 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after meeting to 8 p.m.; St. James', Poolstock, 1.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. and after meeting to 8 p.m. Service All Saints' 4 p.m.; preacher the Rev. F. L. M. Bennett, M.A.

Tea 5 p.m. (4s. per head) in the National Blue Coat School, Hall Gate, at the rear of Parish Church. Names for tea, together with money, to Mr. W. O. Farrimond, The Willows, 64, Preston Road, Coppull, near Chorley. Meeting 6 p.m. approx. in Blue Coat School. 4275

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, April 24th, Leeds Parish Church. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 in Church Hall. Names to me, please, by Wednesday, April 21st. Business meeting in tower at 7 p.m.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec., 47, Sunroyd Hill, Horbury, Wakefield. 4227

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 24th. Cathedral evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eastgate Court, for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Business meeting will follow in Chapter House. Usual ringing arrangements. 4226

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: Holloway 2-4 p.m.; Clerkenwell 3-4.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate in evening. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by 21st, please, to W. N. Genna, 17, Tintern Way, West Harrow. Phone Byron 5197. 4215

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Buxton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Also Lammas bells (5) in the evening. Names or numbers for tea, by Wednesday, April 21st, to Mr H. G. Smithson, Verger's Cottage, Buxton, Norwich.—A. Tooke, Branch Sec. 4251

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Somerton (6) April 24th. Service 4. Tea 5. Deddington (8) evening. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 4205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m. Names by April 19th, or no tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4214

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Speen (6) Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Shaw bells 6 p.m. Names, by April 21st, to J. Goddard, 11, Council Houses, Lambourn Road, Speen, Newbury. 4219

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 20th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 4200

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, April 24th. Service 4.30. Names to W. G. Callis, 2, Ivy Cottages, Mears Ashby, Northampton. 4221

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Isham (6), Saturday, April 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. T. Garley, May Cottage, Isham. 4232

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brigstock (5), April 24th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. R. C. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 4270

SALISBURY GUILD .— Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential.—J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 4268

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at South Perrott, April 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 19th—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 4248

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Nottingham, Saturday, April 24th. St. Mary's bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. **Please note following amendment:** Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head at 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying, by Wednesday, April 21st, Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Business meeting in same room after tea. 4207

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SUFFOLK GUILD — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Meeting, Clare (8), Saturday, April 24th. Names for tea to Mr. S. Twitchett, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4245

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, April 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peckett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4266

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Waldron, April 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Look up Double Norwich. Names for tea, by April 21st, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4264

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Wonston, April 24th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Swan Inn, Sutton Scotney. Names, previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4217

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Baughurst, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by April 21st, to Mr. F. West, Church Green, Baughurst. 4256

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Portishead, April 25th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by April 22nd. —R. Gale, 21, Albert Road, Portishead. 4259

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual general meeting in Prof. Moule's rooms, Clare College, Cambridge, after practice Wednesday, April 28th. Election of officers and one Central Council representative.—J. H. Fielden, St. Catherine's. 4272

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lamerton, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.. Names for tea, by April 26th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4233

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Crusader meeting, Rayleigh, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe 5 p.m. Specially requested—names for tea to Mr. E. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. Special facilities for Kent Major. 4235

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Edenbridge on May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Individual names for tea, please, to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge. 4265

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual general meeting, May 1st, St. Philip's, Hulme, 3 p.m. Ringing after tea. Tour, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, July 5th-15th, 60s., to secretary before Easter.—Valerie Gutteridge, Hon. Sec., 34 Gordon Street, Ilkeston, Derbys. 4168

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 27th, to Miss G. Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark-on-Trent. 4262

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District —Meeting at Morpeth Watch Tower on Saturday, May 1st. Names for tea, by Friday, April 30th, to Mr. A. H. Pegg, 19, Mitford Road, Morpeth. All ringers welcome. 4234

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Spring meeting at Banham (6), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15; preacher Canon R. W. Longley. Tea 5 in the Church Hall for those who notify, by Tuesday, April 27th, Mr. W. G. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich. Quidenham (8 bells) after meeting.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 4263

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, May 1st, Broadchalke. Bells 2.15. Service 4. Tea at Queen's Head 4.45. Bells at Coombe Bissett from 6.30. Names for tea by April 27th, please. —Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 4261

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Ruddington (8), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by Wednesday, April 28th, Mr. R. A. Bartlam, 38, Kirk Lane, Ruddington, Notts. 4253

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Brighton, Saturday, May 1st. Bells available: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' from 2.30 p.m. Service St. Nicholas' 4.15 p.m. Tea Union Church Hall 5 p.m. (3s. per head) Names for tea by April 28th.—R. Percy, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 4237

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held jointly with the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY at Doncaster on May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall, followed by meeting. Names, by April 28th, to D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster. Subscriptions now due and reports for 1953 will be available. A large and representative attendance is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4271

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Leicester, May 8th, by invitation. Train, 8.10 St. Pancras. Ringing: St. John-the-Divine 11 to 12; Cathedral 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Margaret's 3 to 4 p.m. Meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing St. Mary-de-Castro 6 to 7 p.m. Names for tea, by May 1st, please, to Mr. H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Phone Leicester 33140. 4269

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 8th, at Norwich. Bells available: Mancroft (12) 3.15-4; St. Giles' (8), St. Mile's (8), St. John de Sepuchre (8) and St. George Colegate (6) 1.30-4; all bells after business meeting. Service, Mancroft, 4; preacher the Rev. J. L. Turney, Rector of Sculthorpe. Tea (with ham, etc.) Mancroft Parish Hall, 4.45 (3s. 9d. each). Tea only for those notifying general secretary by May 1st. Business meeting 5.30. Now, make this new Saturday annual meeting the best ever! People who do not attend the tea are equally welcome to the business meeting.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 67a, The Close, Norwich. 4196

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at the Old Bell, Holborn. Tickets, price 13s., now available from the undersigned. Please apply early.—Peter N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4243

QUARTER PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On March 21st, at St. Alkmund's Parish Church, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire) with 4.6.8 covering: Miss B. Nelson (first on working bell) 1, D. Gebbett (first as cond.) 2, Miss E. Foulke 3, Miss V. Horton 4, F. W. Stone 5, J. MacArthur 6, M. Hatch 7, G. Baker (first quarter) 8. Rung by the Duffield Society for St. Alkmund's Day (March 19th).

HORSELL, SURREY. — On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Drury 1, Anthony Sibbick 2, Doreen M. Gibbons 3, George Oliver 4, John A. Martin 5, Jack R. Worrall (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. First of Minor 'inside' 2 and 3.—Also on March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Olney 1, Pauline Drury (first of two Minor 'inside') 2, Doreen M. Gibbons 3, George Oliver 4, Jack R. Worrall (cond.) 5, Ernest Warner 6. Both the above were rung before evensong.

TWYFORD, BERKS. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. White (first quarter) 1, A. Brown 2, Miss J. D. Cudby 3, L. Hall 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, W. Hunt 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss W. E. Hunt and Mr. E. H. Lewendon. The bride is a member of the local band.

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IT is very appropriate that the Guild of Devonshire Ringers should have chosen to visit Plymouth for the Annual Festival on Whit Monday, for it was at Plymouth 80 years ago, on June 15th, 1874, that the first General Meeting of the Guild was held.

A great deal of preparatory work had been done to ensure that the first public function of the newly-formed Guild should be a success. Three committee meetings had been held beforehand to settle the arrangements for the great day. In order to induce as many members as possible to attend, the Secretary was authorised 'to pay the railway fares of such performing members as should apply to him for the same one week before the Annual Meeting,' and tickets for the dinner at the Royal Hotel were supplied to performing members at 1s. each.

One probable reason why Plymouth had been chosen was that William Bannister, the well-known College Youth and author of a book on ringing, had migrated from Woolwich to Devonport in 1865, and had trained one of the few change ringing bands to be found at that time in the county. Another was that St. Andrew's bells were being augmented from 8 to 10, and June 15th was the date selected for their opening. There were very few men indeed in the county in 1874 capable of ten-bell ringing, and so the College Youths were invited to come at the expense of the Guild and open the bells.

It is fair to assume that Bannister was the prime mover in this matter, although in the very full account of the day's proceedings in 'The Western Daily Mercury' he is not mentioned as taking part in the opening touches. 'The ringers,' says this report, 'were Messrs. Haley, Haworth, Cooter, Wood, Ferris, Pettit, Muskett, Greanleaf, Jones and Tanner, and this same set have, during the last year, opened the belfries of the chief churches at Dundee, Waterford, Northwold, Norfolk and Bournemouth. The inauguration of the new bells was of a most satisfactory character, the treble bells harmonised most thoroughly with the others, whilst the peals themselves were highly enjoyed by the large assemblage of persons in the vicinity of the church. During the day were rung pieces of the Grand Sire, Stedman's principle and Kent treble bob methods.' Incidentally, the Guild Minute Book reveals that the band were paid £31 10s. for their trouble—30s. a head expenses and £1 13s. each for travelling. A subsequent application by Haley for a further sum for expenses was courteously but firmly declined.

The day began with a service in St. Andrew's followed by a dinner at the Royal Hotel, at which over 100 members and friends attended. The president, Col. C. A. W. Troyte (the author of 'Change Ringing' and Squire of Huntsham), took the chair at the subsequent business meeting which, judging by the newspaper report, must have been a lengthy affair. The strength of the three-months-old Guild was given as 60 honorary and 57 performing members, belonging to 11 different bands of ringers.

The Festival ended with a concert in the Assembly Rooms. 'At the commencement,' says the Press report, 'the President gave a very lucid explanation of the methods of change ringing, which was accompanied with illustrations on the handbells. The members of St. Andrew's choir, under the able direction of Mr. Graham Clarke, sang some choice pieces in their usual spirited manner. Mr. George Cox, the noted tenor of Exeter Cathedral, kindly gave his assistance, and acquitted himself in a manner that called forth much applause. Not the least attraction was Mr. William Bannister's bell band, who, to the intense and manifold delight of those present, performed some charming selections of concerted music. Altogether the affair was a great success, the hall being crowded with a large and gratified audience.'

In those early days the emphasis was on the great need for belfry reform, and for the recognition of ringers as church workers: that prime object has been very largely achieved. The enthusiasts of 1874 also hoped to convert the whole county to half-pull changes. That dream has still to be realised, but if on Whit Monday they could be present in the flesh as surely they will be in the spirit, the founders of the Guild would have good reason to look with approval at what has been built upon the foundations which they so well and truly laid.

E. J. T.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 FRAMLAND SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

BRIAN MARTIN	..*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	9
TERENCE A. THORNBER ..	4	†JOHN R. SMITH	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*75th peal for the Guild. † 50th Surprise Maximus peal. First peal to be rung in this method. All members of the Cathedral Service Band.

Rung as a welcome to the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong, O.B.E., M.A., upon his installation as Provost of Leicester.

TEN BELL PEALS

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27¼ cwt. in D flat.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN ..	..*Treble*	WILLIAM F. OATWAY ..	6
FRANK E. DARBY	2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ..	7
ROYDON DAVIES	3	TONY PRICE	8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ..	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ..	9
EDWARD G. TALBOT	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ..	..*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a memorial peal to Daniel D. Cooper, late Master of the Surrey Association, by the secretary and associates of many years' standing. Also to Frank Blondell, a member of the local band, who died on March 29th.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*DORIS E. COLGATE ..	..*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	*ROBERT COLLINS	7
*FRANK H. HICKS	3	*LEONARD STILWELL	8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	*RAYMOND OVERY	9
KENNETH SNELLING ..	5	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

*First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Joan E. M. Hills.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 30¼ cwt.

EDGAR C. STACEY ..	..*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	5
MRS. NORA WALL	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN ..	6
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ..	3	HAROLD WALKER	7
JAMES MCCLUSKEY ..	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Halksworth, of Scarborough, on the occcasion of their diamond wedding.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

SANDFORD C. DUMBELL ..	..*Treble*	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS ..	5
EDMUND MALIN	2	ROY K. MOWFORTH ..	6
ROY BASTONE	3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH ..	7
RONALD W. ADAMS	4	WILLIAM R. JOHNSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Bellingham, of Penkridge.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 DARLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

H. JAMES TURNER ..	..*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ..	..*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 COLMORE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER ..	..*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
PETER BORDER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal in the method (Tipler's A41/3).

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BYFLEET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	..*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ..	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

The first peal in the method.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

EDGAR C. STACEY	*Treble*	ERNEST SHORT	5
JOHN WARDLE	2	†FREDERICK J. JACKSON	6
*ALBERT HULLEY	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	7
*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4	ERNEST J. PADGETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the 5th.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	*TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	*GEORGE E. FEARN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* 200th peal together.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Pudsey Major by all except the ringers of 7 and 8

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OAKLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

ROY F. BARRETT	*Treble*	BRIAN J. MAKEHAM	3
MICHAEL SINFIELD	2	RAYMOND A. LUCAS	4
BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
Rung by members of Bedford Modern School for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 qr. 5 lb.

*BETTY MARSH	*Treble*	†BRIAN J. MAKEHAM	4
MARY STEPHENS	2	†RAYMOND A. LUCAS	5
†MICHAEL SINFIELD	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung by members of the Dame Alice Harpur School for Girls, and Bedford Modern School.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

W. RODNEY HARRISON	*Treble*	†ALAN TAYLOR	4
JOHN S. HARRISON	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
*ELISABETH GRIME	3	MAURICE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4
*C. ANNE MUIRHEAD	2	ROGER B. MORRIS	5
*KENNETH W. MACINTOCH	3	HENRY O. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in seven methods.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4
*E. CYRIL CREWE	2	†ROBERT W. HINDE	5
C. ANNE MUIRHEAD	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Plain Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Bob.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Hereward, Oxford Bob, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID J. TEMPLE	*Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST	4
*MARY DOWSETT	2	PETER J. EVES	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in seven methods. The conductor has now 'circled' this tower.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (i) Old Oxford, Willesden, and College Bob IV. Delight; (ii) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob; (iii) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (iv) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (v) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (vi) Childwall and St. Clement's; (vii) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt.

F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	*DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 75th peal. First peal in 15 methods by all.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. ..*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER 4
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD 5
JOHN WARNER 3	TERRY EARLE .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. Miss H. G. Snowden has now 'circled' this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDONDERRY.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 13, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT 116, FOUNTAIN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

JOHN J. FIELDING .. .. 1—2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3—4
JACK CAMPBELL .. .. 5—6

Conducted by JACK CAMPBELL.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 1, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT 7, BARE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in F.

*JOHN S. HARRISON .. 1—2 | MAURICE BAILEY .. .. 3—4
†W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 5—6

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

* First peal 'in hand' and of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 34 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Windermere, Frodsham, Horsmonden, Killarny, Cumberland and Ennerdale; (2) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Capel Treble Bob; (3) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (4) Kent Treble Bob; (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 1—2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3—4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5—6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in 34 methods 'in hand' by all and for the Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. E. Critchley.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 76, FITZJOHNS AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

J. M. C. CLARK-MAXWELL (Selwyn) .. .. 1—2
J. M. ABERCROMBIE (Newnham) .. .. 3—4
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn) .. .. 5—6

Conducted by R. J. W. HOUSDEN.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Patching 1, Edna Everest 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Agnes F. Millam 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a farewell to John Truran, of Wivelsfield, before leaving for H.M. Forces.

CLERKENWELL, E.C. — At St. James' Church on April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Deverell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. Pryor 3, R. Newman 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, R. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. Barnard 8. Rung for Palm Sunday, also a birthday compliment to H. Barnard.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Gray 1, G. C. Weeks 2, G. J. Sheppard 3, J. R. C. Tiley 4, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 5.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rawlings 1, K. Burbridge (first of Triples) 2, B. Aldridge 3, F. Hurrell 4, T. Easterby 5, G. Daynes 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Eltham and district Toc H service.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On April 4th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: D. Jones (cond.) 1, R. Dixon 2, Miss A. Willes 3, M. Orme 4, M. Collings 5, P. Mehew 6. First of Ipswich by all. For the children's missionary service.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. — On April 4th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: L. J. Last 1, G. W. Pipe 2, C. J. Sedgley 3, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, J. Bennett 5, C. W. Pipe 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, H. G. Snowden 8. Rung for Matins.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On April 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: K. Timbury (first quarter of major) 1, Miss A. Willes 2, E. Winters 3, W. Todd 4, J. Church 5, M. Orme (first in the method 'inside') 6, D. Gullick 7, D. Jones (cond.) 8. Confirmation service by the Bishop of St. Albans.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering: F. Wyton 1, Miss D. Page 2, I. Harris 3, F. Davis 4, C. Sole 5, R. Nind 6, A. E. Borsberry (cond.) 7, A. Charles 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for J. E. Fairbrother, an old ringer, whose funeral took place that day.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church on March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. Crome 1, S. G. Stanley 2, E. Greenacre 3, R. Greenacre 4, W. J. Houghton (first on ten) 5, C. Tovell 6, E. H. Mastin 7, L. Houghton 8, W. Rose 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON. — On April 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. F. Wright 1, J. Felce 2, J. Payne 3, B. E. Frost 4, F. Benfield 5, S. F. Earl (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to the ringer of 2nd (39) and to Harry Clarke (87).

LAMBETH, S.E. — On April 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, J. Bullock 4, F. L. W. Blewer 5, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8. Rung for evensong.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, C. A. Hughes 4, Mrs. S. Bullock 5, C. W. Ottley 6, L. Bullock 7, J. Bullock 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On March 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Silvey 1, R. E. Dean 2, M. Spracklen 3, Miss S. Hazelby 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, J. T. Clay 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, E. D. Poole 8. For evensong on Mothering Sunday.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Boore (first quarter) 1, W. J. Burt 2, C. Watson 3, W. Welling 4, A. Cross 5, D. W. Stone (cond.) 6, G. Coussins 7, R. B. Warman 8. Rung for Confirmation service, held by the Bishop of Reading.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Michael Brown 1, Kathleen Proctor 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, Roy Hall 5, Allan Chapman 6. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hall, of Peckleton. Mr. Hall is head ringer and has been verger of this church for 44 years.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On April 10th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, F. White 2, H. Nutt 3, L. Dawson (cond.) 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Jonathan Pilling, of Saddleworth.

SHOREDITCH, E. — At St. Leonard's on March 28th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal: Mrs. L. Pearson 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, L. Pearson 5, A. J. House 6, A. R. Ling 7, J. R. Leeming 8, F. J. Matthews 9, T. H. Francis (cond.) 10. First quarter in the method for 5, 7 and 8.

WANDSWORTH, S.W. — On April 4th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, W. Rawlings 4, J. Stephenson 5, J. Phillips 6, H. Belcher 7, H. M. Page 8. Rung for evensong, also a birthday compliment to Mr. L. H. Ford, G.M., bell warden of the above church.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT. — On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, A. S. Richards 2, Sheila Gramson (first quarter away from treble) 3, Mary Fuller 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS. — On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. O. Hancock 1, G. H. Hancock (cond.) 2, R. Fennell 3, S. G. Ivens 4, F. W. Hancock 5, C. J. Jarvis 6. Rung on the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jarvis.—Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. O. Hancock 1, G. H. Hancock (cond.) 2, F. W. Hancock 3, S. G. Ivens 4, S. W. Berry (first quarter) 5, C. J. Jarvis 6. Rung for Sunday evening service.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET. — On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stephens 1, F. Crudge 2, F. Symonds 3, G. Abbott 4, J. W. Rose (cond.) 5, J. Hart 6, F. Stedman 7, J. Rose 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Sherborne and for the birthday of the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

BLEDLOW, BUCKS. — On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alan Plumridge 1, Gordon Strathdee 2, Aubrey J. Seymour (cond.) 3, George Seymour 4, John Hunt 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Clement Oswald Skilbeck.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On April 4th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lorna Briggs 1, A. Freeston 2, R. Brown 3, S. Jessop 4, J. Petch 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, W. E. Clarke 7, T. Freeston 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the conductor and to commemorate his 40th year as a ringer at this church.

BUCKINGHAM.—On April 10th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. F. Burton 1, F. Vickers (first in method) 2, E. E. Pearson 3, H. H. Alexander 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, E. J. Smith 7, A. R. Pink (conductor) 8.

CHERITON, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Chittenden 1, W. C. Chandler 2, G. F. Gray (first of Major) 3, E. J. Walker 4, M. J. Martin 5, T. Ellender 6, J. R. Cooper 7, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 8.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pike 1, B. Ridout 2, W. J. Foot 3, G. Eagle 4, A. Hart (cond.) 5, W. Trevett 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. Clark and Miss W. Dunn.

EASTON IN GORDANO, SOMERSET. — On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Stitfall (first quarter) 1, G. Chamberlain 2, L. W. Allen 3, H. R. Carlsson (first 'inside') 4, N. H. Coombs (cond.) 5, E. Light 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. J. Neate, mother of S. F. Neate (captain), who was buried this day.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On April 11th, at All Saints' Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. B. Sansom 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, H. Belcher 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, J. Stephenson 7, R. F. Deal (cond.) 8, T. E. Setter 9, J. Phillips 10.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On April 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, Miss D. Hare 2, G. Dear (first of Cambridge) 3, M. Orme 4, L. Bywaters 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On April 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Reeks 1, B. Pidgeon 2, J. Salway 3, S. Skinner 4, F. Wreford 5, J. Glanvill 6, J. Quick 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Gibbons 1, Pauline Drury (first quarter 'inside') 2, Betty Olney 3, E. R. Warner 4, George Oliver (cond.) 5, A. Sibbick 6.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Marsh 1, J. B. Long 2, Mary Stephens 3, R. A. Ward 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to R. A. Ward.

LINCOLN.—At St. Botolph's Church on April 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 180 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob): J. Walden 1, Betty Brown 2, G. Paul 3, C. Brown 4, H. Lowman 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung for evensong and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

MARSTON BIGOT, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bridges 1, H. Carver 2, J. Phippen 3, G. Wareham 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, C. Pearce 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Mills, of Frome.—Also on April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carver 1, J. Phippen 2, E. Bray (cond.) 3, G. Wareham 4, W. Mills 5, C. Pearce 6. Rung before evensong.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On April 4th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Fred Bennett 1, Leslie Fisher 2, David Cubitt 3, Kenneth Park 4, Geoffrey Townend 5, Herbert Kirby 6, Wilfrid Moreton (cond.) 7, Mark Lockwood 8. Rung as a token of appreciation to the Rev. John Barton, of this parish, who is leaving for Kirkburton.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. Ward 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, H. Corben 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, G. Randall 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. H. T. Cornick (a member of the local band) and Mrs. Cornick.

ROWDE, WILTS.—On April 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Mortimer 1, D. Beresford (cond.) 2, G. Winter 3, S. Grant 4, J. Romain 5, H. A. Gummer 6.

SEEND, WILTS.—On April 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Mortimer 1, D. Beresford (cond.) 2, G. Winter 3, S. G. Grant 4, J. Romain 5, H. Gummer 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX. — On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Wilcockson (first quarter) 1, D. Cattell 2, Margaret Mesley (first 'inside') 3, J. Schofield 4, E. J. Leversuch 5, R. Stoddard 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, C. Wenban 8.

WATFORD, HERTS. — On April 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. King 1, D. Taylor 2, A. Dix 3, A. Wenban 4, S. Hoare 5, D. K. Adkins 6, W. Wenban 7, J. Mayne (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Battell (first of Triples) 1, R. Lumsden 2, H. Rumens 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, H. Smith 6, F. C. Maynard 7, C. T. W. Coles 8. Rung for evensong.

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GUILDFORD GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION

FRIENDSHIP, BUT INDIVIDUALITY TO BE MAINTAINED — 17-YEAR-OLD LEADING CONDUCTOR—TWO NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS—EDITOR EXPLAINS 'RINGING WORLD' POSITION—ANONYMOUS LETTERS DISCUSSED

THE principal business before the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford on April 10th, with the Master (Mr. A. Harman) in the chair, was the relationship of the Guild with the Surrey Association.

The matter had been considered by the Executive Committee, who drafted the following paragraph defining the Guild's policy:—

'It has come to the notice of your officers that suggestions emanating from ringers resident in the Diocese are being made in certain quarters that the time is ripe for some sort of arrangement to be made with the Surrey Association, primarily, apparently, to ensure that ringers can be members of this Guild and the County Association on payment of one subscription only.

'The committee takes this opportunity of saying that the Guildford Guild wishes to work in perfect harmony with all other organisations, including particularly the Surrey Association, and points out that we have never raised any objection to any other organisation holding meetings, ringing peals and recruiting members within the Diocese, but the Guildford Guild does rightly claim that it is the ringing organisation of the Diocese and that all Church of England ringers resident within the Diocese owe their allegiance first and foremost to us.

'Your committee thinks, too, and we trust that the general body of members will agree with us, that any arrangement with any other organisation which would involve control from outside the Diocese being exercised in any way over the Guild's finances, activities or administration would at once destroy the Diocesan status of the Guild with perhaps far-reaching and, from the point of view of a Diocesan organisation, disastrous results.

'Your committee wishes it to be understood that it cannot without protest permit any ringer resident within its boundaries to take any action tending to usurp the loyalty of any of its members, and it asks all members to turn a deaf ear to the blandishments of the advocates of any sort of amalgamation with any other ringing organisation.'

THE DISCUSSION

Mr. G. L. Grover said the Surrey Association claimed to be a county association and they could not object to them getting members from the county. What they did object to was Surrey Association members, who should be members of the Guildford Guild by residence, doing all they could to upset the Guildford Guild. With reference to the alteration of boundaries of the Surrey districts, he had received a letter from Mr. Champion stating that it was in no sense an aggressive but a domestic matter between two districts of the Association.

Mr. A. H. Pulling expressed the hope that the whole meeting would be behind the Executive Committee's report.

Mr. C. Denyer felt that the Surrey Association would wish for a happy relationship with them. Ringing for the Church came first, whether it was rung by the Guildford Diocesan Guild or the Surrey Association.

Mr. R. Whittington said the subject was brought up 40 or 50 years ago, and when they came to examine it they found it was a couple of people naggling.

Mr. H. Pitstow said he was an officer of the Guild and also of the Surrey Association, and he assured the meeting that the Surrey Association wished nothing but amicable arrangements with the Guild. Unfortunately, there were two or three who wanted amalgamation, but the vast majority of Surrey Association members were quite content with the present arrangement and deprecate this movement. The definition of ringing areas which took place at the Surrey Association meeting was a domestic matter relating to the transfer of one or two towers. The Surrey Association had no intention of coming into the south-west corner of Surrey.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden commented that this was the third or fourth time the matter had been raised, and it arose from dual subscriptions, particularly in areas like Leatherhead, Epsom and Banstead. At the time of the foundation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild it was seriously suggested that some financial arrangement should be made, but the late Mr. J. D. Drewitt prevented it being reached.

The report of the committee was adopted with one vote being cast against.

PEAL RINGING

The report recorded a marked increase in peal ringing during the year. Forty-four peals were rung, all on tower bells, in 28 diocesan towers and three towers outside the diocese. Although nearly twice as many peals were rung as in the previous year, the committee regretted to note that there were only the same number of first pealers in 1953 as in 1952. The committee noted with disquiet that no handbell peals were rung and thought that this branch of their art was worthy of a little more attention. Congratulations were offered to Mr. E. J. Wells, of Farnham, who rang in 27 peals and topped the list of conductors with 17 to his credit. As Mr. Wells was only 17 years of age, he 'bids fair, if he continues in the way he has started, to make a name in the world of ringing.' Shalford Surprise Major was rung for the first time.

Major E. J. Bragg, who was re-elected peal recorder, said the peal book had been written up to the end of 1952. He had indexed the 743 peals that had been rung for the Guild, and of these 166 had been rung in Holy Trinity, Guildford. There had been 82 conductors, and Mr. Pulling had conducted 331 peals and Mr. Harman 73. There had been 42 handbell peals. Doubles peals totalled 21, Minor 61 (a six-method peal had yet to be rung), Triples 221, Major 165 (Double Norwich C.B. 65), Surprise Major 145 (in 28 different methods), Spliced Surprise 3, Caters 46, Royal 32 and Cinques 1. The next peal would be the 800th.

TWO NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. C. Denyer (Farnham) and Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) were added to the list of vice-presidents. The report recorded the services of Mr. Denyer to the Farnham District as secretary and afterwards as Ringing Master, and that he had been succeeded as Ringing Master by Messrs. T. Page and E. J. Wells. Mr. R. Whittington had retired from the Guild Committee, having served from its formation and had also served on the Central Council. Prior to 1928 he served on the committee of the Winchester Guild. Both returned thanks for their election, Mr. Denyer remarking that he had 40 years more to do before reaching Mr. Whittington's record.

Other officers elected were: Master, Mr. A. Harman: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. L. Grover; assistant hon. secretary, Miss W. Oliver; hon. auditor, Mr. R. C. W. Hunter; Central Council representatives, Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, A. Harman and J. R. Worrall.

Mr. T. W. White expressed regret at the resignation of Mr. G. Grover from the Central Council brought about to avoid a ballot. His decision to resign was a loss to the Exercise, as he undertook very useful work on the Peal Analysis Committee. It was invaluable to the smooth working of ringing generally that Guild secretaries should be members of the Central Council. He moved that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Grover for his work on the Council.

Mr. Pulling expressed the opinion that the Central Council would not lose the services of Mr. Grover, and Mr. Shepherd suggested that the delegates to the Council from the Guild should take a recommendation from the meeting pressing for Mr. Grover to be elected an honorary member. Such a course was deprecated by Mr. T. W. White, who said it would be construed as an endeavour on the part of the Guild to obtain additional representation. Any action for the retention of Mr. Grover's services should come from outside the Guild and not be sponsored by the meeting.

THE ACCOUNTS

The accounts were presented by Mr. L. C. W. Hunter and showed a balance on the general fund of £48 18s. 9d., against £42 1s. 5d. at the beginning of the year. The Benevolent Fund had a balance of £116 and the New Cathedral Bells Fund £72 17s. 2d. Mr. C. W. Denyer offered suitable collecting boxes for the two funds last mentioned, for which there was an appeal for greater support.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The meeting stood in remembrance of Mr. A. C. Otway (Leatherhead), Mr. G. S. Gurr (honorary member, Cobham), Mr. D. Cooper (Croydon) and Mr. S. Sleet (Ottershaw). It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Cooper.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, in his report, stated that the library had been out of action for six months owing to repairs to S. Nicolas' belfry. The Executive Committee had agreed to the production of a schedule of library property. Progress had been made in the repair of binding, in which Mr. Denyer was thanked for his services. Mr. Hazelden and his committee were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Gordon Peters.

Mr. S. Joyce reported, as badge secretary, that 46 badges had been sold during the year, which made a profit of £1 3s. 3d. He was re-elected to his office with thanks for his services.

FREE CERTIFICATES

A proposition from the Chertsey District that membership certificates should be given free to new members joining from 1954 was defeated.

Major Bragg said that at Aldershot a Guild certificate, purchased by the tower, was given to each member on ringing his first quarter peal. This arrangement was warmly commended.

Mr. S. Joyce objected most strongly to free certificates. If distributed free they would not be valued, he said. They should not be given away free like election literature.

ANNUAL DINNER

Mr. W. H. Viggers reported on the success of the annual dinner, which was attended by a company of 158. He had provisionally booked the Lion Hotel, Guildford, for this year's dinner for October 16th. The meeting confirmed the booking and re-elected the Dinner Committee with thanks for their past services.

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GUILDFORD GUILD & SURREY ASSOCIATION—Continued

'RINGING WORLD' POSITION

A letter was read from the secretary of the Central Council calling attention to the need for more postal subscribers to keep 'The Ringing World' solvent.

Mr. T. W. White explained the present position, and said that the balance in hand on 1953 of approximately £40 was only secured by the generosity of ringers who sent donations with peals and quarter peals, and these amounted to £310. It was a magnificent gesture and the Editorial Committee much appreciated this assistance that had enabled them to tide over a difficult year. It meant, however, that the journal was living on charity. The only practical solution was a big increase in the number of postal subscribers. Costs of production had been analysed and it was found that for every additional copy purchased through the newsagent there was a margin of one farthing to meet the cost of running the paper. From a postal subscriber the committee received approximately 2d. a copy. The circulation was being well maintained; in fact, the sale for the last issue had only been exceeded once before by one of the Coronation issues. The committee were loath to increase the price to 6d.

In all Guilds to-day there were still a large number of ringers who did not take the journal and in consequence missed much of the fellowship its pages engendered. He asked conductors to make certain that each ringer ringing his first peal or quarter peal received a copy. It was one they would look back on in after years. Copies could be ordered when sending reports.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Mr. F. A. Munday drew attention to the ban on anonymous letters in 'The Ringing World' and asked the meeting to pass the following resolution for submission to the Central Council: 'That this Council deprecates the ban on the publication of anonymous letters in 'The Ringing World' imposed by the Editorial Committee and instructs the committee to remove it forthwith.'

Mr. J. R. Worrall, seconding, said many felt it was an unjust ban.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: These anonymous letters go back 'donkey's years.' I have always been against them. In the time of the late Master (Major Hesse) an anonymous letter was the means of losing a peal. If anyone reads an anonymous letter between the lines they can understand the reason why.

Mr. Munday said as a College Youth he felt that some of the members got unnecessarily shirty about a certain matter. An anonymous letter gave people a chance of expressing an opinion without being ostracised.

Mr. Leslie Hunter: If a person has not the courage to put his name and address to a letter he should not write it.

The motion was defeated by a large majority and Mr. Grover informed the mover and seconder that any individual member could submit a motion to the Council if he could find a seconder.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had prepared such an excellent tea, and Mr. C. Denyer expressed the thanks of the Guild to Mr. Grover and Miss Oliver for their services during the year.

The Master expressed his personal thanks to all the officers for a good year's work.

The Rev. C. G. Pearson, who conducted the Guild's service in St. Mary's Church during the afternoon, was thanked by Mr. Grover for his services.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District Thank the Archbishop for His Tribute

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Whitstable on April 10th. Forty-five members attended from Boughton, Birchington, Canterbury, Faversham, Ospringe, Sturry, St. Laurence, Throwley, Selling, Whitstable, Deal and Wickhambreaux. Ringing was held during the afternoon prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. E. Waynforth, who also gave an address. The attendance of the choir attached to the church was much appreciated and added to the beauty of the service.

Tea followed in the spacious Church Hall of All Saints', this being arranged by Mr. C. C. Dilnot, whose teas are a noted feature in this district. Ringers and choir all joined to make a happy gathering.

The usual business meeting was held, with Mr. J. A. Russell occupying the chair. One new resident member was elected, as were five new non-resident life members. For the next quarterly meeting, Boughton-under-Blean was selected, and Goodnestone got a narrow vote in favour of Great Mongeham for the by-meeting. The collection was voted to the Bell Rope Fund of the church.

Mention was made of the Archbishop's tribute paid to ringers in his Diocesan Notes, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to him from the district appreciating his words.

The Chairman thanked all those who had made the meeting possible, especially Mr. Dilnot for his never-failing help.

Further ringing was held after tea, and a close at about 8.30 p.m. brought to an end another very happy meeting at Whitstable.

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This is a last reminder to postal subscribers whose subscriptions were due on April 2nd. Please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, and help in our drive for postal subscribers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Fifty years ago, the bells of St. Andrew's, Wickhambreaux, near Canterbury, were rehung. Included among the ringers that day were Messrs. S. Walter, J. Walter and S. White. They were again at their places in the belfry on Sunday, April 4th, for special ringing to commemorate the occasion.

At a combined practice of the Salisbury District recently, Mr. Mussell was introduced to Mrs. Cockell. Sweet Molly Malone ought to have been somewhere around.

Mr. Harold Walker has been appointed assistant carriage and wagon works manager at York. For the past three and a half years he has been working at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Boston Stump is famed the world over. An interesting anniversary was commemorated this month by Mr. F. Dewey, who has completed 40 years as a ringer in St. Botolph's Church, Boston. The number of steps he has climbed would almost constitute a record.

The hope is expressed by Mr. W. F. Stenson that Oddfellows attending the West Central Counties Group Conference at Newport, Salop, on May 15th, may be privileged to assist the ringers at St. Nicholas' Church to mark the safe return of the Queen.

Among the compliments paid to Mr. and Mrs. G. Halksworth, of Scarborough, on the occasion of their golden wedding was a peal of Stedman Triples at St. George's Church, Doncaster, on April 3rd, a tower of which he was Ringing Master for many years. Mr. Halksworth came to Doncaster for the occasion and was brought down by taxi to the church to listen to part of the ringing. The next evening he met Doncaster ringers and had a chat over old times. They were pleased to be able to persuade him to ring 7–8 to a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

Oldham has set a praiseworthy example to the country. The town has provided boards for the two Coronation peals rung in the borough. Both these have been unveiled by the Mayor.

Two new Surprise methods are introduced to the Exercise this week. Colmore Surprise was rung at Birmingham Cathedral and Byfleet Surprise at Willesden.

Mr. Terry Earle and his band, who rang the peal of 5,040 Netherseale Surprise Minor at Stisted, Essex, on April 3rd, will note with interest that a peal in the same method was rung on the bells on May 14th, 1939. In the record of the peal on page 244, please substitute Minor for Major. The error is regretted.

A crown of notoriety has been placed on the head of Mr. Herbert Rowley, of Horbury, Yorks, who, now 85, started ringing at Horbury in 1889. According to 'The Sunday Express' of April 11th, he has taken part in well over 7,000 peals! Now we know the incentive behind Mr. George E. Fearn and Mr. H. J. Poole—an endeavour to emulate this Yorkshire veteran!

The Guild of Clerical Ringers will assemble next Monday at the King's Head Hotel, Newport, for their annual tour. The party will consist of the following: The Revs. A. D. H. Allan, J. H. B. Andrews, D. Ballard, Canon C. Carew Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox, F. Ll. Edwards, R. P. Farrow, K. W. H. Felstead, M. C. C. Melville, F. A. Oswell (non-resident), I. J. Richards (non-resident), D. P. Roberts, R. D. St. J. Smith, A. G. G. Thurlow, H. F. Warren, E. B. Wood. The Revs. T. P. Hearn and W. A. Peel hope to join for a day, and E. G. Benson for Thursday afternoon and Friday. Mrs. D. P. Roberts will accompany the party.

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PEAL RINGING IN BERKSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

RINGING in Berkshire at the end of the 19th century will always be connected with the names of two of the most famous ringers of all times—the Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook. The former was the first ringer to ring more than 1,000 peals, the latter, besides being a composer and the conductor of several (then) record lengths in various methods, was the first person to ring two tower bells to a peal—a feat which was disbelieved at first.

It is largely due to them that the towers with the largest numbers of peals in Berkshire are the 10 bells of Appleton (232) and the eight bells of Drayton (229). The former tower deserves special mention because it was the venue of many famous peals. The following are some of its records: The first peal of College Single Triples was rung there on December 2nd, 1873. It has held or holds the record for the longest lengths in several methods — 10,080 Double Norwich Major on January 28th, 1888; 13,265 Grandsire Caters on April 11th, 1888; 12.041 Stedman Caters on March 5th, 1888, and after this length had been beaten at Cheltenham the following May, 15,041 on December 31st, 1888. (1888 was certainly a vintage year!) This remained the record for 21 years until the 18,027 was rung at Loughborough in 1909. But Appleton beat even that in 1922 with the present record tower bell peal in the method of 21,363 —this was the longest peal ever rung (by one set of ringers) until the peal of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major in November, 1950, at Over, Cheshire. Thus Appleton certainly deserves special mention. Actually just over half the peals at Appleton were rung before the first world war, but since 37 have been recorded since the last war, it is still a popular tower, as it has always been.

Drayton had its heyday whilst the Rev. F. E. Robinson was alive (he died in 1910). Thus 190 of the 229 peals were rung before 1914 (in 30 years). Since then the average has only been about one a year. Drayton, too, could claim a record length at one time—11,328 London Surprise Major on September 17th, 1896. This was beaten at King's Norton in 1903 with 14,112. Mr. Robinson became Vicar of Drayton in 1878 and I believe I am right in saying that he gave two bells at both Appleton and Drayton to make them ten and eight respectively (two tenors at Appleton and the treble and tenor at Drayton). Both these towers will have recorded peals before the period under review, Appleton a few in the 18th and 19th centuries and Drayton after Mr. Robinson became Vicar, so that both will be approaching the 250 mark. Before they do it may be possible to obtain an exact number for each. Apart from these, only two other churches have passed the 100 peal mark—Old Windsor with 132 and East Hagbourne with 102. In both cases the peals have been fairly evenly spread out over the 70 years.

TWELVE-BELL RINGING

Reading, St. Laurence, is the only twelve-bell church in the county. The number of peals since the last war (22) shows that, at the moment, there is greater activity than over the remainder of the period, although very rarely has a year gone by without at least one peal being rung. Eighty-two have been recorded here since 1881. Apart from the four towers with more than 100, only one other has more than this number—Boyne Hill with 86. In the latter case 60 of the peals were rung between 1882 and 1911. A few more were rung between 1924 and 1936 and there have been 11 since the war. Thus there have been ups and downs here. Besides Appleton there are two more ten-bell towers. Abingdon, St. Helen's, has produced 74 peals, the majority before 1914, and Newbury with 22. Twelve peals were rung here whilst it was an eight-bell tower between 1887 and 1932, four between 1933 and 1939 after it had been augmented, and six more since the war.

Apart from towers already mentioned, only three others have passed the 50 mark. In all, the majority of the peals were rung prior to 1914. They are Aldermaston (60, 39 between 1900 and 1914); Reading, St. Giles' (55, 46 before 1914, and only one in the past 21 years —in 1952); and Tilehurst (53, 45 before 1914, mostly between 1886 and 1899). Of the remaining eight-bell towers, Warfield is nearing the 50 mark with 47 with Wokingham next (42). The only other point of interest about these eight-bell towers is that Bray has not had a peal on the eight bells yet (I am taking it that it has eight bells from Dove's book), but only four on the six. No other church with eight bells remains to be 'conquered.'

There are 56 churches with six bells and 43 have had one or more peals rung at them. Clewer is easily at the top of the list with 37 (26 since the war). Only six others have reached double figures—Sandhurst (22), Binfield (17), Sunningwell (15) and Beenham-Valance, Finchampstead and Steventon with 10 each. The longest silence of any tower which has had a peal rung at it is Streatley, which has not appeared in the peal list since 1903. There are only 12 five-bell towers in the county, and four of these have each had a single peal on them — Braywood, North Moreton, Uffington and Wittenham Abbots.

I think it would be true to say that, at the moment, the Exercise is flourishing in Berkshire. All the ten- and eight-bell towers have had peals rung at them since the war, and the majority of the six-bell towers too. So carry on, Berkshire!

DR. HATCHER NEW SECRETARY OF K.C.A.

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher was elected the new secretary of the Kent County Association at the annual meeting of the Association at Bromley on Easter Monday. He succeeds Mr. G. H. Spice, who has held the office for eight years.

Mr. John Willis (vice-president), who presided, said at the committee meeting that morning it was felt that they could not let Mr. Spice retire without some mark of their approval and voted him an honorarium.

The presentation of a cheque for £25 was made by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who said they all realised the great work Mr. Spice had done for the Association.

Thanking the members for their gift, Mr. Spice said he did not look for any reward. He hoped to be with them for a number of years to do 'a spot of ringing.'

Upon the proposition of Mr. B. Collison, the meeting elected Mr. Spice a vice-president of the Association.

There were two nominations for the post of hon. general secretary. Dr. Hatcher received 76 votes and Mr. B. J. Luck 61.

An extended report will appear in our next issue

The Vicar of Ockbrook, Derbyshire, the Rev. I. B. Ll. Gibbs, generously entertained to tea the band that rang a peal in his tower on April 3rd. Thanks are accorded to him through 'The Ringing World.'

THE QUEEN'S RETURN

Coastal Welcome From Kent

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association at Bromley on Easter Monday, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, said when he wrote to 'The Ringing World' concerning the Queen's return he stated that Her Majesty would land at 3 p.m. The official time was now 3.15 p.m. and the official request was that all bells be rung for a short time when the Queen stepped on shore.

'While I think it is very desirable to follow that plan, local consideration should be given to the effect of the bells on those people watching the television or listening to the wireless. Lengthy ringing should not interfere with wireless or television.'

The matter was introduced to the meeting by Mr. John Willis, who presided, and said it was the wish and hope of all members of the committee that all towers would ring some time that day, preferably in the afternoon. Mr. George Butcher had informed him that the Queen would be coasting along the north coast of Kent from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., so it would be a graceful compliment that any towers near the river should ring about that time.

LONDON RINGING TOUR

The following observations on the Queen's return appeared in 'The Times':—

The City of London itself has a shortage of resident ringers. Of the 10 regulars of St. Michael's, Cornhill, for example, only one lives in central London. He is Mr. A. A. Hughes, who aims to assemble on May 15th a band of ringers who will ply the ropes for half an hour at various City churches in turn. Starting at St. Michael's, he hopes to go on to St. Botolph Without at Aldgate, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, St. Olave's, Hart Street, and St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield. This operation will probably last from before lunch until late afternoon.

Final plans have not been made at all the great London churches, but the Stedman Triples will certainly be heard from Westminster Abbey, either at the moment the Queen sets foot on Westminster Pier just after 3.15 p.m. or as she comes up the river. At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 12 ringers will attempt to repeat their Coronation performance last year: starting at 12.30, for three and a half hours at the least, they will ring Stedman Cinques.

AT NORWICH

Notable among the many groups of provincial ringers are those of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. On May 15th the ringers there, led by Mr. Nolan Golden, will attempt a peal of Grandsire Cinques starting at 8 o'clock in the morning and lasting nearly four hours. 'After that,' says Mr. Golden, 'we shall go to King's Lynn and help there with another peal, Grandsire Caters. Just for fun, you know.' Such is the spirit of the bell ringers' greeting.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The April meeting of the above Society due to be held at South Anston was switched to Handsworth because of illness. In spite of this last-minute change, there was an excellent attendance, and over a dozen different Major methods, from Plain Bob to London, were rung: also Erin, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and rounds.

Cups of tea were provided free by the local company, who along with their Rector were gratefully thanked for enabling the meeting to be held at less than 24 hours' notice, and providing such a homely atmosphere for another happy meeting. N. C.

CLAVERLEY A POPULAR MEETING

'The Ringing World' Discussed

The combined Shropshire Association and Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild meetings have become so popular in recent years that they are looked upon as 'hardy annuals'!

That at Claverley on April 10th was attended by about eighty ringers, some from Staffordshire and Worcestershire making up for those from Shropshire who were unable to reach the rather remote corner of the county.

Once there, however, everyone was enabled to enjoy the very good bells, by ringing them, or listening in the sunshine of the churchyard or the winding village street.

The Vicar, Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow, conducted a short service from the Hereford Diocesan Book, which was appreciated and enjoyed.

An ample tea was provided by the Claverley ringers and ladies, a small charge covering the use of the spacious village hall.

Mr. A. Pritchard, Ringing Master, Shropshire Association, voiced the thanks of all to clergy, organist and helpers. He also spoke of the expressed wish that all bells should be rung for the Queen's return on May 15th.

Referring to the recent correspondence about the financial difficulties of 'The Ringing World,' he thought there were several remedies. Bell founders depended upon continual work, which came about through keen ringers, and they might meet some of the charges. If the revenue from newsagents' copies was so small, these might be stopped, and supplied to each tower. If these measures were not sufficient, a charge for peals, or an increase in subscriptions to ringers' organisations might become necessary. He said that he hoped they would all support the Ringing Festival at Shrewsbury on July 10th.

Mr. W. H. Lloyd, Ringing Master, Hereford Diocesan Guild, seconded the thanks, which met with applause. The Vicar responded, and said that both he and many parishioners appreciated their bells, the fact that ringers came from a distance to ring them, and also the fact that they had such a good band themselves.

Returning to the towers, all the usual methods were rung, except that Yorkshire was tried instead of Cambridge and, after two failures, a good course resulted. Bristol came round, only the last lead being in any doubt.

Proceedings continued for many at 'the local,' where a room had been engaged. Here tune-ringing and ringers' gossip was accompanied by suitable refreshment, a fitting end to a most enjoyable day.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

A company of 90 attended the annual meeting of the Southern District at Kilkenny on St. Patrick's Day, when a competition was held for the 'R. R. Cherry Cup.' This was won by Mount St. Alphonsus with 52 faults, followed by Bandon with 112 faults. The judges were Mr. F. E. Dukes and Mr. Gibb.

Visitors were hospitably entertained to lunch and tea. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. D. Benson, Limerick; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Bingham, Limerick; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Benson, Limerick: Ringing Master, Mr. Roy McCormack, Cork: vice-president, Mr. F. Bogan, Cork: two members to act on Executive Council with the secretary, Mr. C. W. Galbraith, Limerick, and Mr. A. M. Holloway, Bandon.

After tea the gathering was addressed by the Bishop of Ossery, Dr. Phair.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Ald. Paddon Smith Retires From Central Council

Following a custom of many years, the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham held their first quarterly meeting of the year at Aston Parish Church on April 3rd. The Guild's special form of service was conducted by Canon F. F. Guy Warman, Vicar of Aston.

At the request of the Master, the business meeting was presided over by Vice-President Alderman Paddon Smith, J.P.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, pointing out the low financial position of 'The Ringing World,' and appealing for greater support. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to each tower in the Diocese.

Mr. Anthony Bailey, of Erdington Abbey, and Miss Judith Walker, of Packwood, were elected full ringing members, and Mr. William Davies, of Netherton, was made a life member. The tower elections (as life members) of Mr. Denis A. Bayles, of Chester-le-Street, and Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, of Kettering, were duly ratified.

Solihull was selected for the next meeting, which will be held on July 3rd.

Alderman Paddon Smith, J.P., felt that he could not stand for re-election as Central Council representative. He had represented the Guild on the Central Council for about forty years, but realised that, owing to many other commitments, he could no longer attend the meetings with the regularity that he would like. The Alderman proposed that the Guild's hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. E. Fearn) be elected in his stead. This proposition was seconded by the Master, who thanked Alderman Paddon Smith for representing the Guild for so many years.

A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Rishworth, who was unfortunately in hospital, who, had he been able to attend the meeting, would have proposed an alteration in the rules, to provide for the conferment of honorary membership upon ringers whose membership of the Guild was of long standing. It was pointed out that the rules were in process of revision, and the matter was left for consideration at the next meeting.

The question of the suggested alteration in the title page of 'The Ringing World' was discussed, and the members were unanimous in their preference that the present style be maintained.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Veterans Honoured at Buckminster

Previous to the meeting of the Melton District, at Buckminster on April 10th, six members of the Framland Society met and rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor as a compliment to Mr. W. Sharpe, of Hose, who had been a member of the Society for 50 years, and also to Mr. J. Dawson, who had rung on Buckminster bells regularly for 56 years. The band consisted of C. Matthews 1, H. Clayton 2, T. Templeton 3, J. Morris 4, F. J. Williams 5, A. W. Ward (conductor) 6.

The meeting was the largest Melton District meeting ever held. Altogether 72 ringers and friends were present from a very wide area. Towers represented were: Asfordby, Bottesford, Buckminster, Eaton, Hose, Kirby-Bellars, Melton Mowbray, Old-Dalby, Somerby, Waltham, Ancaster, Ashby-Folville, Barkestone, Caythorpe, Easton, Edenham, Grantham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Leicester Cathedral, Market Overton, Nottingham and West Wickham (Kent).

At 4.30 a short service was conducted by a Guild ringer, the Rev. F. De Burne, Vicar of Old-Dalby. J. H. C.

MAYOR UNVEILS CORONATION PEAL BOARD

Oldham's Example to the Country

Two peals were rung in Oldham for the Coronation—Grandsire Triples at St. Mark's, and Stedman Triples at St. Thomas', Moorside, the latter being rung by an all-local band. Both have been recorded on peal boards given by the town. The one at St. Mark's was dedicated last January, and the dedication of the board at St. Thomas' took place on April 10th during the meeting of the Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association.

Once again the Mayor of Oldham (Alderman Frank Kenyon) unveiled the board and, in his speech, expressed the hope that a peal would be accomplished on the day of the Queen's return to Britain. The Vicar of Moorside (the Rev. J. Calderley) then said the dedication prayers. After a short touch of Stedman Triples the Mayor was given his second lesson on pulling a bell. He wasn't content this time with just the back stroke but kept attempting to catch the sally too!

About 30 ringers attended and the bells were kept going after tea until 9 o'clock. Apart from Branch members there were visitors from Manchester, Stoke-on-Trent (Staffs), Sowerby Bridge and Elland (Yorks). A good selection of methods was rung during the day, and immediately after tea our visiting friends delighted us with expert change ringing on handbells. F.P.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Hull

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Hull on April 3rd and was attended by about 40 ringers representing 18 towers. The ring of six at St. Mary's Church, Lowgate, was made good use of during the afternoon and the fine ring of ten at Holy Trinity in the evening.

The service in Holy Trinity was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon) who gave the address.

Tea was served in the Trocadera Cafe, followed by the business meeting presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. R. R. Smith and T. H. Foster. Four new members were elected, viz: Miss A. Allen and Mr. D. Johnson (Kirk Ella), Mr. R. Sharpe (Hessle) and Mr. E. Ives (Patrington). An invitation to hold the annual meeting at Bridlington was accepted. The usual votes of thanks terminated an enjoyable meeting.

GIRL GUIDE RINGERS HAVE THEIR BOOKLET

The Girl Guides' Association has issued in its series, 'Hints on Girl Guide Badges,' a booklet entitled 'Bell Ringer.' It is very well compiled and illustrated and should stimulate interest in ringing.

The name of the author is not disclosed but he, or she, has captured to the full the spirit of the Exercise as the following paragraph indicates:—

'Physically, bellringing is more knack than hard labour, so do not be put off by people who say it is too hard for women and girls. Mentally, it demands complete concentration. Its fascination is unending and the satisfaction gained from ringing successfully is enormous. It takes some time to become master of a bell and to learn the elements of change ringing, so slick ability, of which the Founder told us so often, is a very necessary characteristic of the good ringer.

'Again, as in Guiding, there is a wonderful spirit of friendship amongst ringers, and whatever tower one visits one will find a welcome and a chance to ring.'

'Bell Ringer' is published by Brown, Son and Ferguson, Ltd., 52-58, Darnley Street, Glasgow; price 6d.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VIEWS ON 'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

A SIXPENNY 'RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Most of your readers must know by now that the finances of their paper are in a far from happy state. The situation demands drastic action. The first step, if I may suggest it, is to raise the price immediately to 6d. a copy. After all, to take one item, newsprint has jumped in price from £10 per ton pre-war to £50 per ton to-day. In the same time 'The Ringing World' has increased by one penny.

In addition to increased subscription rates, action could be taken to cut out so many middle men. If newsagents, wholesalers, publishers and transportation fees were cut right out, the increased revenue would put the paper right no its feet.

If any readers have the complaint that it would cost a little more to have a postal copy, all I can say is that they don't deserve the service they get through it.—Yours faithfully,

M. J. BUTLER.

Southampton.

INCREASE THE PRICE

Dear Sir,—I thoroughly agree with your correspondents, Mr. Claude Rush and Mr. W. Frank Stenson; 'The Ringing World' should be entirely self-supporting, and should not depend on charity.

I suggest that the price of the paper be raised to 6d. POST FREE. This would mean an increase of only 6d. to quarterly subscribers, and 3s. 6d. to annual subscribers. At present one is urged to take the paper by post; but if one does this, it arrives too late on Friday morning to read before one goes to work (sometimes not until second post) and heavily creased. For this one pays an extra five shillings a year, and pays in advance. If the subscription were raised to 6d. post free, all would pay the same, and those who preferred the obvious advantages of dealing through a newsagent would not feel that they were failing to support the paper as they should.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

DO NOT RAISE THE PRICE

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the correspondence with respect to 'The Ringing World's' finances. I fully endorse the statements and suggestions made by Mr. Rush. Undoubtedly the ONLY fully effective remedy is a substantial increase in the number of postal subscribers, and every ringer who appreciates the value of our journal should make a wholehearted effort to help to attain this objective.

I regret that I am unable to accept Mr. Stenson's view that the price should be raised; this is false economy because those who, for example, rely on parental allowances until qualification or are otherwise of limited means must count carefully every item of expenditure and, particularly if they have other hobbies as well as campanology, it might be that cancellation of their order for 'The Ringing World' would be necessary if such a course were taken. This would indeed be regrettable.

With reference to the title cover design, why should we be 'old stick-in-the-muds'? Variety is the spice of life. Let us see some of the new designs, and if we STILL prefer the present heading it will still be possible to return to it. Perhaps if a few of the designs were published a postal ballot of readers could be held.—Yours, etc.,

ALAN PENDLEBURY.

Guildford, Surrey.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—There is no doubt whatever that it would be a calamity for the Exercise if 'The Ringing World' had to cease production. The time has obviously come for drastic action. I therefore make the suggestion that every Association, Guild or Society up and down the country should increase the amount of its annual subscription by the modest sum of one shilling, such increase to be paid over each year to the funds of 'The Ringing World.' From 15,000 ringers this would produce £750. I have always contended that ringers' annual subscriptions are too low and here is an opportunity for members of the Exercise to save what is after all their own newspaper.—Yours very truly,

FRED BENNETT.

Wombourn, near Wolverhampton.

KEEP THE FAMILIAR SKYLINE

Dear Sir,—I do hope the Editorial Committee won't feel bound to alter the heading of 'The Ringing World' with its familiar skyline. If it is necessary to have 2 advertisements on the front page, could they be just underneath, or at the foot, thus either shortening the leading article or pushing a little more of it overleaf? I'm not a commercial artist, but wouldn't the square of larger type and different outlay show up more and strike the eye more alongside the ordinary print than alongside the heading, which we don't READ, but like to take in at a glance? Some newspapers have little advertisements in the top corners, but does anyone ever read them?—Yours sincerely,

YVONNE, L. ELOIE, Hon. Sec.,
Salisbury Branch, S.D.G.R.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Sir,—Can it be that your correspondents on this subject are confusing anonymous letters with letters written above a nom-de-plume, but whose writers are known to the Editor? So far as I am aware, no reputable paper will consider publishing a really anonymous letter, and let us hope, sir, that, in the interests of our paper's status, you will continue to ban any such correspondence.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ.

[NOTE.—The ban applies to letters that appear in 'The Ringing World' anonymous to the reader. Correspondence without the name and address of the sender is automatically consigned to the waste paper basket.—ED.]

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—Apropos the recent correspondence regarding the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, one wonders how much interest would have been taken had there been no bells in the tower.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

[NOTE.—There would have been no mention in 'The Ringing World' because it is devoted exclusively to bells, ringers and ringing. There are three Church of England newspapers and it is not our policy to compete with them in the matter of general church news. The future of St. John the Divine, Leicester, is a matter of interest to hundreds of ringers who have visited this church and rung on its bells.—ED.]

THE ARCHBISHOP AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am sure all ringers who read the extracts from the April Diocesan Notes written by the Archbishop of Canterbury would feel moved that the Primate of All England had felt it worthy to pay tribute and express appreciation of the service which is given in the belfries of our land. I am glad that His Grace only feels a visit to a church is complete when he has visited the belfry. It is evident that the Archbishop considers the belfry is quite an important part of the church.

It is grand when a prominent churchman writes like this, for does it not augur the fact that the time is passing when the belfry was regarded as a water-tight compartment. How many church members or even church council members can say they have visited the local belfry or know any details about their bells. The leader of a tower and all his ringers have an obligation to the parishioners to tell or show them when possible the intricacies of bell ringing, for are not new members of a tower recruited from the parishioners themselves?

Incidentally, in this week's 'Radio Times' is a letter which reads:—

> 'It is very seldom that church bells can be heard on the radio, and in view of this grave omission it would indeed be pleasant if the bells could be broadcast for a few minutes before service. Let us be taken to the spire or tower before we are shown to our pew.'

I suppose the B.B.C. know what is best to precede a religious service from experience and by the advice of experts. On the other hand, however, why is a recording of Bow Bells given as the interval signal to all programmes and then when a religious service is on the air it is only rarely preceded by a peal of bells?

I do not wish to begin a controversy on this matter, but I do feel that most ringers and many members of the public would agree that where possible a religious service should begin if only for one or two minutes by the ringing of bells. Has it not often been said by preachers and others that the music of bells, when one is going to church or when one is going to listen to a broadcast service, has the effect of placing the mind more in conformity with the things of the spirit. If this is so, and I once heard an eminent preacher say words to this effect, then bells have a unique purpose in the scheme of our national heritage.—Yours sincerely,

Elland, Yorks. PAUL BIRKETT.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—The Archbishop of Canterbury's generous tribute to bell ringers prompts me to mention what may not be generally known, that he himself once learned to handle a bell.

I exchanged letters with him a year ago in expectation that the Oxford University Society might claim to have taught him, especially as he was an undergraduate at Exeter College, the college of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. But His Grace, in replying, said that he learned his ringing while a student at Wells Theological College.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Erdington, Birmingham.

FALSE PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Writtle, Essex, on Saturday, November 21st, 1953. On re-checking the figures I have found it to be false. It was given to me as a 5,088 Superlative, and to this method it is true. It was a careless oversight on my part, and I wish to tender my humble apologies to the rest of the band and the composer, especially more so as there were three 'firsts' in the peal.—Yours sincerely. PERCY GREEN.

Chelmsford.

RINGERS' SAD MEETING AT OVERSEAL

Falling Masonry Kills Chorister

The tragedy at Overseal, which has been briefly reported in 'The Ringing World,' in which a section of the parapet of the bell tower crashed through the roof of the nave and fatally injured a chorister who a few minutes before had been singing for a wedding, coincided with a meeting of the Midland Counties Guild in that tower.

The bells were ringing and the accident happened as the bridal party were posing in the church doorway to be photographed. The heavy sandstone masonry hurtled some 50ft. from the castellated parapet of the bell tower. Two gaping holes, one on each side of the roof at the west end of the nave, were torn, as masonry, slates and shattered timber crashed into the church, completely demolishing the baptismal font.

Mr. J. W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, gave this account of the tragedy to the Press:—

'Members of the Guild were in the tower ringing at the time. We had just started to ring as the bridal party went out, the bells being pulled off as the bride went under the tower.

'We had just gone into a touch of Stedman Triples when we heard a crash. We didn't know what it was, but we stopped ringing. Then we heard appeals from downstairs to stop the bells—we had already done so.'

Mr. Cotton said that no more than half a dozen changes of Stedman Triples had been rung when the accident occurred, and the whole of the ringing that had taken place that afternoon had not lasted more than about two minutes. On a Guild visit to a tower they would normally have been ringing up to 8 p.m.

In addition to members of the Overseal band there were present representatives of the Midland Guild from Burton (St. Modwen's), Ashby, Measham, Packington, Netherseal, Lullington, Coleshill, Ticknall, Repton and Yoxall towers. The ringing and meeting was cancelled. The ringers took an early tea and dispersed.

The Rector (the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale) said the accident was no doubt due to a subsidence. Cracks had been appearing in a number of places and he supposed they had affected the tower.

'The bridegroom was an old choirboy and the choir had turned out for him. We had just finished the wedding and I was in the vestry. I was just completing the register, and closed it when I heard this awful crash.'

Services at St. Matthew's, Overseal, Church have been suspended for the time being.

The dead chorister was Mr. William Thomas Wright (42), of 19, Burton Road, Overseal. He was employed at Donisthorpe Colliery.

COAL BOARD'S DENIAL OF SUBSIDENCE

At the inquest on Mr. William Thomas Wright, the chorister who was killed by the falling masonry, the National Coal Board disputed that the accident was caused by mining subsidence. A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned.

Mr. Lawrence Jenkins, for the Coal Board, said that minerals underneath the church had not been worked. There were recent workings within 175 yards, but a pillar of coal had been left under the church. Repairs to the church in 1948 were for damage between 1889—when coal working began—and 1912.

Dr. W. J. Beale, the Rector, told the Coroner that the church, including the tower, was completely renovated by the Coal Board. He was perfectly satisfied afterwards about its safety. Since the war bells had been rung at least twice a week.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of April 24th, 1914

HERE AND THERE

YOUTHFUL RINGER'S RAPID STRIDES

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung at Tunstall, Kent, on Saturday, and one of the band was Edward H. Spice, a boy of 14, who scored his first peal and achieved the honour of being the youngest ringer in the Kent Association to ring a peal of Minor in seven methods with a bob bell. He comes of a family of ringers . . . but, even so, Master Spice's performance is an extremely noteworthy one when it is known that he commenced change ringing only last Christmas.

LADIES ATTEMPT A PEAL

At Twyford, Berks, on Easter Monday, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by members of the Ladies' Guild, but it came to an untimely end after a fourth start. Those taking part were: Mrs. Whittington 1, Miss K. Holifield (now Mrs. A. E. Lock) 2, Miss B. Stilwell 3, Miss E. Belcher 4, Miss E. Goodship (Mrs. F. M. Mitchell) 5, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 6, Miss E. K. Parker (Mrs. Fletcher) (conductor) 7, Miss E. Jones 8.

GENEROUS GIFTS

Mr. J. T. Rickman, whose generosity has placed St. Peter's Church, Brighton, in possession of a fine peal of ten bells, is an enthusiastic ringer, who has been a follower of the art for a quarter of a century or more. Among other Associations, he is a member of the Cambridge University Guild. . . . Some few years ago he and his revered mother gave two trebles to Southover Church, Lewes (where Mr. Rickman rang his first peal), and defrayed the bulk of the cost of rehanging the old eight in a new frame.

[The old eight, tenor 10½ cwt., on which much ringing history had been made, were replaced by a peal of ten with a 25½ cwt. tenor.]

5,248 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By A. F. LEWRY

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Once repeated. Omit bracketed bobs at 6 in one half for 5,024 changes.

OBITUARY

MR. E. DYSON

Formerly of Ashford, Mr. Edward Dyson, who died recently at Torquay, aged 80, was an Ashford Parish Church choirboy, and later joined the bell ringers.

He was on the bank staff of Pomfret Burra and Co. (now Lloyds Bank), and in 1910 went to Worthing to become a bank under-manager. He retired 20 years ago as a bank manager.

Mr. George H. Head writes:—

Ted, as we knew him, with his brother Jim, was a member of a young band formed at Ashford about 60 years ago. They were both fine choirmen and good ringers, and both held good positions in their occupations. I am not sure that Ted rang any peals, but I have records of 720's of Minor that were rung at that time, also a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: F. Chapman 1, E. Dyson 2, H. N. Horton 3, F. Phillpot 4, G. Head 5, T. Tabrett 6, A. J. Dyson (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Ansell 8. First quarter by all except 6 and 7.

Your correspondent has grateful memories of the help received from these two fine men. Jim was also a fine cricketer and, I believe, is still living at Maidstone.

MR. VICTOR JARRETT

Mr. N. F. Moxon, president of the Barnsley and District Society, writes:—

The church bell ringers at Cawthorne were very shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Vic Jarratt. During the latter part of the war he worked in the R.E. camp at Cawthorne and always attended our ringing practices. Vic had a charming personality and was a true gentleman. He was a good musician and I shall always be impressed by an incident during his stay at Cawthorne. After a walk one evening Vic joined us in a bite of supper, and in the course of conversation stated he had heard a church clock striking the hour on a bell with a pitch of B flat and inquired the name of the church. I was taken aback for the moment, but on consulting the Yorkshire Annual Report found he was perfectly correct and he had been near to Hoylandswaine Church, the tenor of which is in B flat!

Although Vic quickly joined in with our selection of Minor methods (regular and irregular), he never mastered our close leads.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Two school peals have been rung. One past and four present members of Bedford Modern School rang a peal of Doubles at Oakley, and a band composed of two members of Dame Alice Harpur School for Girls and four of Bedford Modern School rang a peal of Minor at Sharnbrook. This was the first combined school peal to be rung for the Bedfordshire Association.

Mr. A. E. Hall, who has for many years been verger of Peckleton, celebrated his golden wedding on April 4th. Owing to transport difficulties it was not possible to ring a peal at Peckleton, but an excellent one was rung at Croft. Mr. Hall is a member of the Vergers' Guild, and three fellow members of the Guild took part. It was also a birthday peal for Mr. George A. Charlton.

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THE SILENT BELLS OF YORK

By HAROLD WALKER

At one time York could truly have been described as a city of bells, for within the confines of the old city it had the ring of twelve at the Minster, one ring of eight, and five rings of six. Now only the Minster bells can be rung and two sixes chimed.

Soon, however, one of the now silent sixes will be moved to one of the suburbs and will again be hung for ringing. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have recently removed the old six from the derelict church of St. Mary, Bishophill Senior, and are to rehang them in a new frame, with new fittings, at the Parish Church of St. Stephen, Acomb.

St. Mary's bells date from 1770 and each is inscribed:—

'Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecit. 1771.'

The recorded weights and diameters are:—

Treble.—5 cwt. 27 lb. 27 inches.
2nd.—5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. 30 inches.
3rd.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. 32 inches.
4th.—7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. 34 inches.
5th.—8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. 37 inches.
Tenor.—11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. 41 inches.

At present there are three bells in the tower at Acomb, but they are of indifferent tone. The oldest is to be retained and the other two disposed of. The inscriptions are:—

'Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1882.'
'Jesus Be Our Speed.'
'Jesus Be Our Speed. 1633. W.O.'
Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1885.'
'Venite Exultemus Domino. SS Ebor. 1662.
Given by M. A. Hale.
R. P. T. Tennent, Vicar.'

The first was originally cast by James Smith, who, at that time, had the York foundry in partnership with Abraham Smith and William Curedon. The second is by William Oldfield and the third originally by Samuel Smith.

ST. MARTIN-LE-GRAND

So at last a start has been made to get some of the long silent bells ringing again. It is hoped that very soon plans will be formulated to restore the eight at the church of St. Martin-le-Grand, Coney Street. This church was burned by fire bombs during a serious air raid on the city on April 29th, 1942. The nave and tower were gutted and only the south aisle was saved. Three of the bells were broken and the others damaged; all need recasting.

The committee appointed by the Archbishop to inquire into the future of the church has recommended the south aisle, together with the tower and bells, be restored as a City War Memorial. The War Damage Commission has agreed, in principle, to the recommendation.

It is to be regretted the bells had not been in a ringable condition for some fifty years before the fire. The inscriptions are:—

Treble.—'E Dono Amicorum Societatis Campanistarum Ebor 1730.' (Given by friends of the York Society of Bellringers.)

Second.—'E Dono Societatis Campanistarum Ebor 1730.' (Given by the York Society of Bellringers.)

Third.—'Invoca Deum 1729.' (Call upon God.)

Fourth.—'Te Deum Laudamus. 1729.' (We praise Thee O God.)

Fifth.—'Vos Jubilate Deo. 1729.' (Let us sing unto the Lord.)

Sixth.—'Gloria in Altissimis Deo. 1729.' (Glory to God in the Highest.)

Seventh.—'Hoec Campanarum Concentio E Dono Gulielmi Thompson Hujus Parochiae. William Dobson, Esquire, Lord Mayor. Henry Baynes, Esquire, Alderman. John Marsden, Samuel Waud, Commissioners. John Mayor. Samuel Waugh, Churchwardens. 1729.' (These five bells were given by William Thompson of this Parish.)

Tenor.—'Sonitu Rescipiscite Moesto Ante Jacetis Humo.' Richard Warneford, Vicar. John Mayor, Sen., John Busfield, Churchwardens. 1730.'

On each bell: 'E. Seller, Ebor.'

Prior to 1729 there was only one bell in the tower, this being the present tenor, the Latin inscription on which was reproduced on the recast bell of 1730. This inscription is fairly common, as is also its English equivalent:—

'All men who hear my mournful sound
Repent before you lie in ground.'

YORK SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS

In 1729 five bells were presented by a Mr. William Thompson, described as a 'Prothonotary,' to make a ring of six, and as such they were rung for the first time on Ascension Day (May 15th), 1729, and:—

'were judged by most competent Gentlemen of Music in the City, and hereabout, and approved by them to be tunable and very fine notes.'

In spite of this approval however, the old bell had to be recast in the following year at the same time as the two trebles were cast at the expense of the York Society of Bellringers and friends to complete the octave. The cost of the work was £59 10s.

At this time bellringing was practised by gentlemen as a recreation and fashionable sport, and the bells would make a handy alternative to the much heavier Minster bells. In 1733 the same Society made a generous contribution to the cost of rehanging the Minster bells.

Peals of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells in 1830, 1849, 1850, and in 1852 both 'amateurs' and presumably 'professionals' took part in a peal, as witness the following:—

Easter Sunday morning, 11th April, 1852.
5,040 Grandsire Triples, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

An Amateur	Treble
R. Howard	2nd
Jas. Emmerson	3rd
John Precious	4th
?	5th
Thos. Cooper	6th
M. West, Conductor	7th
J. Wadsworth	Tenor

194 Bobs and 46 Singles.
Wm. Harrison, Referee.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by local ringers was rung on these bells in 1862, and the last peal on the bells was rung by the York Minster Society. This was on the 9th October, 1888, and was also of Kent Treble Bob.

The above mentioned Archbishop's committee has stated that the restored ring would make a useful practice ring for the Minster ringers. Never were truer words spoken, and the York ringers are looking forward to the day when the scheme is brought to fruition.

ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST

Another silent ring of six is at the church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Micklegate. Several in this ring are Pre-Reformation bells. The inscriptions are:—

Treble.—'Sancte.' Also upon it is a shield, with three helms.

Second.—'Maria Come Propicia Sis (illegible) Virgo Maria, A.D. Mccccviii.'

Third.—'S. Nichila-us Ad Loca Sancte Trahe Betris Ros Sc Nicholae.'

Fourth.—'I H C' is surmounted by a crown. The rest of the inscription is illegible. The foundry mark is a shield containing a cross crowned.

Fifth.—'Jesus Be Our Speed. 1633.'

Tenor.—No inscription.

The second is one of the very few mediæval bells to bear a date.

The fifth was cast locally by William Oldfield.

Three of these bells came from the church of St. Nicholas-without-Walmgate Bar, which was destroyed during the siege of the city in 1644. The bells were taken down by the Parliamentary soldiers with intent to recast them into cannon, but Lord Fairfax prevented this being done. The church was not rebuilt as the parish was joined to that of St. Lawrence's, whose church had also been seriously damaged. The bells were hung in St. John's tower in 1653 and, with the bells already there, formed the first chime of six to be hung in any of the city parish churches.

For many years the church has been disused and it is now closed. It was handed over to the City Corporation in 1939 with the intention it be pulled down. Fortunately, however, it has now been taken over by the York Civic Trust, which body has undertaken emergency repairs to preserve it for future use. It has been suggested it would house an ecclesiastical museum.

The three bells from the church of St. Nicholas have been offered by the Archbishop to the parish of St. Lawrence-with-St. Nicholas and New Fulford. It was hoped they would form part of a ring of six at the modern church of St. Lawrence, which is the largest parish church in the city. At present the heavy cost involved weighs heavily against the transfer being made.

THE CHURCH AT KING'S COURT

An interesting ring of six which will be heard no more in York is that which was at the church of Holy Trinity or Christ Church, King's Court, which church was pulled down in 1937. The inscriptions are:—

Treble.—'Te Deum Laudamus. 1693. SS Ebor.' (We praise Thee O God.)

Second.—'Jubilate Domino. 1681. SS Ebor.' (Sing joyfully to the Lord.)

Third.—'Laudate Iah Quie Bonum Et Amoenum Est Psallire Deo Nostro. 1659.' (Praise the Lord, for it is a good and pleasant thing to sing praises unto our God.)

Fourth.—'Johannes Eternis Annis Resonet Domino.' (Oh! that John may chime the Lord's praises to the end of time.)

Fifth.—'Sit Nomen Domino Benedictum.' (Blessed be the name of the Lord.)

Tenor.—'Santa Margareta Ora Pro Nobis.' (Saint Margaret pray for us.)

The first two were cast by Samuel Smith at his foundry on Toft Green, York.

The third bears a shield containing a cross with a bell on either side. This was the foundry mark of William Cureton, who was in partnership with Abraham Smith on Toft Green. The Rev. C. B. Norcliffe, in his 'Account of Holy Trinity, King's Square,' states:

'A.D. 1659. September 26th, a new bell being made out of the two lesser belonging to the church of St. Lawrence, without Walmgate Bar, was hung up in the steeple of Christ Church, being the least of four there. It weighs 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs., and was cast on Toft Green, by one William Cureton, at the procurement of Abraham Smith, who had 20s. per cwt. for casting the same, the parish finding the metal. Thomas Ragge, of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, made the bell frame, the timber of which was bought at

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The Silent Bells of York—Cont.

Healaugh. Leonard Thompson, the Lord Mayor, gave a piece of timber out of the Minster for a bell yoke. The total cost of the bell and frame was £40 8s. 3d.'

The other three are Pre-Reformation bells and were, apparently, all cast at the same time. Upon each is a shield—the keys of St. Peter in saltire—above a dolphin, below a laver, on the right a garb or cornsheaf, on the left a bell. This was the foundry mark of Henry Jordan, 1450-1470, who had his foundry in London. It seems strange that bells for York had to be cast by an outside founder when, at that time, the city was the centre of bellfounding in the north. The tenor has a diameter of 3ft. 5½in., and weighs about 12 cwts.

BELLS EARMARKED FOR MIDDLESBROUGH

The above mentioned church of St. Lawrence was almost destroyed in the seige of the city in 1644, and it remained in a state of ruin until 1669, when the work of re-erection was begun. So the parish would have no use for its bells and, no doubt, disposed of some in order to add to its restoration funds.

Extracts from the churchwardens' account:—

1665. July 4. Pd. for ringing for ye Dutch victory. 3s. August 5. Pd. for ringing when the Duke of York came in. 2s.

1666. June 9. Pd. for ringing for the victory over the Dutch. 8d.

1677. Dec. 6. Pd. the ringers at Prince of Orange marriage. 4s.

1681. A new bell to be treble to the rest that are there provided.

1684. Mr. Samuel Smith shall be paid the money owing him by the parish out of the first collection of the assessment.

1688. Feb. 17. Pd. for ringing when King William and Queen Mary were proclaimed. 5s.

1689. April 11. Pd. on the Coronation Day for ringing. 5s.

1690. July 19. for ringing for news of ye conquest of ye Boyn. 5s.

1691. Pd. for ringers at ye taking of Limerick. 5s.

1692. For ringing upon ye first report of beating ye French. 1s.

1696. Sep. 8. Pd. ye ringers when mint began to coyne. 1s.

In 1861 the church, which stood at one end of The Shambles, was taken down and rebuilt, and in 1885 the parish was united with that of St. Sampson's, but from that time the church was unused and uncared for. Finally it was decided to demolish and so improve the congestion and appearance of King's Square. The work was carried out in 1937, when the site was paved over and preserved as an open space.

The fate of the bells was decided at a Consistory Court held in York Minster in 1936. Turning down several applications for single bells to be given to various parishes the Chancellor directed the bells to be preserved as a ring of six and, until such time as a home could be found for them, they be stored in the custody of the Dean and Chapter of York Minster. Finally, they were given to the parish of St. Barnabas, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, where a new church had been built and sufficient money was in hand to build a suitable tower.

The advent of the second World War prevented the tower being built, but as the bells had been sent to Loughborough work on them had to be stopped and they were put in store; Messrs. Taylor and Co. have had custody of them ever since. It is not know when the scheme to buiild the tower will be started again, but it is obvious a considerable sum of money will be required in addition to that raised before the war.

NOTICES

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DEATH

DOWNES. — On April 11th, 1954, Joseph William Downes, of Roundway Cottage, Southbank Road, Hereford, Hon. Secretary, Hereford District of Hereford Diocesan Guild. 4296

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

One set of 12 handbells, pre-war, in good condition, used twice only since being overhauled. £40 or nearest offer.—M. Reynolds, 7, Miller Close, Elstow Road, Bedford, Beds. 4279

SITUATION VACANT

MITTON.—Verger for the Church and Caretaker for the Institute. Duties to commence July 1st, 1954. House available, rent free. Applications in writing to Canon Calderbank, The Vicarage, Mitton, Whalley, near Blackburn. 4278

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington, Saturday, April 24th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Langport. 4244

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, April 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 4274

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Coventry on Saturday, April 24th. Bells of St. Michael's, Stoke (8), and All Saints', Allesley (8), available 3-4 and after the meeting. Service Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate, 4.30. Tea 5 in Council House, followed by business meeting. 4249

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 24th. Committee meeting, Diocesan House, 3.30 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Diocesan House, 5 p.m. Annual meeting, Diocesan House, 5.45 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's (10) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 3 p.m.-4.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 3 p.m.-4.25 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.-8 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 4213

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6) Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4254

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4267

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Elmdon (6), near Saffron Walden, on Saturday, April 24th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4201

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Merrow, April 24th. Bells 3-9. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Room. Service 7. 4216

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 24th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.45. 4238

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, April 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. 4230

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Reports and booklets available. Ringing at Redbourn (6) 10.30-3.30; King's Langley (8) 10.30-12; Apsley End (6) 12 noon-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. also 7-8 p.m; Great Berkhamsted (8) 1.30-3.30 p.m.; Hemel Hempstead (8) 1.30-4.30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Lunch (2s. 6d.) at The Salmon, Apsley 1 p.m. Names, early, to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley. Tea (2s. 6d.) at St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4240

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: Holloway 2-4 p.m.; Clerkenwell 3-4.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate in evening. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 4215

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Somerton (6) April 24th. Service 4. Tea 5. Deddington (8) evening. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 4205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4214

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at South Perrott, April 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 4248

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4277

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Nottingham, Saturday, April 24th. St. Mary's bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. **Please note following amendment:** Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head at 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate. Business meeting in same room after tea. 4207

SUFFOLK GUILD — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Meeting, Clare (8), Saturday, April 24th. Names for tea to Mr. S. Twitchett, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4245

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, April 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peckett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4266

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Wonston, April 24th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Swan Inn, Sutton Scotney. 4217

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Baughurst, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4256

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Shelley (6) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea at small cost at 5 p.m. Please bring own sandwiches. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Good bus service. 4281

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — Annual meeting at St. Michael's on Saturday, May 1st, 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Bells 13. All welcome. —E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 4290

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Huntspill, May 1st, 3 p.m. Recently rehung. Names for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4287

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Clutton, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4283

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook (6) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Special method: St. James' Youths Exercise. All ringers welcome.—Bryan Pattison. 4300

COVENTRY GUILD.—Combined meeting at Salford Priors, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. E. 4292

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lamerton, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.. Names for tea, by April 26th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4233

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Joint meeting, Histon (6), May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Ely Dis. Sec. 4289

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Crusader meeting, Rayleigh, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe 5 p.m. Specially requested—names for tea to Mr. E. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. Special facilities for Kent Major. 4235

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Great Totham (6), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4285

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Winterbourne, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 27th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 4294

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The postponed meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please send number for tea by April 29th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard, Herefordshire. 4295

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Aspenden, May 1st, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Lincolnshire Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4282

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Saturday, May 1st, Langleybury (6), 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names, please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 4299

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Amwell on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. These bells have now been augmented to a ring of six. 4288

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Edenbridge on May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Individual names for tea, please, to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge. 4265

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 27th, to Miss G. Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark-on-Trent. 4262

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LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District —Meeting at Morpeth Watch Tower on Saturday, May 1st. Names for tea, by Friday, April 30th, to Mr. A. H. Pegg, 19, Mitford Road, Morpeth. All ringers welcome. 4234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, May 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4291

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Miss D. Dutton, 1, Cockle Dick Lane, Southport, Lancs.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4304

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— South Norfolk Branch.—Spring meeting at Banham (6), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15; preacher Canon R. W. Longley. Tea 5 in the Church Hall for those who notify, by Tuesday, April 27th, Mr. W. G. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich. Quidenham (8 bells) after meeting.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 4263

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stony Stratford, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) at 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 4298

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Arborfield on May 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 6 p.m. Names for tea by April 27th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 4280

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby, May 1st. Names for tea to M. Amos, 48, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before April 27th, please.—E. Orland, Hon. Sec. 4302

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Kings Cliffe, May 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea must be sent by Tuesday, April 27th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 4284

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, May 1st, Broadchalke. Bells 2.15. Service 4. Tea at Queen's Head 4.45. Bells at Coombe Bissett from 6.30. Names for tea by April 27th, please. —Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 4261

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Ruddington (8), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by Wednesday, April 28th, Mr. R. A. Bartlam, 38, Kirk Lane, Ruddington, Notts. 4253

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Brighton, Saturday, May 1st. Bells available: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' from 2.30 p.m. Service St. Nicholas' 4.15 p.m. Tea Union Church Hall 5 p.m. (3s. per head) Names for tea by April 28th.—R. Percy, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 4237

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Arreton, May 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 4301

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held jointly with the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY at Doncaster on May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall, followed by meeting. Names, by April 28th, to D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster. Subscriptions now due and reports for 1953 will be available. A large and representative attendance is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4271

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Leicester, May 8th, by invitation. Train, 8.10 St. Pancras. Ringing: St, John-the-Divine 11 to 12; Cathedral 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Margaret's 3 to 4 p.m. Meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing St. Mary-de-Castro 6 to 7 p.m. Names for tea, by May 1st, please, to Mr. H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Phone Leicester 33140. 4269

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Bridgend, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 4283

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting at Winterton, May 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. E. Brumpton, 24, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 4293

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 8th, at Norwich. Bells available: Mancroft (12) 3.15-4; St. Giles' (8), St. Mile's (8), St. John de Sepuchre (8) and St. George Colegate (6) 1.30-4; all bells after business meeting. Service, Mancroft, 4; preacher the Rev. J. L. Turney, Rector of Sculthorpe. Tea (with ham, etc.) Mancroft Parish Hall, 4.45 (3s. 9d. each). Tea only for those notifying general secretary by May 1st. Business meeting 5.30. Now, make this new Saturday annual meeting the best ever! People who do not attend the tea are equally welcome to the business meeting.— A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 67a, The Close, Norwich. 4196

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Marston, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 3rd to Mr. T. S. Bowles, 6, Kempson Crescent, Littlemore, Oxford. 4231

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on May 8th. Ringing: St. James', Constitution Street (8) 11–12.45; Cathedral (10) 2–4 and from 6; St. Cuthbert's in evening if wanted. Service, tea and meeting from 4 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday previous to Miss Kate Branson, 91, Mayfield Road, Edinburgh.—Rognvald Wilson, Secretary.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.— Meeting at Blythburgh (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotston Road, Southwald, by May 5th. 4297

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.— A meeting will be held at Cotton (8) on Saturday, May 8th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 4th. All ringers welcome.—B. Chilvers. 4303

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Preliminary notice.—Joint meeting at Bottesford on May 22nd.—J. H. Cook. C. Glenn, Joint Secs. 4276

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at the Old Bell, Holborn. Tickets, price 13s., now available from the undersigned. Please apply early.—Peter N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4243

Mr. J. K. Wagstaff's 100 Peals

Mr. J. K. Wagstaff, of Nottingham, who started peal ringing on February 7th, 1946, rang his 100th peal on March 31st. Most of his peals have been rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

The peal Mr. Wagstaff will always remember is the 800th of the late Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen., which was rung on the latter's 80th birthday and composed and conducted by his son, the late Mr. Tom Groombridge. Mr. Wagstaff's list of peals is appended:—

On tower bells:—

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced 2.

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THE DISTRICT HERITAGE

MR. G. H. SPICE, in his concluding report as hon. general secretary of the Kent County Association, took as his theme the district heritage. Each of the six districts enjoys its own autonomy, but together they form a miniature 'commonwealth.' The story of this 'commonwealth' he told in a graphic form in his report.

'There is first the Ashford District away in the south-east stretching down to the coast at Folkestone and Hythe, including among its towers such glories as Ashford itself, Tenterden and Wye, with a tradition for ringing at Willesborough unsurpassed in the county, where still flourishes our only living founder member, Mr. Edward Ruck, "Old Ted" as he would have us say.

Next the Canterbury District bounded by sea to the north and east, among its fifty towers the varied sea places of Whitstable, of oyster fame, Margate, the holiday haunt of many thousands (though only a stone's throw from quiet Birchington and the curious Quex Park), and Dover, whose white cliffs emit welcome to our shores; and at its heart the great Cathedral City, and in its ringing the real family spirit, reflected in the many honorary members.

In complete contrast think of the Lewisham District, our hosts to-day, industrial and merging into Greater London, bristling with towers in the crowded places, Beckenham, Dartford, Erith and Woolwich to name but a few; an area where many of our Association records were accomplished, and where Crayford and the name of Barnett have brought us honour.

The central Maidstone District, having common boundary with the other five, goes to the opposite extreme in being solidly rural with thirty satellites spread round the majestic Church of All Saints. In former years James Barham and the Lenham Youths brought lasting fame with the extent peal of Bob Major at Leeds, a ringing landmark; maybe Barham's spirit engenders the adventurous outlook of the present time.

In the north the Rochester District, stretching from Gravesend to Sittingbourne and embracing the Medway towns, combines urban and rural qualities in happy proportions, with the Isle of Sheppey lending further variety. Here I step back into the shoes I once wore, and which Mr. Mitchell wore before me, and it is satisfying to find them in good repair and giving excellent service.

Lastly to the Tonbridge District in the south-west, distinguished by having a lady secretary, I believe the first ever in the Association, to whom we wish great success in an area which, besides the home at Westerham of the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, includes such historically famous places as Chiddingstone, Hever and Penshurst, and among its bells the fine six at Horsmonden, where ring the family Lambert.

My message is that you should profit from your district heritage, and that you should feel encouraged to develop your district activities. For your influence there will determine the prevailing atmosphere for ringing, and will do more than anything else to ensure that the sounds of recorded bells will not emanate from more churches than necessity justifies. Our very strong ally is the love of bells deeply ingrained in the hearts of our countrymen, of which we have had abounding evidence in recent years, and which has called us to ring out the bells when the Queen sets foot again on English soil after her global tour. What greater assurance could there be than this and, since my health dictates it, what more appropriate moment for stepping out of the shoes I have worn these last eight years?'

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' May 1st, 1914

LEISTON, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 20th, 1914, in 2 hours and 30 minutes

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5,040 CHANGES

*Allen F. Bailey	1–2
Ernest S. Bailey	3–4
Charles F. Bailey	5–6
James M. Bailey	7–8
*Frederick W. Bailey	9–10

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Chas. F. Bailey.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal 'in hand' by all. It was also the first peal of Royal to be rung by five brothers.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 39½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	JOHN S. MASON	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the county.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN	7
MURIEL REAY	2	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	8
DOROTHY E. L. BEAMISH	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	LEONARD TREVOR	10
J. EDWARD CAUSER	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* Annual peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., April 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5032 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

*L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
*STANLEY W. COPLING	2	*ERNEST WHITING	7
†EDWARD G. CURSON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	8
†DAVID HEIGHTON	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	9
*CEDRIC CURSON	5	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. The first peal of Royal on the bells.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. FARMER	6
ROGER B. MORRIS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	8
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	BRIAN HARRIS	9
F. HECTOR BENNETT	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.
Mr. J. W. Griffiths has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	WILFRED G. WILSON	7
PAT LEWINGTON	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	8
WILLIAM BUTLER	4	FRANK H. HICKS	9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	†JOE E. G. ROAST	6
FRANK V. GANT	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	†PETER J. EVES	8
*PETER J. CAME	4	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	9
HOWARD W. EGGLESONE	5	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	*Tenor*

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*SYDNEY SAGE	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	*WILLIAM A. SMITH	6
JEAN C. BROWN	3	ALAN N. BROWN	7
*ALLEN TWYMAN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR. A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. G. McClintock.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5
*DAVID A. CARPENTER	2	*L. MICHAEL CALLOW	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	*GEORGE GARDNER	7
PERCY STONE	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung by the Sunday service band.
A compliment to L. Michael Callow and Iris Meek on their engagement.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

ANNE B. SPEED	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	5
ROBERT G. LAY	2	WILLIAM G. MORRIS	6
FRANCES A. THRELFALL	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ROLAND W. MORANT	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

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AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *and* SAINT CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

SAMUEL C. WALKER	*Treble*	RICHARD A. GOFTON	5
*ENID SOFTLEY	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	3	ROLAND PARK	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

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JOHN N. LINDON	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MOLLY P. FLYNN	4	ARTHUR V. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. John Eaton.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
C. HENRY HARDING	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	7
JOHN KING	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
Rung prior to Evensong on Easter Eve.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*ROGER BALDWIN	2	ERNEST F. SALMONS	6
†BRIAN J. LUFF	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. † First peal of London.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ENID SOFTLEY	*Treble*	NANCY I. LEA	5
MARGARET GIBSON	2	CHARLES N. LEA	6
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	3	*STANLEY HEWITT	7
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	4	J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the joy of Easter.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

ANGELA WILLES	*Treble*	DAVID L. GULLICK	5
REX M. DIXON	2	JOHN CHURCH	6
PETER W. CROFT	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
COLIN HARWOOD	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS H. TOCOCK	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
PETER NASH	2	GEORGE GILBERT	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	REGINALD F. CROOK	7
J. M. N. LAKIN	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. H. WILDE, No. 14. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
First peal in the method for all except ringers of 6th and tenor.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Reeves' Five-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LESLIE SMITH	*Treble*	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	5
SAM SCATTERGOOD	2	RONALD BIRCH	6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	DENNIS HOLLAND	7
FRANK MILLINGTON	4	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Roger C. Preston (of Sheffield Cathedral) and Miss Jean M. Duncan, who were married at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Weston-super-Mare, on this day.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER	*Treble*	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	5
JOHN HILL	2	GORDON P. T. PETERS	6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER	3	RALPH BIRD	7
*JANET M. BESANT	4	ARTHUR H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Plain Bob on a working bell. The 800th peal for the Guild.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5408 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

PETER L. WOOD	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	5
F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	2	REG. RIPPINGALE	6
FRANK W. J. ROPER	3	TERRY EARLE	7
JACK BRETT	4	JOHN R. LEEMING	*Tenor*

Composed by T. WEST. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN R. WORSDALL	*Treble*	RONALD J. HILL	5
RONALD RUSSELL	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	6
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	FREDERICK J. HUBBARD	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Worcester Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*VALERIE GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	W. RODNEY HARRISON	6
*DOROTHY TEMPLEMAN	3	DAVID MARSHALL	7
EDWARD C. GOBEY	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD F. GOBEY. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. This composition is rung for the first time.

STRATFIELD-MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*GILLIAN E. BROWN	*Treble*	THOMAS H. TOCOCK	5
J. M. N. LAKIN	2	PETER NASH	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	REGINALD F. CROOK	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal on eight.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARIE K. ROBERTS	*Treble*	†RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4
*BRIAN PRATT	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
MICHAEL N. BLAND	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

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

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM OLDMAN	4
CECIL WADE	2	*HENRY P. COLLIN	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Kenneth R. Corby and Miss Eva M. Smith, a ringer at the above church, whose wedding was solemnised previous to the peal.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	ALLAN SIMPSON	4
CLEMENT GLENN	2	CHARLES W. TOWERS	5
JOAN HOODLESS	3	*SYDNEY ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal 'inside.'

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and five extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Old Doubles. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*HUGH FALKNER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	4
*BRIAN R. MYLES	2	††‡RALPH E. W. WENBAN	5
†WILLIAM WENBAN	3	RAYMOND PEARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

* First peal in six methods † First peal in six Doubles methods. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID L. GULLICK	*Treble*	WALTER BROWN	4
*FRANK E. WORBOYS	2	WILLIAM J. HITCH	5
*SIDNEY MYNOTT	3	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

* First peal.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being in seven methods, an extent each of: Neatherscale, Annable's London, Norwich, Wells, Durham, York, London. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ALFRED C. HARRIS	*Treble*	EDGAR W. WINTERS	4
GEORGE CHERRY	2	PETER W. CROFT	5
JACK CHURCH	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

A 16th birthday compliment to Peter W. Croft.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings), and 12 of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 10¾ cwt. in G.

*MRS. H. HAYNES	*Treble*	VICTOR A. PERRY	3
*JOYCE M. WATSON	2	MALCOLM R. TOMALIN	4
HAROLD HAYNES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HAROLD HAYNES.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

BRIAN HENRY	*Treble*	HARRY CALDERBANK	4
*JOHN V. BLACKLIDGE	2	J. RICHARD JENKINSON	5
JOHN BAILEY	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal 'inside.'

A 'welcome home' to the treble ringer on completion of his National Service.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve Plain methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (2) Double, Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Childwall (5) Hereward, (6) Double Court, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HAROLD DENMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in twelve methods.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's with 93 changes of method: 1, Newcastle and Alnwick; 2, London and Wells; 3, Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; 4, Carlisle, Chester and Munden; 5, York and Durham; 6, Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose; 7, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. PIDGEON	*Treble*	HERMON J. OLIVER	4
HARRY TURNER	2	RICHARD VALENTINE	5
ROBIN N. PITTMAN	3	LAURENCE H. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 18 methods by all.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., April 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 35 MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BERESFORD	1—2	GEORGE E. OLIVER	5—6
JOAN BERESFORD	3—4	DENNIS BERESFORD	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 16, 1954, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT 31, DRAYTON GROVE, W.13,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

*DEREK R. JUDD	1—2	GILLIAN R. LAMONT	3—4
WILLIAM T. COOK	5—6		

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First handbell peal.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Pamela Law 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 4, B. K. Turnbull 5, E. E. Trusler 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Sear 1, Squire Croft 2, F. Stonton 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, D. J. Meager 6, W. Sear (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—For children's service, 1,246 Spliced Triples in eleven methods (by A. J. Pitman): A. Mallen 1, F. Jukes 2, J. Lloyd 3, A. Peakman 4, T. Hemming 5, B. Lawton 6, C. Skidmore (cond.) 7, S. Mallen 8. First quarter in eleven methods by all.—Also for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Mallen (first away from tenor) 1, R. Allport (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Skidmore 3, W. E. Masters 4, B. Lawton 5, J. Lloyd 6, T. Hemming (cond.) 7, A. Mallen 8.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS. — At the Church of St. Oswald, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, C. Hague 2, Susan Dinsdale 3, Elsa Murray 4, G. Thackray 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, Carol Steel 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): B. Bellamy 1, Miss R. Marwood 2, G. Miles 3, A. E. C. Noble 4, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 5, D. S. M. Jones 6, T. Holt 7, A. Dye 8. First quarter for 1 and 7.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): G. Mansfield 1, Betty Mansfield 2, A. Booth 3, C. Rigby 4, C. Massingham 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. First in three methods by 2 and 5. Rung by Sunday service ringers.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Brand (first quarter) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, C. E. Wright (cond.) 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, S. Penfold 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Grandsire, Plain Bob): C. E. Hill 1, W. T. Hill 2, Judith D. Shedel 3, Gwenda A. Davies 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. Rung after dedication of new bell-ropes.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (two 120's each of All Saints', Reversed St. Bartholomew. Reversed Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire, and 300 Plain Bob): Miss J. Burroughs (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. F. Romney 1, S. A. Hill 2, C. W. Linington (first 'inside') 3, P. Hollingdale 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harniess 1, C. D. Linington 2, S. A. Hill (first as conductor) 3, J. Backshall, sen. 4, P. F. Romney 5, F. Cox 6.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. D. Linington 1, S. A. Hill 2, P. N. O. Robinson 3, J. Backshall, sen. 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Steele 1, R. Richards (first 'inside') 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, P. A. Clifton 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, S. Richards 6.

LISS, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): T. Fry 1, H. Tice 2, J. Newman 3, G. Norris 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, D. Wheeler 6, P. Heath 7, K. Wright 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, D. W. Beard (cond.) 2, Sonia Lloyd-Evans 3, M. J. Soper 4, A. W. Beard 5, R. Fraser 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples by the same band in the evening.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Mawdesley, sen. 1, Gordon Halls 2, Peter Millward 3, Kenneth Edwards 4, John Ashcroft (cond.) 5, Alan V. Lucksmith 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, R. G. Leale 2, R. Baldwin 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. York Bramble 6, F. W. Rogers 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Bainbridge 1, F. Ward 2, H. Thorpe 3, S. F. Palmer 4, R. Birch 5, P. Ketteridge (first quarter) 6, B. Holland 7, F. Udall 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. R. Scott 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Mrs. W. Butler 3, W. Butler 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, B. L. Taylor 7, J. Birt 8.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella Lazenby 1, Ann Matthews 2, F. J. White (cond.) 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, A. Bown 5, E. Jones 6.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, A. Richardson 2, W. G. Soar 3, Mrs. A. Richardson 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, J. Hales (first as cond.) 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, Miss N. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal 7, D. A. Sydenham 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Miss D. Marshall (first quarter) 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—Also 1,440 Westminster Surprise Minor: A. E. Dobb 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, G. Challans 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter peal in the method by all.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT BROMLEY

RETURN VISIT AFTER 20 YEARS — MEMBERSHIP DROP AFTER POST-WAR BULGE — PEALS WERE LESS, BUT 42 CONDUCTORS — CHANGES IN OFFICERS — EASTER MONDAY MEETINGS QUESTIONED

EASTER Monday was spent by many members of the Kent County Association this year at Bromley. The bombed Church of SS. Peter and Paul's has been partially rebuilt in a modern style of architecture which made a deep impression on the large congregation of ringers and their friends who attended the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. N. M. Walton). A touch on handbells preceded the service, during which the lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis, a vice-president of the Association.

An excellent lunch was served at the Royal Bell Hotel. Mr. John Willis presided over a company numbering 175 and the guests included the Mayor of Bromley and the Vicar.

In a short speech of welcome the Mayor recalled that it was 20 years since the Kent County Association visited Bromley. He mentioned that the foundation stone of the new church was laid by the Queen when Princess Elizabeth.

The Vicar added to the Mayor's welcome. Mr. E. H. Lewis congratulated Bromley on its new church. He was so pleased they went in for something modern and not 'churchwarden Gothic.' It was sad to think that the old Jannaway bells were gone; they were the only complete ring by this foundry. Nevertheless, they had a very good ring in their place.

Luncheon was followed by the annual meeting. Mr. Willis was an expeditious chairman and he was supported by Mr. G. H. Spice (hon. secretary), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. treasurer) and Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. E. S. Ruck (vice-presidents).

Apologies were received from Messrs. S. Walter, G. H. Cross, Peter Bond (in Wales for Easter), P. A. Corby and Mr. Fred White.

Mr. G. H. Spice, in his report (reference to part of which appears on the front page of this issue), stated that last year a full complement of 42 meetings was carried out.

MEMBERSHIP DROP

Practising members last year fell by 99 to 897. Several factors contributed towards a trend which became visible last year when, after four successive years in which numbers exceeded the traditional four figures, membership dropped to 996. One reason was that fluctuations spread over not one, but several years. For instance, it took four years after the war to build up again to the 1,000 mark, and this was really an amazing speed. It was made possible by the abnormally high recruitment rate, giving rise to a bulge which was bound to subside. In doing so it had contributed to the present decline.

'Some of you may think that the increase in subscription to 3s. had played a part, but if so I feel it is only a minor one. Had there been a really unfavourable reaction to this wise and necessary step the fall in membership would have been much heavier. . . . We all should be concerned about the fall in membership, but we need not be alarmed so long as we realise our individual and District responsibility.'

Subscriptions were received from 80 honorary members compared with 88 in 1952, and new practising members numbered 125 compared with 148, District contributors being: Ashford 11 adult 1 junior, Canterbury 11 and 12, Lewisham 14 and 5, Maidstone 20 and 6, Rochester 24 and 3, Tonbridge 13 and 5.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood while the following were remembered: C. Head (Wye), Robert Edwards (Tenterden), Joseph Neve (Rolvenden), Randall G. Port (Canterbury, District Ringing Master 1945-50), Percy W. Smith (Canterbury District secretary 1926-36), Albert Johnson (Littlebourne), Mrs. Thompson (Sturry), Alec Webb (Lyminge), H. E. Holden (Bexley), G. W. Pound (Boxley), G. R. Lawrence (Chatham), V. A. Jarrett (Chatham), H. Gearing (Cowden), F. J. Lambert (Horsmonden) R. Dalby Reeve (Margate, hon. member) and Mrs. Sone (Linton). Non-resident members were: Messrs. George Dawson (Leytonstone), W. H. J. Hooton (Tring), W. J. Ladd (East Grinstead) and C. Brasier (Rotherfield).

The committee, meeting in November, proposed the creation of a new office, that of Ringing Master, to be responsible for all ringing arrangements on the day of the annual meeting. This was unanimously adopted, and Mr. P. J. Spice, of Bromley, was admirably fulfilling those duties that day for the first time.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. B. Collison, seconded by Mr. F. S. Macey. The presentation of an honorarium to Mr. Spice with the sincere thanks of the Association to him for his services then followed, which was reported in our last issue.

THE ACCOUNTS

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, commenting on the General Account, said last year they increased their subscriptions to 3s. per head and they had lost 109 adult and 14 junior members. Twenty-five members must have had a conscience, because they had paid up their arrears. Collections at meetings of £19 9s. 10d. had been allocated to the Belfry Repair Fund. Badges had gone very well, the total sale being nearly 700. Income, including balance in hand, of £111 2s. 5d., amounted to £354 19s. 8d., and a balance in hand of £115 14s. 3d. was being carried forward. The big bugbear was the printing of the annual report, which cost £70.

The Benevolent Fund had a balance in hand of £176 6s. 1d. Three grants to the extent of £20 had been made. The Belfry Repair Fund, with a balance of £194 10s. 8d., had made three grants of ten guineas to Farningham, Bethersden and Lynsted.

The total value of the assets of the Association on December 31st, according to current market prices, was £1,164 19s. against a value at par of £1,273 2s. 5d.

The financial report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. F. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Knight.

FEWER PEALS RUNG

The report of the peal secretary, Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, stated that 130 peals were recorded during 1953, a decrease of 25 on 1952. For the Coronation 15 peals were rung.

Compared with the peal analysis of 1952 there was an increase in six-bell peal ringing but a decrease of one third in the number of Surprise Major peals rung. This decrease was partly due to the reduced totals in the Tonbridge and Lewisham Districts which in the past contributed largely to the total of peals rung in more advanced methods. There were 37 first-pealers, a pleasing increase of nine.

Two performances deserved special mention —a peal of Doubles at Chelsfield, in which all the band rang their first peal, and a peal of Doubles at East Farleigh, in which there were four first peals.

There were 42 conductors, 12 less than in 1952, including four 'first as conductor.' Leading conductors were Mr. M. S. Lancefield 15, Mr. T. E. Sone 10, Messrs. F. J. Cullum and T. A. Naylor 9 each.

No peals of Cinques or Maximus were recorded during the year and no handbell peals were rung. Two peals had been rung in the county by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. During 1953 the first peals for the Association in three and eight Spliced Surprise Major and a record length of Doubles—6,840 changes in three methods—were rung.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. John Cooper, seconded by Mr. E. Barnett.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected and the name of Mr. G. H. Spice was added to the list of vice-presidents; Messrs. F. S. Macey, G. H. Spice and J. Willis were re-elected trustees; committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, R. A. Constant, W. R. Rainer and J. A. Russell; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. M. Mitchell; hon. secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher; hon. peal secretary, Mr. M. S. Lancefield; hon. auditor, Mr. Rainer; Central Council representatives, Messrs. T. Sone, T. Cullingworth, J. Willis and Dr. Hatcher.

Upon the proposition of Mr. E. Barnett a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. George H. Cross for his services as hon. auditor for over 25 years. Seconding, Mr. F. M. Mitchell said Mr. Cross only caught him out once in 22 years —he had undercharged himself a shilling for postage.

DAY OF ANNUAL MEETING

Opinions were sought by the committee as to the day of the annual meeting—on Easter Monday or a Saturday?

The chairman explained that the cost of the luncheon was higher on a Bank Holiday as, under the Catering Wages Act, special rates had to be paid for Bank Holiday.

Mr. E. Barnett advocated a Saturday. Today 19 out of 20 worked a five-day week. The cost of the lunch was subsidised by nearly 100 per cent.

Mr. Donk took exception to Mr. Barnett's figures as to those working a five-day week. He favoured Easter Monday.

Mr. John Cooper: Fifty per cent. in my tower work on a Saturday afternoon. Easter Monday was suitable to everybody.

Mr. George H. Spice: We shall lose the Easter atmosphere which permeates our meetings by a change.

A letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, regarding the position of 'The Ringing World' was read. The letter pointed out that if each affiliated tower had one postal subscriber there would be no cause for anxiety.

The chairman's suggestion that a copy of the letter be sent to each District for appropriate action was agreed to.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. H. Spice to those responsible for the local arrangements, and the Vicar of Bromley for making the meeting such a happy gathering. The resolution was carried with acclamation.

OBITUARY

MR. DAVID SLEET

With regret we announce the death of Mr. David Sleet, captain of Christ Church, Ottershaw, for many years, early on Easter Sunday.

His place will be hard to fill in the tower for he was a good conductor in the methods that he could ring. Besides ringing, his other activities were playing in the British Legion drum and fife band, also in the Territorial band, of which he was a member before the last war, being taken a prisoner at Dunkirk.

The funeral service was on April 22nd at Ottershaw, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory by his fellow ringers in the evening. The band consisted of P. Underwood 1, J. Ribbans 2, R. J. Andrews (conductor) 3, Mrs. Molly Hancock 4, H. Hancock 5, H. Kingston 6.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ASH, SURREY.—1,272 Kent Treble Bob: M. Whelan (first of Kent Treble Bob) 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, P. Sherwood (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Pepler 4, T. Denyer 5, S. Russell 6.

CLAINES, WORCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Lewis (first on 8) 1, J. J. Stanier (first 'inside' on 8) 2, Susan Jackson 3, R. G. Morris 4, D. Beacham 5, R. Woodyat 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, J. N. Diserens 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: Patricia E. Smith (first of Major) 1, J. Armstrong 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, Marilyne Turner (first 'inside') 4, I. Campbell 5, N. J. Fleetwood 6, J. R. Fleetwood 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Tanner 1, Miss L. Beeney (first 'inside') 2, G. Tonkin 3, F. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pye 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whitcrod 3, D. Bacon (first quarter) 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Elliott 6.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Ranzetta 1, L. J. Batley (first in method) 2, C. A. Hughes 3, C. R. Smith 4, C. W. Ottley 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 8.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): J. B. Dincage (first quarter away from the tenor) 1, Mary Wallace (first in two methods) 2, Ann Barr 3, D. W. Barr 4, M. W. Fairey (first in two methods as cond.) 5, F. T. Warrington 6.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (600 Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. Watkins 1, Miss M. Hart 2, R. H. Lucas 3, E. Baughan 4, L. Fogg (cond.) 5, D. H. A. Drayton 6. Also a farewell to D. Watkins, who will shortly be leaving for military service.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): B. D. Partridge (first quarter) 1, H. W. Bird 2, Jean Chown (first 'inside') 3, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 4, B. C. Webb 5, T. A. Griffin 6, D. Benton 7, B. C. Webb 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss G. Burman 1, W. Gammage 2, Miss S. Parker 3, Mrs. G. F. Roome 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, B. Linnell 6, T. Jennings 7, G. F. Roome 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—Before morning prayer, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): C. Bingham (first quarter) 1, S. King 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Stevens (first quarter) 1, A. Diserens 2, Miss P. Saxton 3, Miss A. B. Diserens 4, Mrs. A. Diserens 5, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 6, R. W. Rex 7, F. Lewis 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Allcorn 1, E. Avery 2, G. King 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, F. Hook 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Bunce (first quarter) 1, R. Pankhurst 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, Miss D. Corke 4, P. Turley 5, L. Turley 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, G. Davey 8. Also a 'welcome' to Susan, grand-daughter of the Rector, who was born on April 12th.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. J. Thompson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Payne (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. E. Payne 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, R. S. Payne 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

A Visit to an Outpost

For the Easter Monday meeting the Surrey Association paid a visit to its outpost at Egham. This, no doubt, accounted for the smaller attendance than usual, which had its effect at the business meeting. An eminent authority on the subject states that the church was built last century at a dark period in English architecture, and is not attractive, but its memorials are full of interest and its weird catacombs are eerie and unusual. He could have added that its bells, an account of which was published in the issue of April 15th, are a pleasure to ring.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. under the leadership of Mr. F. E. Collins, the District Master, and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was taken at a nearby cafe. The meeting followed in the Church Hall. Seventeen members, representing nine towers, attended, with visitors from ten towers to make the total up to 30.

At the meeting the general secretary, Mr. Oatway, dealt with the letter about 'The Ringing World,' but, owing to the unrepresentative gathering, it was not possible to appoint an officer to deal with the matter. The secretary agreed to carry on with the duties until the next District meeting.

Mr. Collins was nominated for both the General Mastership and Liaison Officer to the Guildford Guild. There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed after the usual collection for the Bell Fund and votes of thanks for the use of the bells. Ringing continued until 8 p.m. W. P.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Dennet 1, Miss D. Jacques (first quarter) 2, A. J. Brown 3, J. Brown 4, L. W. Jacques (cond.) 5, B. Jones 6.

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LATE NEWS

The many friends of Mr. J. C. Adams, the former popular towerkeeper of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, will regret to learn that at present he is in the London Hospital, where one of his legs has had to be amputated.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By one vote Mr. C. W. Roberts failed to secure election to the Central Council at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association. He will be a big loss to the Council as, on many occasions in debate, he has given a lead from the floor of the house. The new member is Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

Mr. F. E. Collins has been nominated as the new Master of the Surrey Association in succession to the late Mr. Donald T. Cooper.

Somerton (Somerset) ringers who scored two quarters in Easter week have very great hopes of recording, as an early date, a quarter of Minor. So far, they have not got beyond 360 of Minor.

At the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association on Easter Monday there were no less than eight members of the Central Council present.

Because of his business as a pharmacist, Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway, of Smethwick, is debarred from peal ringing except on holiday. Members will note that he scored his annual peal.

Great St. Mary's bells, Cambridge, before being rehung, were the only anti-clockwise ring of 12 in the country. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have rehung the bells in a new cast iron frame, recast two trebles and tuned the bells and have now hung them clockwise.

In connection with the Bournemouth Festival on May 8th, Mr. Albert Walker, of 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, has been given permission to attempt a peal at Christchurch (12 bells). Any 12-bell ringer attending the dinner and wishing to take part is asked to write to Mr. Walker. There will be ringing facilities for visitors at St. John's, Surrey Road, and St. Peter's, from 2.30-5 p.m.

Members of the Middlesex Association, at their annual meeting last Saturday, were pleased to see Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who has been on the sick list since last November, and is only allowed up for four hours a day. He is shortly to undergo an operation and hopes to be back in full harness in five or six months' time.

Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield has twice 'circled' Maulden (Beds) tower, and Mr. Patrick I. Chapman once.

Messrs. Sydney Sage and Edward Jenkins rang together in a peal at Pendleton on April 3rd. The last time was 30 years ago.

The Rev. W. N. M. Walton, who preached to the Kent County Association at their annual meeting at Bromley, has a son on the staff of Oundle School, who is a keen ringer.

Mr. A. Waddington has produced from 'The Peregrine Press,' Egerton, Kent, a second edition of 'Beginners' Grandsire' (1s. 6d. post free). It is printed in two colours and should well fulfil its purpose.

The Central Council has lost its oldest member. Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, who has represented the Llandaff and Monmouth Association since 1907, did not seek re-election this year. His record of 46 years' continuous service is a great achievement.

History has been made at Oundle, Northants. Until seven years ago call changes were rung. Mr. A. B. Clarke then introduced method ringing, although he was then limited to Grandsire Doubles. On April 14th the crowning glory was achieved by six of the tower's nine ringers with a quarter of Grandsire Doubles, the first in the tower by a Sunday service band. The tower's repertoire also consists of Plain Bob Doubles, and hopes are entertained for an early start on Stedman Doubles. Keep it up Oundle!

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GREAT ST. MARY'S BELLS BRING ELY DIOCESAN RINGERS TO CAMBRIDGE

WE shall probably never know whether it was the bright, sunny weather or the prospect of ringing on the recently-restored twelve at Great St. Mary's which brought such a goodly crowd to the Ely Association's annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday. But, in spite of the afternoon's ringing on these bells being curtailed at the request of the authorities of a nearby college which considers itself renowned for church music of a different sort, almost everyone had a ring on the diocese's only ring of twelve.

On Palm Sunday, when the bells were re-dedicated, certain members of that ancient and august body, the Society of Cambridge Youths, alleged that the back bells were very difficult to handle but, during the ensuing week, Mr. Fidler and one of his second strings came and, by judicious use of rope-shutes, put both our minds and the ropes at rest.

Not desiring to go from the sublime to the ridiculous, the meeting started at St. Andrew's, an eight very much in need of the bell-hanger's attention, with a seventh described by a literary Canon of the last century as having a note similar to that obtained by striking an old tin bath. This tower is the main home of the Cambridge University Guild which, fortunately, contains many notable amateur bell-hangers. It was not surprising, therefore, that the appointed Ringing Master thought it necessary to visit the bells half an hour before proceedings were due to begin. He emerged 20 minutes later with the words, 'Do you use anything technical, such as oil?'

ST. BENE'T'S AND STEDMAN

The next tower to start emitting musical sounds was St. Bene't's, one of Cambridge's most ancient churches and the one ever linked with the memory of Fabian Stedman. His method is a great favourite in these parts but does not seem to follow the normal laws of Q-sets and the like, since a round block starting with rounds seldom ends with rounds. Appropriately enough we started our ringing in Stedman's tower with a touch of Cambridge Minor.

A little later, ringing started at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, a really majestic ring, alleged to be the heaviest and best eight in East Anglia. Certainly they are excellent bells for testing one's ability at handling, having a very long draught without guides of any sort. Usually at meetings the main sport in this tower is trying to hang one's neighbour, but to-day everyone must have been in very solemn mood for not a single ringer was hanged and not a single stay broken. Thus by one o'clock our 'tower-grabbing' visitors had three in the bag and we ceased for an hour so that members could refresh themselves.

NO BRICKBATS

As two o'clock struck, the pavement outside the west door of Great St. Mary's was lined with ringers who soon began to ascend, with much puffing and blowing, to the prize they had eagerly awaited. This ascent was not without hazard as, having raised more than £2,500 to rehang the bells, this church is now undertaking the repair of its roof, which is badly attacked by death-watch beetle, and scaffolding impedes progress to the ringing chamber. Mr. Fidler himself was present to receive the brickbats and take them back to Loughborough, but all agreed that the tone of the bells had been greatly improved by tuning, that the two recast trebles were perfect and that the bells went like bells.

There was yet another tower to be visited before the service, namely, St. Andrew's, Chesterton. Everyone thought these were the second best six in the diocese. (The best six seemed to depend very largely upon the speaker's home tower.)

The service, held at St. Andrew-the-Great, was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. L. Woodard) and the address was given by our vice president, the Archdeacon of Wisbech (the Ven. J. P. Pelloe). Being a ringer himself, the Archdeacon refrained from preaching about ringers and ringing, but gave us a very inspiring sermon about our religion, which was greatly appreciated.

The service was followed by tea, arranged by the local ringers' wives, who wondered why, after three weeks' notice had been given, they had received only 24 applications for tea and yet found 90 people sitting down expecting to eat it. Still, ringers' wives seem to understand ringers, and had provided plenty for all.

POINTS FROM THE BUSINESS MEETING

A business meeting followed with the vice-president in the chair. After the usual election of officers a motion was put that we add to our Rules the words, 'The Association shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and shall abide by the latter's Rules and Decisions.' Needless to say, the motion was carried.

Another motion carried was that the Association may make grants, as funds permit, towards the expenses of its Central Council representatives, a resolution which may well be helpful in the future, although as regards this year it was decided that funds do not permit.

Finally the secretary read the letter he had received from the Central Council concerning the finances of 'The Ringing World,' and all were urged to take this journal. Many suggestions were put forward as to how 'The Ringing World' might increase its circulation by making its contents more acceptable to a wider reading public. Most of these suggestions have been made before, but one was new to many of us and might, therefore, bear repetition. Why not a section dealing with answers to problems (ringing problems, of course, not the usual 'write-to-Auntie-Mary' sort)?

After a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned we returned to St. Mary's, St. Bene't's and the Roman Catholic Church and continued enjoyable ringing until nine o'clock and, joy above all joy, a touch of Stedman Cinques came round. W. J. R.

THE DEDICATION

In the presence of a large congregation on Palm Sunday, the Lord Bishop of Ely (Dr Edward Wynn) rededicated the recently reconditioned bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. The two trebles were recast and a new frame provided.

These bells had been silent for two years. A sum of £2,500 was required, and this has been raised. But since the estimate was given by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., costs have risen by £150. The collection at the service, which was attended by the Mayor and members of the City Council, was for the Bell Fund.

After the dedication the Bishop passed the bell ropes to the Vicar (Canon G. E. A. Whitworth) and said to those present: 'You are to take notice that these bells are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the Parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the authority of the Bishop of the Diocese.'

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Response to 'Ringing World' Drive

The following response has been received to 'The Ringing World's' drive for new postal subscribers:—

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Subscription rate from this week to the end of 1954 is 15s. 4d. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editor.

THE QUEEN'S HOMECOMING

The Port of London Authority has issued the following time-table in connection with the Queen's homecoming on May 15th.

H.M.Y. 'Britannia' will enter the river at 9.30 a.m. and the approximate times of arrival at different reaches of the river are:—Lower Hope 10.40, Gravesend 11, St. Clement's 11.30, Halfway 12, Gallions 12.20, Bugsby's 12.45, Greenwich 1, Lower Pool 1.15.

At 3 p.m. the Queen will embark in the Royal Barge and, preceded by the motor launch 'Nore,' will pass up stream with escort to Westminster Pier.

The times above mentioned should be helpful in arranging morning ringing in Thames-side towns.

A MUSICAL PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS

This peal, published on page 253 of the issue of April 16th, contains an error, which is regretted. The 20th line should read:—

164352 16

and not

164352 5 16

(Continued from previous column)

The bells were then rung by: A. T. Chenery 1, C. W. Cook 2, G. Smith 3, J. Gipson 4, E. G. Hibbens 5, T. R. Dennis 6, C. W. Smith 7, C. Hurst 8, H. Martin 9, P. H. Pigg 10, H. F. Brown 11, W. J. Ridgman 12.

THE BELLS

Treble.—2ft. 2in.: 5 cwt. 22 lb.: G sharp; Taylor: 1952.

Second.—2ft. 3½in.; 6 cwt. 23 lb.; F sharp; Taylor: 1952.

Third.—2ft. 4½in.; 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.: F; Phelps: 1722.

Fourth.—2ft. 6in.; 5 cwt. 3qr. 4lb.; D sharp: Phelps; 1722.

Fifth.—2ft. 8in.: 6 cwt 3qr. 4 lb.: C sharp; Phelps; 1722.

Sixth.—2ft. 9in.: 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.: C; Phelps; 1722.

Seventh.—2ft. 11in.; 8 cwt. 10 lb.: A sharp; Taylor; 1923.

Eighth.—3ft. 3in.: 10 cwt. 22lb.: G sharp; Phelps; 1723.

Ninth.—3ft. 6¼in: 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.; F sharp; Phelps; 1723.

Tenth.—3ft. 8¼in.: 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.: F; Phelps; 1722.

Eleventh.—4ft. 2¼in.: 20 cwt. 1 qr. 3lb.; D sharp: Dobson; 1825.

Tenor.—4ft. 7¼in.: 27 cwt. 13 lb.; C sharp; Pack and Chapman; 1770.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Record Membership of 301 Reported at Annual Meeting

FAVOURED with fine weather, about 90 members and friends attended the annual meeting at St. Wollos' Cathedral, Newport, on Easter Monday. Among those present were visitors from Staunton (Glos), Sevenoaks, Kingston-on-Thames, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury and Swansea.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon in various methods from rounds to Surprise. In the unavoidable absence of the Dean the service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Maile Jones (curate). After service, visitors were entertained to a bountiful tea in the Parish Hall and, although only 60 had been catered for, there was ample for the 90 who attended. On the proposition of Mr. Jack Worrall, the churchwardens and ladies were duly thanked.

The business then proceeded with the Rev. G. S. Maile Jones taking the chair. Before reading the minutes, the secretary read a letter of good wishes from Mr. E. Stitch. The treasurer presented the balance sheet which showed that, despite extra expense in connection with reorganisation, a sound financial position with a balance of £74 5s., and £34 balance in the Bell Restoration Fund. On the proposition of Mr. A. Hoare, seconded by Mr. E. Coles, the balance sheet was accepted.

The secretary, in his report, said that after a twelvemonth's experience on the working of the two branches he thought the experiment had proved a success. Chief thanks were due to the two Branch secretaries, Miss Jacqueline Evans and Mr. Ted Coles. Membership had reached a new high level of 301, annual subscriptions had also reached a new record of £17 1s. On progress, the secretary thought that, taking an over-all view, the Association was improving, although there were still a few black spots. Progress was reported from Llandaff, Peterstow, Rodge, Caerleon, Coity, Bonvilston, Bridgend and Bedwellty. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the large number of young beginners of both sexes present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. David King was elected Master for the ensuing year. Auditors and secretary were re-elected. Mr. T. M. Roderick was re-elected as Central Council representative, and Miss Jacqueline Evans was elected to take the place of Mr. J. W. Jones, believed to be the oldest member of the Council, who did not seek re-election.

It was decided to hold (subject to permission) the next annual meeting at Llandaff. The next quarterly meetings have already been fixed, viz. Bridgend and Llangibby.

The circular letter regarding the finances of 'The Ringing World' was brought to the notice of the meeting, and the secretary urged members to become postal subscribers. Mr. Jack Worrall supported this, stressing the urgency of the matter.

On the suggestion of Miss Evans it was decided to order five dozen more badges.

Mr. D. King concluded the meeting with a hearty vote of thanks to the curate for presiding and conducting the service. More ringing followed.

A FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—Peal No. 23, by Sir A. P. Heywood, on page 266 of the Central Council Collection of Peals, Section II., is false if rung as a 5,008 as stated. Calling a Middle in the second course produces natural course-end 25634, and Middle in the fifth course produces natural course-end 53624. Both courses are rung in full in the second part of the peal.—Yours faithfully, RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath, Sussex.

OUTING

NORTH MYMMS

Easter Monday's glorious weather and some breath-taking scenery provided a welcome background to a well-organised outing. The standard of ringing varied throughout the day, but some seven or eight different methods were performed by the 16 ringers and friends who cruised from tower to tower in a variety of vehicles.

The first church to receive the well-meaning and vigorous attentions of the somewhat youthful band was Beaconsfield (21 cwt.), where they were met by Harry Wingrove and the Misses Fletcher. The only casualty was the treble rope, which broke at the start of an impeccable let-down. At Farnham Royal (12 cwt.) where, regrettably, there is little ringing nowadays, Bill Henley joined the visitors in several touches. Before leaving, the graves of J. J. Parker and W. H. Fussell were visited.

The luxurious furnishings at Cookham (14 cwt.), pride of Tommy Fowler, were most impressive, but the motto over the door, 'Audi, Vide, Tace,' failed to leave its mark on the rather high-spirited band. Several free and off-hand renderings of this motto caused extreme anguish to one or two classical scholars, while someone remarked that he thought the 'Hachets' on the walls added distinction to the ringing chamber.

After a picnic lunch, the party made its way to Marlow (15 cwt.), which, although a charming town, has, it is felt, something to learn of sign posting and town planning. It was here that one enthusiastic ringer worked his fingers to the bone and caused the floor to become liberally covered with blood, to say nothing of the unfortunate next to him! At Haddenham (19¼ cwt.) the party were visited by the Vicar, who expressed his pleasure at hearing changes being rung on the bells. He also led most of the party through the roof timbers to see some recently-discovered mural paintings.

After an excellent tea in Aylesbury, Stoke Mandeville (9½ cwt.) was visited and some difficulty was experienced with this light eight, including a missing stay, which necessitated one well-known ringer holding the bell on balance for the whole of the visit. It was here that one member of the company discovered that his Ford does not run on a certain brand of 'fizzy' drink! The last tower visited was Northchurch, where the tired band hardly managed to do justice to the bells. Farewells were taken at this tower, and the company split to join the homeward trek. Needless to say, one group found its way to the oldest inn in England, where they suitably congratulated the organiser on his masterly co-ordination and timing. All who took part in this outing wish to extend their hearty thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to those ringers who gave up their time to meet them.

M. F. L.

Great Amwell Have Now Six Bells

Through the generosity of a local resident a new treble has been presented to Great Amwell, Herts, giving this church a ring of six. The new bell was dedicated on Easter Sunday by the Rev. C. E. C. Walker.

This six is of interest as three of the bells date from 1550. These have been tuned and rehung in a new frame. Two bells were added as a memorial to King George VI.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follows:—

No 1 (treble) 4 cwt., 21lb.; 'Charles.'
No 2. (treble) 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.; 'Elizabeth.'
No. 3 (old No. 1) 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 'Come All ye Faithful.'
No. 4 (old No. 2) 5 cwt.: 'Praise The Lord.'
No. 5 (old No. 3) 5 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 'Crown Him Lord Of All.'
No 6 (tenor) 7 cwt. 1 qr.: 'George.'

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRED G. WILSON

XIV. ODD BELL METHODS

All through these articles I have been conscious that two of the most common methods—Grandsire and Stedman—have not been dealt with, because they do not fit conveniently into the two classifications for which this technique of conducting is useful.

In the case of Grandsire, the conductor who can conduct efficiently the even-bell methods we have dealt with will not find any great difficulty in keeping track of the bells, but I will add a few notes which may be helpful.

Stedman, which in the older textbooks is called a 'Principle,' not a method, is in a class of its own—it has no bell in the hunt, but each bell does the work of the method. And bobs or singles can be called at intervals of six changes—that is at 14 different places in a plain course of Stedman Triples. But almost invariably calls are made which do not affect the 7th (in Triples); 7, 8, 9 in Caters and 7, 8, 9, 0 and E in Cinques—the observation bell being 7, 9 or E respectively. Further, the alternation of the sixes between Quick and Slow means that the Coursing Order of the bells is broken up within each course.

While Stedman conductors do not necessarily ring the observation bell themselves, they almost all make their calls by the position of that bell. Some of our well-known conductors of Stedman undoubtedly know the method through and through, but the average conductor of Triples calls the bobs by the position of the 7th and by watching the bells go down to the front, alternately quick and slow, is able to correct a trip. He checks the accuracy of the ringing by knowing certain course or part ends.

In Caters and Cinques he has the advantage of a fixed 'framework' of the larger bells and he knows the Coursing Order of those bells for several sixes before and after the Course Ends. But in the middle of the course that Coursing Order will be broken up as the larger bells go into the front alternately quick and slow. Actual experience of Stedman ringing on nine and eleven bells is probably more necessary to the conductor than it is in other methods—the chief reason for this being, of course, that Stedman is one method on its own, whereas other methods are variations of one another and practice and experience of one makes the next one easier to ring or conduct.

ST. MARY'S, SOUTHAMPTON

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Southampton, which was destroyed by enemy action in November, 1940, is now being rebuilt. The tower and bells were restored in 1948.

After a lapse of six years a licence has been granted to rebuild the whole church.

This means that temporary steel stanchions, erected to support the tower, will now be removed in order to build the permanent walls.

As a result of this, ringing has been stopped until the architect is satisfied that it is safe to ring again.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On March 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. T. Lock 1, C. McKay (first of Stedman Caters) 2, T. J. Lock 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 5, A. Cave 6, F. J. Matthews (first quarter as cond.) 7, J. R. Leeming 8, T. H. Francis 9, F. E. Hawthorne 10. — Also on April 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. F. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, F. J. Matthews 5, A. R. Ling 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, W. Williams 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—Is it really necessary to ring a peal in Holy Week, the most solemn week in the year for all Christians? Most, if not all, ringers —both scientific and call change—forego their weekly practice then. It seems to me that a principle is at stake. I am aware than ancient custom permits muffled ringing in some towers on Good Friday, to which no one can object.

E. V. COX, President,
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

POSTAL DELIVERIES

Dear Sir,—May I suggest to Mr. Woolley and any other ringers whose 'Ringing World' fails to arrive by the first post on Friday mornings, that he writes to the local head postmaster (O.H.M.S.), enclosing the wrapper, and ask for an explanation. He will receive a reply setting forth the great difficulties of that individual in his efforts to serve the public, together with his regrets, but future deliveries of 'The Ringing World' will not be late.—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

THE BELLS OF WYMINGTON, BEDS.

Dear Sir,—May I correct what appears to be a misunderstanding by both Mr. R. H. Dove and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead?

The latter, in his article 'Ringing in Bedfordshire,' in your issue of April 16th (page 249), states: 'Out of 78 of the churches with rings of bells given in Dove's book, only two with six bells and eleven with five bells remain to be conquered.' He goes on to state that the former are Caddington and Wymington.

May I, as one who has been up this last-named tower on three occasions, at once say that Wymington is not regarded as a six-bell tower, and never has been! Its contents is a ring of five bells, and a steel bell, which is quite apart from the rest, and at present stands at the foot of the steeple, where it was placed a short time ago, after hanging in the bell chamber since put there in 1873 by a Mr. Monk to no purpose. The five bells of the true alloy are hung in two tiers and have been unringable many years, I believe. Mr. Henry W. Gayton remembers the last time they were rung—about 1913. To-day, some have wheels complete, some with half-rims, and one with just the spokes and no rim whatsoever to the wheel. The framework is so weak that nothing short of rehanging in a completely new frame would be possible—a conclusion I came to when visiting this belfry one Sunday afternoon last summer, visiting Odell at the same time.

With Wymington a growing parish (almost a suburb of Rushden, Northants, 1¼ miles away, whose bells, unringable for 34 years, have just been rehung and augmented to eight) a possibility is that this may stir the people of Wyminton to follow Rushden's example. I have heard it stated 'that Wymington had its bells hung stationary a few years ago.' Those who got that story about can take it from me that it is not correct! All that was done was the useless steel bell taken down and placed at the foot of the tower as a relic.

Of the eleven five-bell towers remaining to be conquered, will the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead tell us where Odell comes in? Conditions in this belfry suggest to me that it must be getting on for a century since these bells were safe to ring to a 5,040. They are hung, four in a line, on one side of the tower, and the tenor in a corner on the other side by itself. Again, these are not hung stationary as some people seem to think.

P AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN

Dear Sir,—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, we ring on an octave by James Barwell. Each bears an inscription of the donor's name, the year 1901, and is followed by the words 'Barwell, Birmingham, Eng.' and the founder's crest—a shield wreathed in oak leaves. These bell diameters are:—Treble, 25½in.; 2, 26½in.; 3, 28½in.; 4, 28½in.; 5, 30in.; 6. 32½in.; 7, 36½in; tenor, 41½in.

Since I have seen no mention of this founder in 'The Ringing World,' I hazard a guess that they may not be in business any longer. Should this be the case, could you please approximate the weight for me?

However, if the firm or its records are available, will you be kind enough to forward this inquiry to them?

We customarily speak of our tenor as 12 cwt., but this is only hearsay, simply because, when the bearings were renewed about 1938, a 12 cwt. block and tackle did not fail.

With this information I can finish a report on the tower of St. Mary's, and in due course will submit it to 'The Ringing World.'

With every good wish,—Yours faithfully,

V. SHEPPARD.

P.O. Box 1073, Cape Town.

Note.—We trust a reader will answer this query.—Ed.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

Dear Sir,—Following publication of a notice in 'The Ringing World' a week or two ago, I have received several inquiries from persons interested in the possibilities or sightseeing and ringing tours on Whit Sunday and Whit Monday. The number of inquiries is, however, at present only about enough to half-fill a coach on each day by combining applications for Tours 1 and 2 on the Sunday, and similarly for Tours 3 and 4 on the Monday.

It may be that many delegates will have to wait until an annual meeting held on Easter Monday to find out whether they will be coming to Newcastle, and there may, therefore, be further inquiries. Before abandoning the idea I would, therefore, like to make this last appeal for anyone else—official delegates or other ringers—who is interested, to communicate with me within the next week.

It is obvious that all four tours cannot be run, and the now revised proposal is to try to run Tour No. 1 on Whit Sunday, and Tour No. 4 on Whit Monday.

I would like to thank all who have written to me and I will communicate with them individually when the decision is taken.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES,
Hon. General Secretary.

RINGING VERY CHEAP

Dear Sir,—The Committee should not hesitate to increase the price of 'The Ringing World.' Our ringing is obtained very cheaply in comparison with many other pleasures and hobbies. Our greatest expense is travelling to new towers to attempt peals. Many of the Guild and Association subscriptions are far below what they ought to be to function properly.

Let us all realise our responsibilities and shoulder them, for I am convinced that our art and our paper are well worth it. Personally, I will willingly pay a fair price for the paper which I eagerly anticipate from one Friday to the next. And, finally, when we do send letters to 'The Ringing World,' let us all have the decency to put our names at the bottom.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Southwold, Suffolk.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND RINGING PROGRESS

Dear Sir,—There must, I imagine, have been many raised eyebrows at some of the sweeping statements made in your leading article in your issue of April 9th by 'J. T. D..' Probably the most extreme of these was the contention that without the Central Council publications 'ringing could not possibly have reached the present day increasingly high standard of method splicing.' I do not believe that the compositions of Spliced Surprise by such people as H. Law James, A. J. Pitman, H. G. Cashmore or E. C. S. Turner resulted either directly or indirectly from the efforts or encouagement of the Central Council.

Consider the many excellent publications by individuals, such as 'The Ringers' Handbook,' 'The Jasper Snowdon Series,' or 'Corrigan's Collection of Surprise Methods,' all incomparably superior to the Central Council publications in the way of helpfulness to beginners or usefulness to more advanced ringers. Who can doubt, with these as examples, that there would have been no worthwhile publication lacking if the Central Council had never existed?

Far from accepting the thesis that the Central Council promotes ringing progress, I would go so far as to say that it has, on occasions, tended to stultify progress; for example, by its decision last year to disallow certain Minor methods simply because they did not have Plain Bob lead ends. As to the mild reproof administered to 'J. T. D.' to ringers in 'rebellious or puckish mood,' I would point out that, more often than not, progress is made by breaking, rather than by deferring to, the rules of an autocratic body.

Again, 'J. T. D.' states that 'the growing prestige of ringers is almost wholly due to its Council.' I would suggest that the prestige of ringers anywhere depends solely upon their relationship with the local clergy. Is it not significant that the Archbishop's tribute to ringers, printed on the same page, contains no mention of the Central Council, but is concerned very much with the ringers whom the Archbishop has met personally within the tower?

Finally, I would comment on the subject of 'The Ringing World,' as introduced by 'J. T. D.' Even allowing for present day circumstances I find it difficult to understand how a paper founded by an individual and successfully maintained by him for 31 years, causes so much trouble to a body, which, according to 'J. T. D.,' is composed of men and women with 'a background of solid achievement, of specialised knowledge, of long experience in most branches of the art, or of culture and scholarship.'

We have, at the moment, a drive for more subscribers, but is it not clear that no journalistic enterprise can be a success on the support of charity? Subscribers conscripted without enthusiasm will not be retained if they are not satisfied with their purchase. The only reliable way of obtaining more support for 'The Ringing World' is to replace the pages and pages of peals, quarter peals, accounts of meetings and outings, which are so terribly much alike, by worthwhile articles and discussion on the proper subject, viz., the art of bellringing. What better source of these articles, if 'J. T. D.' is correct, than the Central Council? Would it not be a good idea if, at its forthcoming annual tea party, the Central Council passed a resolution requiring every member to write an article for 'The Ringing World'? There might then be some real justification for its existence.—Yours faithfully,

T. W. SHEPPARD.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE BOURNEMOUTH MEETING, 1953

MINUTES of the third session of the twenty-first Council (56th Annual Meeting), held in the Town Hall, Bournemouth, on Whit Tuesday, May 26th, 1953.

A welcome was extended to the Council by Canon A. L. E. Williams (Rural Dean of Bournemouth) and Canon C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis) on behalf of the Dioceses of Winchester and Salisbury.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths. — Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Cambridge University Guild. — Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. R. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Mr. E. W. Biffen, Mr. J. E. Lilley, Mr. T. G. Myers.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley.

East Grinstead and District Guild. — Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association. — Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association. — Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. W. Cathrall.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society. — Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild. — Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. F. Precey, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. — Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. — Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and District Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Life Members—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Mr. W. Osborn, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Viggers, Mr. A. Walker.

SUMMARY:—

	Associations	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented..	22	55	—
Partially represented..	24	51	31
Not represented ..	8	—	11
	54	106	42
Life members ..		4	3
Hon. members ..		11	8
		121	53

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated, entitled to 150 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members, and there were 7 Life Members. Authorised membership was, therefore, 181, but there were vacancies for 2 representative and 5 Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. W. Ayre, P. E. Baker, A. Ballard, A. L. Bennett, T. R. Butler, H. G. Cashmore, P. A. Corby, J. W. Clarke, G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. Dunkerley, C. W. Evans, E. G. Fenn, T. H. Francis, J. A. Freeman, E. S. J. Hatcher, D. Hughes, H. M. Howard, S. T. Holt, W. H. J. Hooton, G. L. Hewitt, J. W. Jones, B. G. Key, Rev. J. Kingdon, H. J. Mansfield, B. P. Morris, G. R. Newton, R. C. Noon, W. N. Park, J. W. Raithby, J. Segar, A. Paddon Smith, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, J. J. Webb, E. A. Young.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. A. Freeman and E. A. Young wishing them a speedy recovery from indisposition.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Mr. W. Cathrall (North Wales), Miss D. E. Colgate (Ladies' Guild), Miss J. Stewart (Irish Association).

TELEGRAM TO THE QUEEN

On the motion of the President, the following telegram was sent to H.M. The Queen:—

'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in annual meeting assembled at the Town Hall, Bournemouth, beg to offer your Majesty their loyal salutations. It will be the proud privilege of ringers to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation with the tribute of the bells, and it is their fervent prayer that your Majesty's reign may constitute a long and glorious period in the history of our country.'

The following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

'Please convey to all members of your Council the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal message of good wishes. —Private Secretary.'

PRESENTATION TO MR. & MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

On behalf of the Council, the President made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher in recognition of their services to the Council during the previous 21 years. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher expressed their thanks.

ELECTION OF HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. F. Sharpe was elected on the proposition of the President in the place of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, who had been compelled to retire through illness. Mr. Sharpe expressed his thanks.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis and W. Osborn, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

Mr. A. J. Pitman was elected, proposed by Mr. J. A. Hoare, seconded by Mr. C. W. Roberts.

Mrs. E. A. Barnett was elected, proposed by Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following former members of the Council, the members standing in silence:—

J. Broadley, H. W. D'Aeth, C. Edwards, A. J. Harris, R. T. Holding, jun., C. H. Perry and R. Sperring.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of May 1st, 1953, and circulated to members were approved on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—

HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 362)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

The Secretary was instructed to express the thanks of the Council to Mr. Hooton for his past services, to Miss P. J. Ayris for her assistance to Mr. Sharpe and to the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, Rector of Launton, for providing accommodation for the library.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 362)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 363)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 363)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 363)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Mr. Hughes considered that the machine should be inspected twice yearly, followed by public demonstrations at a time and date to be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

STANDING COMMITTEE

(a) Carter Broadsheet.

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, p. 363)

On the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. H. Kippin, it was agreed not to proceed with the reprint.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

(b) Handbook.

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, p. 377)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

(c) Roll of Honour.

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, p. 377)

On the proposition of Mr. F. E. Collins, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers, it was agreed that the Roll be housed in St. Paul's Cathedral.

A proposal that the Roll be brought to each Council meeting was not carried.

It was proposed by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried that a photostat copy of the Roll be made, to be taken to Council meetings.

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed, and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, that a case to house the Roll be provided, and that subscriptions of ten shillings towards the cost of this be invited from each affiliated Society. This was carried.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Miles for his efforts was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson and carried with acclamation.

It was proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried that Mr. Miles be appointed Trustee of the Roll.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. It was agreed that Mr. J. Willis be co-opted to the committee.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The committee reported that no work had been undertaken during the year.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Woolley, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

It was proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner and carried that the committee be asked to consider the possibility of publishing a small collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques. It was agreed that Messrs. C. W. Roberts and A. J. Pitman be co-opted to the committee for the purpose.

METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 17th, 1953, pages 472-3, July 24th, 1953, page 489, and July 31st, 1953, pages 504–5)

The section dealing with extension was adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

The recommendations that irregular Minor methods continue to be disallowed and that three-lead course Royal methods should not, in future, be included in Spliced peals were also adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

The report was then formally adopted.

LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, page 378)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

Mr. F. Sharpe reported on behalf of the committee (see 'Ringing World,' June 19th, 1953, page 397). The report was seconded by Mr. W. Osborn and adopted.

It was agreed that a written report should be submitted in future.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, page 377)

Adopted, subject to the withdrawal of Chesterfield Surprise, of which the composition was false, on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, that the records, when completed, be handed to the Librarian for custody.

ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 19th, 1953, page 397)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. G. L. Grover.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. Walker and carried:—
'That the annual affiliation fee to the Council be increased to ten shillings per representative with effect from January 1st, 1954.'

(b) Proposed by Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock:—
'That on and from the 1st January, 1954, a charge of one shilling shall be made for every peal and quarter peal published in 'The Ringing World.'
The motion was not carried.

(c) Proposed on behalf of the Suffolk Guild by Mr. C. W. Pipe, seconded by Mr. J. E. Lilley:—
'That an effort should be made by the Central Council to establish closer relations with, and recognition by, the B.B.C.'
It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, that this matter should be left to Associations and Guilds.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, it was decided to accept an invitation to visit Newcastle-on-Tyne.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the President, thanks were expressed to the Mayor and Corporation of Bournemouth, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) for local arrangements; Canon A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, for officiating at Holy Communion and for the use of St. Peter's Hall; Canon C. C. Cox for his welcome on behalf of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart for his hospitality; and all incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of bells.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Members and friends were afterwards entertained to tea by the Mayor and Corporation, presided over by the Deputy Mayor. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

In appreciation of his services as Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for nine years, a book and a cheque was presented to Preb. A. J. Hook at the annual meeting of the Association at Wells on Easter Monday.

QUARTER PEALS

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Bob Triples: T. Everard (first quarter) 1, T. Senior 2, June Starling 3, H. W. Moore 4, Mrs. Moore 5, J. Brown 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, W. Wintrip 8. Rung fully muffled before the three hours' service.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on Feb. 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Briggs (first quarter) 1, D. Smith 2, F. Hansford 3, B. H. Grinter (first of Caters) 4, F. G. Leaker 5, N. H. Coombs 6, A. E. Reeves 7, R. G. Hooper 8, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 9, F. C. Mogford 10.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Walter 1, S. White 2, D. Chatfield 3, S. Walter 4, A. Butler 5, J. W. Unwin 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, B. J. Luck 8.

DERBY.—At Bemrose School, on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles 'in hand': P. J. Skinner (aged 15) 1–2, D. K. Walklate (aged 16) 3–4, J. F. Murfin (aged 12, first quarter 'in hand' as cond.) 5–6. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the school.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Conduct 1, Mrs. C. Silke 2, F. Bird 3, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 4, G. N. Lane 5, L. O. Williams 6, W. J. V. Conduct 7, L. H. Jenkins (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Confirmation service and for the first visit to Erdington of the new Bishop of Birmingham.

OKEFORD-FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Green 1, R. Ridout 2, Ben Ridout 3, F. Hilliar 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, Bert Ridout 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Michael Stott (member of the band) and Miss Marjorie Eleanor Wordingham, married at St. Barnabas' Church, Mill Road, Cambridge.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hooton 1, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 2, W. L. Ferrars 3, A. B. Clarke (first as cond.) 4, D. Vessey 5, G. Mould 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6. First quarter on bells by Sunday service band.

OVER, CHESHIRE.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. N. Burrows 1, Mrs. G. Owen 2, J. Scott 3, H. Parker (cond.) 4, R. Cornes 5, R. W. Worrall 6, V. Neal 7. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. C. Sutton as Vicar.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Brown (cond.) 1, Kathleen Proctor 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, Roy Hall 5, Allan Chapman 6. Specially rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hall, of Peckleton, grandparents of the ringer of the 5th, who afterwards entertained the band to tea.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On April 4th, 1,320 Doubles (3 extents of Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob and 4 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob): Shelagh Kilbourn 1, O. Cripps 2, A. Hickton 3, Wm. Simpson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (8 extents of Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob and 2½ of Grandsire): Mrs. W. Simpson 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, Wm. Simpson 3, O. Cripps 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLX.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Ing 1, H. W. Impey (cond.) 2, V. J. Mitchell 3, P. Phillips 4, F. Corke 5, R. Goodfellow 6, R. Harris 7, J. Ing 8. First quarter in method by all except the ringer of the 5th, and first in method as conductor. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Vicar's son, Robert Dunning, interred this day. Also on April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Ing 1, H. W. Impey (cond.) 2, V. J. Mitchell 3, F. Corke 4, R. Goodfellow (first 'inside') 5, P. Phillips 6, R. Harris 7, J. Ing 8. Rung for morning service.

R.A.F. PEAL ATTEMPT

On Easter Monday eight ringing members of the R.A.F. met at St. Paulinus', Crayford, to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Major. If the peal had been successful it would have been the first tower-bell peal rung by serving R.A.F. personnel, but, unfortunately, a shift-course in the 15th course meant an untimely finish.

However, a quarter peal of 1,264 Plain Bob Major was successfully brought round by A.C. Brian J. Howard 1, A.C. Cyril A Wratten 2, S.A.C. Colin Tester 3, A.A. Brian P. E. Batt 4, S.A.C. John D. Kape 5, W.O. Sidney J. Philbrick 6, S.A.C. John S. Barnes 7, A.C. Robert J. Southwood (first of Major as conductor) 8.

The band hope to make another attempt for the peal in the near future.

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ENGAGEMENT

CROSS—SMEE. — The engagement is announced between Trevor, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. J. Cross, of Rainham, Kent, and Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smee, of Ewell, Surrey. 4319

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MITTON.—Verger for the Church and Caretaker for the Institute. Duties to commence July 1st, 1954. House available, rent free. Applications in writing to Canon Calderbank, The Vicarage, Mitton, Whalley, near Blackburn. 4278

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MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED TO PURCHASE for binding 'Ringing World,' 1951, Nos. 2,109, 2,110. Good price paid.—John A. Hilton, 5, Mount Sion, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 4333

ACCRINGTON. — Practice night Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome. Practice will be cancelled during local holidays and on May 7th. Any other cancellation will be advertised. 4320

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON. —Will visitors and organisers of ringers' outings please note that, owing to the rebuilding of the above church, ringing has been entirely suspended until further notice.—J. W. Faithfull. 4336

THERE are still a few vacancies for the Sussex-Yorkshire Tour, July 4th-11th. Headquarters at Ilkley, with ringing arranged at York Minster, Selby Abbey, Beverley and other towers. Also a day in the Lakes District, with ringing at Kendal, etc. Further particulars from Miss F. Wyman, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey. 4330

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual Ringing Week, Hereford, August 13th-21st. Will any members thinking of taking part who have **not** had a preliminary circular please write now to B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 4321

Ringers on HOLIDAY in NORTH DEVON will be welcome at COMBE MARTIN, Sundays, 10.15, 5.30. For other ringing at Combe Martin or in the district, contact Beatrice Boyle, Hon. Sec., Libra Gardens, Combe Martin, Tel. 364. 4354

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Clutton, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4283

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lamerton, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4233

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Joint meeting, Histon (6), May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Ely Dis. Sec. 4289

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Crusader meeting, Rayleigh, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe 5 p.m. Specially requested—names for tea to Mr. E. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. Special facilities for Kent Major. 4235

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Great Totham (6), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4285

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall (6), May 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 4327

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The postponed meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please send number for tea by April 29th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard, Herefordshire. 4295

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Aspenden, May 1st, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Lincolnshire Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4282

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 1st, Langleybury (6), 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names, please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 4299

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Amwell on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. These bells have now been augmented to a ring of six. 4288

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Harlestone, Saturday, May 1st, 6 p.m. Short service 7 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—G. F. Roome. 4305

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Meeting at Longbridge Deverill (8), May 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4328

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Arreton, May 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 4301

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, West Meon, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4307

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, May 1st, Burghclere. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 4331

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held jointly with the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY at Doncaster on May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall, followed by meeting. Subscriptions now due and reports for 1953 will be available. A large and representative attendance is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4271

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Leicester, May 8th, by invitation. Train, 8.10 St. Pancras. Ringing: St. John-the-Divine 11 to 12; Cathedral 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Margaret's 3 to 4 p.m. Meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing St. Mary-de-Castro 6 to 7 p.m. Names for tea, by May 1st, please, to Mr. H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Phone Leicester 33140. 4269

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A special meeting at Horbury, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than May 6th, Mr. E. Atkinson, Ivy Dene, Medlock Road, Horbury. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4343

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Batheaston (6) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 4326

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Special method: Bourne Surprise. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 4332

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Nunburnholme on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 5th, to Mr. Young, The Rectory, Nunburnholme, York. 4342

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wybunbury, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by May 5th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 4341

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Birkenhead (6), May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Please notify by 4th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4345

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Dodleston, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 5th. — Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4351

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify, by May 6th. A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 4310

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, Staindrop, May 8th. Bells (8) 3. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea (price 3s. 6d.) must be sent to me by May 5th.—D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 4346

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), May 8th. Names for tea to L. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smart's Hill, Penshurst. Look up Single Norwich. Names for outing, June 26th, by this date, please.—C. A. Bassett. 4334

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.Meeting at Whittlesford, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The Bees in the Wall. Evening practice meeting at Linton (5), Saturday, May 29th.—H. L. Martin. 4347

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Ardleigh, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30.—John H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 4338

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 5th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 4318

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Malmesbury (8), May 8th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon (Phone Swindon 3936). 4316

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Apsley (6), May 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4306

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Clitheroe, Lancs, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 o'clock. Cups of tea provided in the School, 5 o'clock. Please bring own food (cafes near at hand). Business meeting to follow tea. 4349

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.— Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea (free) 5. Business 6. Names for tea to William Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4311

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, St. Mary's, Prestwich, May 8th, 3 p.m. Nearby cafes and snack bar. Bus from Victoria Bridge. All welcome.—R. Benson. 4348

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.. 4340

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster and Fylde Branches.—Joint meeting will be held at Scorton (8 bells) on May 8th. Ringing 2.30-8. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—J. H. Foster, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 4322

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sefton Parish Church on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. No tea arrangements. 4325

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, May 8th. Please look up London Surprise Minor. 142 and 145 Whittingham buses half-hourly from Preston. Names for tea, by Monday, 3rd, to Mr. W. Billington, Hospital Cottage, Goosnargh, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 4282

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Bridgend, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 4283

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting at Winterton, May 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. E. Brumpton, 24, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 4293

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, May 8th, 3 p.m. Tea and business. Ringing at Barnet in evening.—T. J. Lock. 4339

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 8th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4309

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 8th, at Norwich. Bells available: Mancroft (12) 3.15-4; St. Giles' (8), St. Mile's (8), St. John de Sepuchre (8) and St. George Colegate (6) 1.30-4; all bells after business meeting. Service, Mancroft, 4; preacher the Rev. J. L. Turney, Rector of Sculthorpe. Tea (with ham, etc.) Mancroft Parish Hall, 4.45 (3s. 9d. each). Tea only for those notifying general secretary by May 1st. Business meeting 5.30. Now, make this new Saturday annual meeting the best ever! People who do not attend the tea are equally welcome to the business meeting.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 67a, The Close, Norwich. 4196

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Marston, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 3rd to Mr. T. S Bowles. 6, Kempson Crescent. Littlemore, Oxford. 4231

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Bicester on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify for tea, by Tuesday, May 4th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4335

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, May 8th. Goring (8) and Streatley (6) 3 p.m. Service, Goring, 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Goring and South Stoke (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 4th, to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvenden Road, Goring, Oxon.—N. E. Swann. 4307

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, May 8th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Road Hill Cottage, Harpole, Northants, by Monday, May 3rd.—F. W. Hancock. 4350

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Blythburgh (6), Saturday, May 8th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotston Road, Southwald, by May 5th. 4297

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—A meeting will be held at Cotton (8) on Saturday, May 8th. 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 4th. All ringers welcome.—B. Chilvers. 4303

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, May 8th. Names for tea, by May 5th, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4312

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Quarterly meeting, Steyning (8), May 8th. Names for tea, please, by the 4th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4329

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting. Hambledon, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify Mr. J. E. Turner, The Firs, Hambledon, by May 4th.—S. K. M. Knight. 4352

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Annual meeting, Drayton, Saturday, May 15th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for those who advise by 11th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4317

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting Hook Norton (8), May 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 4337

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual Shield Contest at Sandal, June 12th. Entrance fee 10s. per Company. Open to all members. All entries to reach me not later than June 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4344

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Preliminary Notice: Quarterly meeting, Tiverton, June 12th. Other towers available. Coach going from Bath-Bristol district. Names for coach as soon as possible, please. For further details write Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 4315

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at the Old Bell, Holborn. Tickets, price 13s., now available from the undersigned. Please apply early.—Peter N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4243

REDEDICATION

LEISTON, SUFFOLK

The ring of eight bells of Leiston, Suffolk, have been rehung on ball bearings with new clapper gudgeons, the work being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The rededication service was held on April 17th, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Harling).

The treble was rehung and rededicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alfred Steed Garrett, and the tenor to the glory of God and in ever loving memory of the Cutts family.

The remaining six bells were rehung and rededicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sir Frank and Lady Garrett.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall, where an iced cake, suitably inscribed for the occasion, and anonymously given, was cut by R. W. Stannard, of Barking, who was the only ringer present who attended the dedication of the bells 70 years ago.

A course of Plain Bob was rung during the service. After tea the bells were available to a large number of ringers from many parts of Suffolk, including Grundisburgh, Ufford, Ipswich, Haughley, Stowmarket and Blaxhall.

A. R. B.

LATE NOTICES

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METHODS AND MUSIC

THE musical aspect of change ringing provides a fascinating theme and directs inquiry into many interesting side paths. It is a subject that has never been dealt with exhaustively or in any systematic way, but some of our very able writers have, from time to time, provided excursions into the musical realm of our art and have provided thoughtful essays on the essential musical system of change ringing.

The letter from Mr. G. A. Halls, which appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' directs us once again to this by no means unimportant subject, and puts forward views that might provide material for much fruitful discussion. In Mr. Halls' letter the prime thought is presented in a sentence both unusual and intriguing. He says: 'It appears to me that the music produced by changes on ten bells is inherently dependent on the structure of the method being rung, and to a lesser extent on the composition of the touch or peal.'

Whether or not one can agree with this statement in its entirety it may prove an interesting exercise to discuss the postulation that the method builder rather than the composer is primarily responsible for the music the method will produce.

We may start with the undoubted fact that certain methods are fortunate in the possession of inherent qualities that make the exploitation of musical positions possible. Sir Arthur Heywood, in the preface to 'Duffield,' set out the qualities that go to the making of a good method (both for the purpose of practical ringing and for the provision of good music), and these factors, the keeping together of the tenors, the double dodging, and so on, are what Mr. Halls rightly calls the inherent qualities of the method.

It may be, nevertheless, that many ringers would hold the opinion that composition was of equal importance, that it was the composer's business to make use of the opportunities offered by the structure of the method, and that the manipulation of the figures may make or mar the musical qualities. It is doubtful, of course, if many methods with poor inherent qualities can be made to produce good music, despite the fact that John Carter always insisted that Grandsire Major ('properly composed,' as he said) could produce very good effects; but it is easily demonstrable that methods with first-rate possibilities may have their musical potentialities rendered useless by bad handling of bobs and singles. The early peal compositions of Grandsire Caters with the big bells split up and the little bells used as hunts are primitive examples of this; and it is quite clear that in Royal the composer could easily part 7890 and so destroy the 'roll-ups' we all enjoy.

Very little investigation will reveal at least one important difference between the musical properties of Royal and those of Caters. In the ringing of Ten–in no position of the heavy bells has been found so universally satisfactory as the Plain Course position. Experiments have, of course, been made in the Tittum (or rather Inverted Tittum) position, but by far the vaster number of peals are composed and rung with the back bells undisturbed, and the musical effects of Royal are provided mainly by the nature of the method, with, of course, the enhancing of the music by a judicious use of the 6th.

The Cater methods, on the other hand, demand manipulation of the heavy bells if their finest beauties are to be revealed. Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich are all endowed with qualities that lead them to delight us with their music: the first because of the unity with which the great bells move, the second because of its double dodging and the fascinating breaking of the coursing order on the front, and the third because of the peculiarity of construction that combines the best of Stedman and Grandsire. But to ring any of these three with 789 in the Plain Course position is extremely dull. It needs the art of the composer, his enterprise in placing the big bells, and his manipulation of the 5th and 6th, to bring out the musical possibilities and send the 'tingle down the spine.'

These thoughts, which arise in the reading of the early part of Mr. Halls' letter, might lead on naturally to the consideration of ringers' tastes and the reasons why certain methods are rung and others neglected. But that part of the subject merits an essay of its own. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

RICHARD BENSON	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	8
BAZIL JONES	3	ALAN A. POTTS	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
C. KENNETH LEWIS	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
MRS. R. I. PARSONS	2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	8
DAVID W. BEARD	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	10
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6	JOHN PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
A 50th birthday compliment to Mr. John Phillips.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

*GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	6
†KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	2	†WILLIAM A. SMITH	7
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	8
*ALAN PENDLEBURY	4	*RONALD M. EDWARDS	9
‡ROBIN G. TURNER	5	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Kent Royal on tower bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. James A. Donoghue and Miss Ruth Holmes, of Rotherham.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

F. BERNARD DITCHER	*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
ALFRED SMITH	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
*HOWARD SCOTT	4	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.
Rung on the 75th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., April 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
SAMELA THOMAS	2	HENRY E. GREEN	7
EDGAR T. SMITH	3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	8
AUBREY M. PICKERING	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	DAVID G. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Harry T. Higgins, a member of St. Matthew's band for over 32 years; died Wednesday, April 21st.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

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

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIERITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb.

E. M. ATKINS	*Treble*	F. YEO	5
*D. JEWELL	2	F. WILLS	6
L. WALTERS	3	F. WREFORD	7
C. ROOK	4	†S. G. SULLY	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. WREFORD.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Both at first attempt.
Rung as an Act of Praise for the Festival of Easter.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*DAVID C. BROWN (14)	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. PARKER	5
†ANNE P. BROWN	2	ALLEN TWYMAN	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	ALAN N. BROWN	7
‡JEAN C. BROWN	4	‡ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*SHEILA M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALBERT W. BOND	5
ROBERT E. MOULDS	2	†GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	6
*JOHN F. BRYANT	3	SYDNEY H. BARRON	7
GEOFFREY INGHAM	4	JOHN PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Kent Major.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., April 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

KILBY HOLTHAM	*Treble*	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
*HAROLD J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	G. RALPH EDWARDS	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th peal together.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

STANLEY PRESTIDGE	*Treble*	HOWARD HOWELL	5
MAURICE G. TURNER	2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	6
*R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
DAVID M. LEES	4	LESLIE PRESTIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung for the Easter Festival. Also a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. H. Hill, a ringer at this church.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

WILFRED R. RAYNER	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	5
FREDERICK S. MACEY	2	PETER F. BORER	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
*EDWARD C. BARTON	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of a new Church Hall in the parish, at Tydall Green. Also a birthday compliment to Frederick S. Macey, who also celebrated 50 years of ringing.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOHN H. G. GARDNER	*Treble*	ERIC H. KNAPP	5
JOHN DEARLOVE	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
ALBERT W. BOND	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

The first peal in the method by all, and on the bells.

Rung for the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, and also to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Laker.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal on a working bell.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
MARK S. LANCEFIELD	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Superlative.

Rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	NORMAN HAYES	5
*CEDRIC MURPHY	2	PETER NASH	6
MOLLY HAYES	3	HAROLD P. REED	7
CHARLES TAYLOR	4	J. M. N. LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by J. M. N. LAKIN.

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

Rung in honour of the 28th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.; and as a 21st birthday compliment to Molly Hayes and her twin sister, Miss Mary Denby.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
*C. EDWARD LANKESTER	3	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. G. LEAKER	*Treble*	ALAN A. HILLIAR	5
*WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	2	FRANK HANSFORD	6
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal. First peal on the eight bells.

Rung for St. George's Day. Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. W. Elwel, Vicar of St. George.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
FRANK E. WALKER	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*ELISABETH GRIME	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
†BRIAN M. BUSWELL	2	JACK BAILEY	6
†GORDON HALLS	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

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

Rung for St. George's Day, and also a farewell peal to Elizabeth Grime, who goes to college next month.

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WOLBOROUGH, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HORACE W. J. BUTT	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	BRIAN PIDGEON	6
*SIDNEY SKINNER	3	*JOHN QUICK	7
HAROLD P. BURTON	4	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on St. George's Day for the Festival of Easter.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS	*Treble*	FELIX H. ERITH	5
ROY DUESBURY	2	GEORGE W. BARNES	6
DONALD C. ANDREWS	3	PETER G. BARNES	7
GEORGE N. ORMAN	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the treble ringer's first peal on these bells.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

CYRIL J. SMITH	*Treble*	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
*SHEILA DUFFIN	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	STANLEY H. WALLIS	7
C. HENRY HARDING	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal in the method.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

A. GEORGE CLARE	*Treble*	*WALTER H. POOLE	5
RONALD G. BECK	2	†DAVID HOARE	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5120 HODNET IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	WILLIAM A. FARMER	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 216).

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 24. 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
PETER J. CAME	3	PETER J. EVES	7
†PERCY GREEN	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
PETER F. BORER	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
HARRY SPRINGATE	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday and St. George's Day.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt.

†A. E. HINMAN	*Treble*	†RONALD HILL	5
RONALD RUSSELL	2	‡JOHN H. BLUFF	6
REGINALD SCOTT	3	†J. FREDERICK HUBBARD	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK	4	*G. A. BOWCUTT	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ 100th peal.
Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Dr. Gordon Purdy to Miss M. D. A. Stokes, senior surgeon and assistant matron at the Oakham Memorial Hospital.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	PAT BOURN	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	*HAROLD WILSON	7
JAMES BURLES	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	REGINALD W. WORRALL	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
VICTOR NEAL	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
JOHN SCOTT	4	HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM D. PEART	*Treble*	JOHN R. COTTERILL	5
J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
*JANE COTTERILL	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
ALBERT MILLS	4	WALTER REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to commemorate the unveiling of a stained glass window in memory of the late Mr. A. E. Cotterill, who was a churchwarden at this church for over 30 years.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., April 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
GEOFFREY W. HAIR	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.
Specially arranged to mark the 81st birthday of Ashby's G.O.M., Ernest W. Beadsmoore.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*RONALD HICKMOTT .. ..*Treble*	*VICTOR BURTON 4
RALPH PERKS 2	EDWARD MOORE 5
RALPH HARRIS 3	ERIC COOKE .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

* First peal.

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 120's Grandsire, 10 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 10 Plain Bob, 8 April Day, and 240 Hurdibras. Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY P. COLLIN .. ..*Treble*	DENIS A. FRITH 3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 2	P.C. H. REGINALD WOODS 4
JAMES H. MUSSON .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung to celebrate the gift of a son, Desmond Walter, to the conductor and his wife.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE BARRY .. .. ..*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE 4
DORIS SHEPPARD 2	FREDERICK BLOWEN .. 5
RONALD FORSTER 3	*JOSEPH MARTIN .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Rung on the front six.

FRANCES E. ELLISON ..*Treble*	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND.. 4
*JOHN AUSTIN 2	*ERIC ROUGHLEY 5
HARRY BLACKBURN .. 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 21 methods: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale, Annable's London, (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York, Berwick, (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne, Primrose, (5) Norfolk, Primrose, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, (7) York, Durham.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM H. OLDMAN ..*Treble*	ALBERT E. SCOTT 4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	JAMES W. HAW 5
CECIL WADE 3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled' the tower.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. ..*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
*JAMES G. STANNARD .. 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	†GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

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WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	4
*GRAHAM BALL	2	REGINALD C. TIPLER	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	C. ROGER HEYWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Frank E. Dove.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*WALTER MASON	*Treble*	*BRIAN ROTHWELL	4
†DOROTHY A. RICHARDSON	2	RICHARD BENSON	5
†ETHEL COLLIER	3	†CYRIL C. HARPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD BENSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double Court and College Bob, (2) Plain Bob and Hereward Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Childwall and Thelwall, (5) Double and Reverse Bob, (6) Fulbeck Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, (7) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; 123 changes of method.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G sharp.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	*DAVID HEIGHTON	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	*GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in 14 methods
Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents each of: Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old Bob, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*C. S. SWANNELL (15)	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS	3
JOHN HARROLD	2	ALAN C. COZENS	4
IVOR J. DICKIN			*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH D. PERKINS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Capel, Kingston and Oxford, and two each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 14 cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	SYDNEY SAGE	4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in five methods 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Queen.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Thurs., April 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

*BARRIE WHEELER	*Treble*	*EDMUND E. EDWARDS	4
*JOHN R. CHAPMAN	2	RAYMOND W. SELBY	5
JACK HARRISON	3	*JESSE THORNETT (75)	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND W. SELBY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	ALFRED LYNALL	4
*PETER CLARKSON	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
RONALD FORSTER	3	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Minor. Rung for the Patronal Festival

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., April 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 15 methods in seven extents: (1) Walsingham and Cromer Alliance, Little Bob, (2) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Double Court, (6) Hereward, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Treble*	HOWARD SCOTT	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Rung for St. George's Day.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK	*Treble*	FRANK PEARSON	4
RONALD E. BURT	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank C. Arnold and Miss Mollie Howlett, which took place earlier in the day at Bunwell.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN A. H. BETTS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4
RENEE MARWOOD	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
ALAN H. STURGESS	3	NORMAN J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.
* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Bob Minor as conductor.
Rung to mark the baptism of David Hillary Betts.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT "THE WAYSIDE," 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	HAROLD J. POOLE	7—8
		*JOHN A. ACRES	9—10

Composed by GEORGE A. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

GLOUCESTER.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 39, LONDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

Consisting of 784 Little Bob, 784 Double Bob, 840 Gainsborough Little Bob and 2,688 Plain Bob.

*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	1—2	*WILLIAM H. JACKSON	5—6
RUTH M. K. HOW	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON	7—8

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Spliced Major on handbells.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX

An ambition of the people of Wivelsfield (Sussex) was realised on Easter Sunday morning when the Bishop of Lewes (the Right Rev. Geoffrey Warde) dedicated the bells of the Parish Church—a rehung ring of five, augmented to six.

It was a splendid achievement for a country parish to raise the necessary funds, and all concerned in the effort are to be congratulated. The bellringers, mainly composed of ladies, were instrumental in bringing in a considerable sum of money.

The whole of the work of the restoration of the bells was meritoriously carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at a cost of approximately £1,030, the ring being of excellent tone.

Of the old bells the third was recast and the whole of the ring was retuned with the addition of a new treble. They are hung in ball bearings in a new steel frame. The weight of the treble is 3 cwt. and bears the inscription 'Vivat Regina Elizabetha II. 1953.'

The bells in the old ring are of different dates, the fourth being the oldest, and though stated to be cast by Hy. Jordan, Citizen and Fishmonger of the City of London in 1450, according to other records may have been cast by a Chamberlain who married into the Jordan family. The bell is inscribed 'Wox Agustin Sonet in Aure Dei.' The old third, now the recast fourth, was originally cast by Edmund Giles, of Lewes. The tenor (6¼ cwt.) was cast by S. Knight in 1714.

The original treble (3½ cwt.) and second bells were installed in 1766 by Lester and Pack, the second, however, being recast in 1906 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A Divisional meeting of the Sussex Association will be held here at the end of May.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society to be held at Rise was on April 10th and although the village lies off the train and bus routes, 38 members attended.

Ringing on the five bells took place during the afternoon in several Doubles methods, but the bells proved far more difficult than was generally expected. The local band showed how they should be rung and struck with a good 120 Grandsire.

A service was held in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Hewson), followed by a short talk on Psalm 122.

Tea was provided by the local ringers' mothers and wives in the British Legion Hut, an enormous repast of home cooking, which received a very hearty vote of thanks. Replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar gave the Society an invitation to come again, and thanked the Ringing Master, Mr. L. Rodmell, for his help in teaching the local band to ring. Mr. Rodmell rang for the dedication service of Rise bells in 1904, and has taken a band to Rise to ring for special services during the last 50 years when there was no local band.

Further ringing took place after tea until 8 p.m.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Brixham on April 24th was well attended. An excellent tea followed the service, conducted by the curate, and Mr. J. E. Lilley presided at the business meeting. An apology was received from the president (Preb. E. V. Cox).

The joint meeting with the South-West Branch will be held on June 19th instead of June 26th at Chudleigh if nothing can be arranged at Ashburton.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A good variety of methods including some old favourites were rung at the April meeting of the Barnsley District Society at the Church-in-the-Fields, Felkirk. Towers represented were Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Badsworth, Earlsheaton, Horbury, Hemsworth, Wath, Shelley and the local company.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. Boyard Webster), in his welcome from the chair at the meeting, expressed the hope that it would not be long before the Society would pay them another visit.

Two new members were elected—Mr. Tesh and Mr. Wright, both of Darfield. The next meeting will be at Horbury on May 8th, as a compliment to Mr. H. Rowley, who has completed 65 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at this tower. The shield contest will be at Sandal on June 12th, the outing to Chester on July 3rd and the July meeting at Earlsheaton.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar, the local company and the ladies for attending to the tea.

BUNWELL RINGER'S WEDDING

Wedding bells rang out from Bunwell (Norfolk) Parish Church for the wedding of Mr. Frank Arnold, a local ringer, chorister and parochial church councillor, and Miss Mollie Howett, a Sunday School teacher. The Rev. J. P. Herbert officiated, assisted by the Rev. P. Jenkins.

The bells were rung before the service and 'fired' as the couple left the church, and a peal of Minor in six methods was rung during the evening, conducted by Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo.

One of the many gifts was a chiming clock from friends and members of Bunwell Church.

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LATE NEWS

We understand that St. Paul's Cathedral ringers and also those of Stoke Poges will appear in the television programme recording the return of the Queen on May 15th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

At the age of 75 Mr. Jesse Thornett has rung his first peal at Middle Littleton, Worcestershire. Two attempts were necessary as the rope of the fourth bell broke after 30 minutes. This did not deter Mr. Thornett from making a good job with the tenor immediately after repairs had been carried out.

Two Wiltshire tower secretaries were married this Eastertide—Mr. G. Eyles (Chippenham) and Mr. E. L. Buckeridge (Calne).

Bristol Zoo once furnished a band of ringers for Emmanuel, Clifton, states a former Vicar, the Rev. W. Bathurst-Soole.

The musical peal of Stedman Caters, on page 253 of the issue of April 16th, was a composition of Mr. Louis Head.

Mr. J. A. C. King has been appointed 'Ringing World' representative to the Winchester District.

Mr. Mark Couchman, who rings at Harrietsham, near Maidstone, is to marry at Helsinki, on June 23rd, Miss Sinnika Paasikivi, granddaughter of the President of Finland.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, is doubtful whether his doctor will permit him to attend the Council meeting at Newcastle, owing to a recent sharp illness arising from duodenal ulcer trouble.

After many attempts Mr. Francis C. Mogford, of Bristol, has rung his 100th peal. It was Stedman Triples rung at St. George's, Bristol, on St. George's Day. Strange to relate, St. George's were augmented from six to eight in 1919, but this is the first peal on the eight.

The Southern District of the Surrey Association have nominated Mr. R. Davies for the Mastership in succession to the late Mr. D. D. Cooper. Last week we announced the nomination of Mr. F. E. Collins, who is being sponsored by the Northern District.

The first quarter on the bells of Cleaton Moor, Cumberland, since before the war, was rung on Easter Day by ringers from Egremont, St. Bees, Hensingham and Cleaton Moor. It is only on rare occasions that these bells are rung as, due to mining subsidence, the walls of the tower and church are cracked. No further subsidence is now anticipated and it has been decided to put in hand this year repairs to the church.

Mr. Kenneth W. Mackintosh has rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick and Mr. John M. Jelley have 'completed the circle' of South Wigston tower.

Mr. George Sayer was welcomed back to peal ringing after his operation by a peal on April 21st, at St. George's, Colegate, Norwich.

Holywood, Co. Down, Parish Church bells will be broadcast as part of the welcome home to the Queen on May 15th.

After the peal at West Bromwich to mark the unveiling of a memorial stained glass window to Mr. A. E. Cotterill, the band were entertained to tea by Mr. T. R. Cotterill. Through 'The Ringing World' they wish to express their thanks.

Mr. G. Dodds issues a warning against any would-be 'peal-snatchers' attempting to 'conquer' Caddington bells. They are in a very bad, if not dangerous, condition. In fact it may be even unsafe to chime them. Later we hope to publish Mr. Dodds' article on these bells.

Bells of Lavenham rang out on April 24th to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major as a birthday compliment to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds. The band extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Symonds for their kind hospitality after the peal and also appreciated the warm welcome given to the visitors by the Lavenham company at the service ringing the following morning.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The first session of the 27th Council (57th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 8th, 1954, in the Cathedral Library, Newcastle, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at 10 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of President for 1954–1957. Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is eligible for re-election.
2. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1954–1957. Mr. E. A. Barnett retires and is eligible for re-election.
3. Election of Hon. Librarian for 1954–1957. Mr. F. Sharpe retires and is eligible for re-election.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
   Mr. F. Sharpe is now a life member under Rule 6 and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher is now a representative of the Kent County Association. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. P. Fidler (Peal Boards Committee), H. M. Howard, A. A. Hughes (Auditor), D. Hughes, Mrs. L. K. Marshall (Records Committee), B. D. Price, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers (Biographies Committee), A. Walker (Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee). There are six vacancies.
5. Election of Auditors. Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrens retire and are eligible for re-election.
6. Loss of members through death.
7. Minutes of the last meeting.
8. Report of the Hon. Secretary.
9. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
10. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1953.
11. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
12. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—

    To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

    To reappoint the committees or alter the constitution as may be considered desirable.

    (a) Standing Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council:—

    Messrs. R. S. Anderson, G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, C. K. Lewis, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, Alderman A. P. Smith, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. E. C. S. Turner and Mr. A. Walker.

    The ex-officio members are the President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past officers of the Council.

    (i) Report of the sub-committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.

    (ii) Report of the sub-committee appointed to compile the Roll of Honour.

    (b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke, H. J. Poole and R. S. Anderson.

    (c) Biographies Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.

    (d) Peals Collection Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley, C. W. Roberts and A. J. Pitman.

    (e) Methods Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, F. N. Golden, C. K. Lewis and C. H. Kippin.

    (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.
    The following retire and are not seeking reappointment: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker.

    (g) Towers and Belfries Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins and E. Alex. Young.

    (h) Records Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

    (i) Peal Boards.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre, J. P. Fidler and Rev. C. E. Wigg.

    (j) Analysis Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for reappointment if still members of the Council: Messrs. W. Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles.

MOTIONS

13. (a) That this Council deprecates the increasing number of installations of synthetic bells, which it considers to be unworthy of use in the service of God, and urges the responsible authorities to do all in their power to prevent their installation.
    Proposed on behalf of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, seconded by Mr. T. H. Francis.

    (b) That this Council disapproves of the ban on the publication in 'The Ringing World' of letters signed with a pen-name and instructs the Editorial Committee to rescind it forthwith; furthermore, that this Council expresses its complete confidence in the ability of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to select only such letters as he considers suitable for publication.
    Proposed by Mr. J. R. Worrall, seconded by Miss J. S. Evans.
14. To fix the place of the next meeting.
15. Any other business.

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Crayford, Kent.

CIVIC RECEPTION AT NEWCASTLE

Members have been invited to a civic reception in the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle, after the Council meeting. Will those wishing to be present please apply to me, stating the number of tickets required, by **May 19th.**

Association Secretaries who have not notified changes in their representatives are requested to do so without delay.

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THE GREAT WELCOME

The local company of West Down (Devon) are proud and excited at being chosen by the B.B.C. to represent the West Country by ringing a welcoming peal to the Queen when she returns to England on May 15th.

Father of the company is Mr. Isaac Phillips, aged 86, who has been ringing at West Down for over 70 years. He is uncle to John Phillips, who is a member of the Westminster Abbey band and also a ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral. John learned his ringing at West Down under the tuition of Isaac, who relinquished the captaincy of the company 12 years ago. He was succeeded by his son-in-law, Frederick White, who will be in charge of the ringing on May 15th.

There was a time when all the ringers at West Down were named Phillips, five of them being related to one another. Those who will take part in the welcome are Fred and Walter White (father and son), William and Ivor Hookway (father and son), Mervyn Phillips and Leonard Smale. Realising the great honour done to them, they are practising hard so as to do justice to a great occasion. J. F. S.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY IN CHICAGO

St. George's Day was commemorated by a carillon concert at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, Chicago, by the carillonneur, Mr. James R. Lawson.

The programme included Fantasia for a Modern Carillon by Selwyn Baker, who plays the National War Memorial Carillon in Wellington; Dance Impromptu by Clifford Ball, carillonneur at Bournville; Rondo for 23 bells by Robert Donnell, who is Dominion Carillonneur for Canada; A Little Fantasy and Fugue by Sir Hamilton Harty, composed for the Sydney University Memorial Carillon, Australia; Big Ben Fantasia by James R. Lawson, composed while studying change ringing in England, and based on the Westminster Chime tune.

The recital closed with a selection of songs and national airs from England, which included 'Rule Britannia,' 'Land of Hope and Glory,' 'God Bless the Prince of Wales.' 'Jerusalem' and, finally, 'God Save the Queen.'

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild, the following new officers were elected: Master, C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn); secretary, W. T. Cook (Jesus); General Council representative, P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn). The other officers were re-elected.

During this meeting it was decided that the Bob Triples rung without a covering bell at Littleport on November 7th, 1953, should not be recorded by the Guild as a peal. W. T. C.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER

The peal at Rainham, Kent, on April 20th, was specially arranged for Mr. F. S. Macey to celebrate his 50 years of ringing, for it was in this tower that he was first taught to handle a bell, on April 13th, 1904. It was also rung to celebrate the engagement of Trevor A. Cross, ringer at this church, and Patricia Smee, of Ewell, Surrey; also as a birthday compliment to Cynthia Naylor, youngest daughter of Mr. G. A. Naylor.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Membership Over 1,000 Mark Maintained

THE decision last year to alter the date of the annual meeting from Easter Monday to Easter Saturday, owing to catering difficulties, did not affect the attendance at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on April 24th. The 130 members and friends present included representatives from all branches.

The Master, Mr. A. L. Barry (Gloucester) presided at the business meeting, prayers being said by Canon W. H. Thomas..

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Sidwell, chairman of the Swindon Branch, who was unfortunately prevented from being present by business duties; Miss Doris Sheppard, chairman of the Stroud Branch, who commented favourably on the work of the Master during the past year, and hoped that he would be elected for another year to continue the good work amongst beginners; Mr. F. Oakhill, vice-president; and from the Rev. W. A. Peel, Tortworth..

The Master's report recorded that it was his privilege to conduct the Association's Coronation peal at Painswick. Although the Stow Branch was rather dead, they heard great news of Stow bells having a thorough overhaul. Blaisdon bells in the North Forest Branch had been overhauled and were in excellent going order. The number of peals (57) showed a decline of 13 this year.

The secretary (Mr. F. Skidmore) in his report stated that membership had been maintained at over 1,000 mark. Nine members had been lost by death, viz., F. Price (Cheltenham), E. E. Preedy (Stonehouse), Sidney Palmer (Swindon), Mary Barnett (Staunton), Sydney Wiltshire (Chippenham), John Martin Cocks (Bristol), William Henry Davies (Newent), W. Townsend (Leckhampton) and Frederick Wilde (Lydney).

Thanking Branch secretaries for their unstinted effort, special mention was made of Bristol Rural Branch, which had passed all previous records in every way.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. S. G. Riches) reported that the funds of the Association had increased from £265 to £318.

The St. John's School of Ringing, Bristol, continued its good work week by week under the leadership of Mr. F. G. Leaker.

These reports were accepted on the proposition of Mr. F. Waite, secondtd by Mr. C. E. Jefferies.

An interesting report on the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth was given by Mr. W. B. Kynaston, who was thanked by Canon W. H. Thomas.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Ponting, of Minchinhampton, was added to the list of vice-presidents.

Three nominations were received for the office of Master: Mr. A. L. Barry, present Master; Mr. C. R. Harding (Bristol Rural); and Mr. F. G. Leaker (Bristol Rural). Mr. E. Stitch (Wolverhampton) and a friend acted as tellers for the ballot, which resulted in Mr. Barry, 62 votes; Mr. Leaker, 35; and Mr. Harding, 28.

Thanking the meeting for his election, Mr. Barry promised to do all in his power to uphold the prestige of the Association.

Officers re-elected were: Mr. F. Skidmore, hon. secretary; Mr. S. G. Riches, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. E. Reeves, hon. peal secretary. The Management Committee was also re-elected.

Elected as Central Council representatives were Mr. T. Boreham (Cheltenham), Mr. A. L. Barry, Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon) and Mr. F. Skidmore. Miss Drew (Gloucester) and Mr. P. Baker (Cheltenham) did not seek re-election.

The Association's advisers, Mr. C. W. Martin (Cheltenham), Mr. C. J. Hathway (Swindon) and Mr. F. G. Leaker (Bristol), were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. Waite, seconded by Mr. C. Rouse.

CORONATION PEAL TABLET

The secretary read the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held at Gloucester in February last. It had been suggested that a peal tablet be placed in Painswick tower to record the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Coronation last year. The secretary had communicated with the authorities at Painswick, who were agreeable to having a tablet placed in the tower, and the Master had met the Vicar and churchwardens on the subject. Mr. H. W. Bishop had kindly prepared a rough estimate of the cost, which was in the region of £25. Mr. C. Rouse proposed that the executive have power to proceed with the job; this was seconded by Mr. C. Larner, and carried.

The matter of the Belfry Repair Fund was brought forward, with the object of changing the title, so that there would be no doubt as to what this fund could be used for. Canon W. H. Thomas, Mr. A. Prince and Mr. C. Rouse spoke on the matter, and it was decided that Mr. Rouse would draw up an amendment to Rule 26. This was seconded by Mr. H. Blacker, and that the matter be brought forward at the next Management Committee meeting. Carried.

I was unanimously agreed that all bells as far as possible should ring for the homecoming of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. on May 15th, as near as possible to coincide with the time of landing, viz., 3.15 p.m. The next annual meeting is to be held at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, April 16th, 1955.

PERMANENCE OF TABLETS

Under any other business, Mr. Waite asked that in view of the fact that a peal tablet was to be placed at Painswick, was it possible that the tablet could be removed by the Vicar at any time, as he understood that a peal tablet which recorded the names of several well-known ringers had been removed from Barnwood tower. It was explained by the Master that what had been removed was a framed photograph, and not a tablet.

It was agreed that the Association pay for 'The Ringing World' which is used by the peal secretary.

Mr. Kynaston offered congratulations to the Malmesbury Guild, who had completed their restoration appeal and were now free from debt.

This concluded the business meeting, and Canon W. H. Thomas closed the meeting with prayer, and members made their way to church for a very good service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Cartwright); the theme of his address was Eastertide in connection with ringing and ringers. A collection for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund realised £4 8s.

Tea was partaken afterwards in the Hall, when the usual vote of thanks was made to the Vicar, organist and ladies who had prepared tea, also to the Bristol City Branch secretary (Mr. A. V. Bennett) and to all the incumbents and steeple-keepers who had made their bells available that day. Further ringing took place during the evening at St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Stephen's and St. John's, thereby bringing to a close another enjoyable day.

F. S.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. Whitby 1, S. Clark 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. Whitby 4, D. Hayden 5, D. Collins (first quarter) 6, B. Hines 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8.

FARNINGHAM RINGERS' SUPPER

Referring to 'the ancient craft of bell-ringing,' the Vicar of Farningham, Kent (the Rev. G. M. Young), presiding at a steak-and-kidney pie supper of Farningham bellringers at the Bull Hotel, Farningham, declared, 'It is our task to see that the church bells, which ring out to the glory of God, are not silent in our generation.'

The Vicar was proposing a toast to 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.' He said that the ringing of church bells was something that had gone on for centuries. Three of the bells in Farningham Parish Church dated from 1650, and two more from a century later. The responsibility of seeing that the bells throughout the country were kept ringing lay with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

The Vicar then warmly welcomed the guests of honour, Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and his father, Mr. E. Barnett, both of Crayford. 'We are highly honoured,' he said, 'for both of you have devoted so many years to this ancient craft.'

Mr. E. A. Barnett, responding, said the Central Council might seem a bit remote, and it was sometimes criticised, but it did try to do its best for ringing.

'One of our main functions,' said Mr. Barnett, 'is to produce and issue our journal, "The Ringing World." It is our lifeblood. I appeal to you to take "The Ringing World" regularly, and by post if you can. It gives us more profit that way.'

Mr. Barnett, referring to the great record of 100 years of ringing by two members of the Farningham band (Mr. A. Bates, captain of the tower, 52 years, and Mr. W. Wingate, 48 years), added that his father would complete 60 years at Crayford next year. (Applause.)

The Vicar, presenting Mr. Wingate with an oak tobacco jar, said: 'He is one of our most faithful and skilful ringers. In addition, Mr. Wingate is a chip of real old Farningham, and it includes his family.'

Mr. Wingate thanked the company for their gift, and churchwarden clay pipes were handed round to the men.

Among other records announced during a memorable evening was that of 54 years as organist of Knockholt Parish Church by Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P., who came on from another meeting and entertained the company with songs at the piano and recitations.

Sir Waldron, who was in fine form, said he hoped Farningham would ring when the Queen came home. He thought the Queen's Coronation and tour were epoch-making. And Britain would again save the world.

Before the supper, which was excellently served by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chitham—the two meat pies were cut by the Vicar and Mr. A. Morris Wheeler—the ringers assembled in the tower and rang for half an hour in honour of the Queen's birthday.

Those present included the churchwardens and sidesmen of the church, Mr. Frank Keene, organist, Mrs. G. M. Young, Mrs. Bramer, as well as members of the band of ringers and the choir. Mrs. Bramer's father, the late William S. Pritchett, was a ringer at King's Norton, and her cousin, Sir Theodore Pritchett, presided over this year's Johnson Dinner.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, on April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. L. Renn 1, W. Butler 2, W. Birmingham 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Brooks 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. W. Adcock.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Edwards 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss J. Spurgin 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, A. E. Leggett 5, L. D. Mills 6. First in method for 2, 3 and 4. Rung for St. George's Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Dear Sir,—In your report of the meeting of the Guildford and Surrey Associations, Mr. F. A. Munday is reported to have said, 'Speaking as a College Youth he felt . . . . an anonymous letter gave people a chance of expressing an opinion without being ostracised.'

May I point out that Mr. Munday must have been expressing his own personal views, as he had no authority to speak on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The matter of anonymous letters has not been discussed at our meetings, but I would suggest that the sentiments expressed by Mr. Leslie Hunter might be very sympathetically received.—Yours faithfully,

A. B. PECK, Hon. Sec.,
Ancient Society of College Youths.

A LONG ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. F. Stenson appears to have missed the true significance and import of Mr. Cliff's remarks which, no doubt, concern letters anonymous to the reader only.

Our immediate concern is, or should be, the preservation and, indeed, survival of our beloved and (to us) indispensable journal. Recently I was shocked when a comparatively well-known active peal ringer told me he had ceased taking, or even reading, 'The Ringing World.'

It follows, therefore, that, however much we dislike anonymous letters in general—personally I have never written one in my life, nor do I ever intend doing so—we should, at any rate, reflect very carefully before confirming the introduction of an arbitrary rule which discards a long-accepted principle editors, proprietors, etc., of all types of responsible newspapers and periodicals have, in their wisdom and experience, seen fit to retain.

When Mr. Stenson attempts, rather boldly I think, to define the occasions which justify anonymity, one wonders whether his 'unmasking crime, etc.,' also include **possible** crime, or even the numerous anomalies and injustices, not actually illegal, which, nevertheless, frequently carry to many innocent people, sometimes children, far worse consequences than several real crimes.

I cannot help feeling some little regret that we may be deprived of the valuable opinions of a small group of individuals who, by reason of the etiquette or regulations of their respective professions, are debarred from **openly** taking part in public correspondence of a controversial nature. Also, that we shall never again see the like of those well-remembered, witty, but perfectly harmless communications whose humour was, of course, the more particularly enhanced by their anonymity.

In any case, if it is really intended finally to dispense with all anonymous contributions, we should, I feel, be consistent and have full names not, what are often meaningless, initials appended to leading articles, semi-provocative or otherwise. Owing to the main initials of two prominent ringers being identical, some confusion has already been caused in this respect.

As a member of the Central Council, I had intended raising the issue at its forthcoming meeting in Newcastle, but, due to a recent rather severe illness, it is, at the moment, somewhat doubtful whether I shall be permitted to travel there. I trust, however, your correspondents can rest assured the matter will be fully and fairly discussed by delegates.

At least the Exercise is entitled to know by whom this extreme and unusual ban was imposed, and why.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Orrell Park,
Liverpool 9.

A GOOD SIX-PENN'ORTH

Dear Sir,—May I add my comments on the two vexed questions current in this paper?

First on the question of finances. The only real solution is obviously to increase the price to sixpence and to discontinue delivery by newsagents. If, as most of us will agree, the journal was worth 3d. before the war, then it is certainly a good six-penn'orth now; and it's a poor reflection on us as a brotherhood of ringers if we're not prepared to accept this as a part of the inevitable cost-of-living increase, and pay the extra needed to keep our paper alive. Even if the number of readers dropped by a half, those remaining, being all postal subscribers, would still be sufficient to balance the budget—without having to resort to this objectionable regularised begging under the heading of 'Gratefully Acknowledged,' which, to my mind, is a disgrace to our art.

Secondly—anonymous letters. Mr. F. A. Munday is not by any means alone in his cry against the dictatorial ban imposed, I believe, by the Editorial Committee of the Central Council. I have discussed the subject with a number of ringers in this area and all are agreed that it is a thoroughly bad rule which should be rescinded without further delay. As Mr. Poyntz has already said, no reputable paper will consider publishing **really** anonymous letters; yet many papers—particularly professional ones—welcome, and even encourage, correspondence over a nom-de-plume, in which case the name of the writer is known to the editor, and rightly so. This system has many advantages, viz:—

(a) It allows a writer to give and ask for advice, in circumstances where it would be inadvisable for his name to be published.

(b) Grievances can thereby be aired in an impersonal and general manner.

(c) Letters over a nom-de-plume have, in the past, often started a most interesting and stimulating correspondence, which would never have occurred had the original writer's name been printed. An example of this is a certain letter some years ago from 'Ringer's Wife.' There must be hundreds of readers who remember the good-tempered furore which followed, and can testify how stimulating that was!

Of course, the system is open to possible abuse, but I feel quite sure, Mr. Editor, that you would soon sort the sheep from the goats. The Editorial Committee must leave such decisions to you, and not say, as the ban implies, 'We will save the Editor from having to use his discretion, rather than risk an occasional error of judgment.' I am confident that the great majority of your readers will be more than pleased when this, your prerogative, is rightly restored to you.—Yours sincerely,

Eastleigh, Hants. R. A. REED

OUR CHILDREN WILL SMILE

Dear Sir,—Re 'The Ringing World' finances, it can only be a matter of time before

(a) The price goes up;

(b) Donations are such that the loss on working is covered, i.e., donations become the accepted principle;

(c) Some genius gives us a coloured cover with outside advertising prominently displayed on every bookstall in the country to make payment for such advertising worth while.

Now (a) appears to be the line of least resistance or the acceptable way and (b) a carry-over.

It is reasonably certain that our grandchildren will smile when from their half-crown's worth they read in an odd corner how we feared 4d. to 6d. May one recall father fearing an income tax rise from 1s. 6d.? Surely history points the way we must go.—Yours faithfully,

E. L. HUMPHRISS

Woolton, Liverpool.

PAY FOR EVERYTHING

Dear Sir,—I don't think that to increase the price of 'The Ringing World' to 6d. would be a good thing, as some might discontinue it on the ground that it was too expensive. It must be made to pay for itself by the printing, i.e., all items published to be charged for, yes, I haven't forgotten, even 'Letters to the Editor.'—Yours faithfully,

S. J. ELLIOTT.

Yardley-Hastings,
Northampton.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CANON COLERIDGE

Dear Sir,—The Vicar of Crowthorne has been good enough to give me full information regarding the proposed Parish Memorial at Crowthorne to the late Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was Vicar for over 50 years.

The Memorial is to consist of alterations to the east wall, altar and sanctuary of the church and, when finished, will, in my opinion, add considerably to the dignity of the church.

I have seen the plans which have been approved and for which a Faculty has been issued and I am of the opinion that there is little that the Canon would have liked better.

The Vicar hopes that any friends will join in with the parish if they wish and contribute towards the Memorial.

Any contribution should be sent direct to the Vicar:—The Rev. A. C. Nugee, The Vicarage, Crowthorne, Berks.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. CANN (Major).

Bridgwater, Somerset.

A PLEA FOR HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—In your issue of 2nd inst. I was disappointed to see in the leading article, under the title of 'A Notable Trio,' the exclusion of Holt's Original in favour of Parker's 12-part. I know nothing of this latter composition, but it can surely not bear comparison with John Holt's famous masterpiece, containing, as it does, the extent of changes possible with the use of bobs only.

I believe I am right in saying that early composers of those days, including Holt, were of the opinion that the whole 5,040 changes could be obtained without the use of singles, and how nearly they were right!

It is curious to see how seldom this composition is rung nowadays, and there seem to be no more than quite a small number of conductors who aspire to master its intricacies. I can assure others, however, that if they once do so they would never call any other peal of Grandsire Triples, by reason of the fact that it is so full of interest throughout, and it well repays any difficulty there may be in learning it.

It is a matter that is full of interest and was thought a great deal of by past generations of ringers, and I, for my part, should hate to see this old friend pass into oblivion.—Yours faithfully,

G. N. PRICE.

West Norwood, S.E.

Co-operation With Call Change Ringers

The peal at Chittlehampton on Easter Monday is good evidence of the friendly co-operation that exists in North Devon between the isolated 'method' ringers at Combe Martin and the surrounding 'call change' ringers. Mr. Sully, who rang the tenor, is the secretary of the South Molton Deanery call change ringers. The Rev. T. H. B. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews very generously entertained the peal ringers and four more listening ringers to tea in the Vicarage afterwards

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

'Ringing World' Position Discussed

ST. JAMES' Church, Clerkenwell, has for a number of years been the venue for the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild, and a very cordial welcome was extended to the good attendance by the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. M. Brown, at the service and also at the tea which followed, on April 24th. The address was given by the Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

For the business meeting, the Rev. P. Gough (president) took the chair, and it was a pleasure to the meeting to have with them Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who has been absent from ringing activities since last November through illness.

The company stood in remembrance of the following losses by death: W. J. Baldwin (Barnett), F. Blondell (Isleworth), W. Bunce (Ruislip), G. W. Cartmel (St. Albans), J. Cobb (Heston), Sir Gilfrid Craig (Hillingdon), G. Dawson (Leytonstone), Rev. H. Greatbach (Ealing), E. Marshall (Barnet), G. Martin (Maidenhead), H. Miller (Southgate), G. R. Newton (Liverpool), W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), Rev. M. Radley (Finchley), G. Stacey (Minchead), G. H. Kilby (Ruislip), W. J. G. Brown (Ipswich), G. Ward (Derby), Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith.

The report recorded that 68 new members were elected, consisting of 3 honorary, 50 ringing and 15 non-resident life members.

NEW METHODS

Forty-seven peals were rung, three of them being on handbells. There were again several new Surprise Major methods rung at Willesden. They were Cheshunt and Neasden, conducted by R. F. B. Speed and C. W. Roberts respectively, the first peals ever rung in these methods. In addition, C. W. Roberts conducted Banstead, Knebworth, Leatherhead and Warwickshire, and R. F. B. Speed conducted Eastbury, Kendal, Ickleton and Whitwick—methods not previously rung by the Association. Several interesting peals were rung at Stanwell, conducted by F. T. Blagrove. They included the first peal of Spliced Doubles by the Association, the greatest number of Doubles methods each having its own Plain Course (25) ever rung in a peal, and the first peal of Huntspill Bob Doubles. Other peals worthy of mention were Grandsire Triples at Upper Clapton, the first peal there for 31 years in which local ringers had taken part, and London Surprise Major at Stanmore, the first time a peal in this method had been rung on handbells without a conductor. A peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Feltham by eight officers of the Association. Nine members rang their first peals.

The number of quarter peals reported (170 compared with 123 for 1952), indicated a considerable improvement in ringing on Sundays. Both Stanwell and Upper Clapton recorded 28 and Harrow Weald 26.

The report welcomed two bands who had joined the Association—St. Margaret's, Edgware, had now a band after a lapse of 33 years; St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, returned now that the bells were restored.

The report was adopted.

Presenting the accounts, Mr. C. W. Roberts said the financial position of the Association had steadily improved. They had a balance in hand of £116 5s. 8d. and investments amounting to £73 13s. 8d. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £14 19s. 2d., against £10 14s. 11d. During the ban bells got into a bad state, and in order to get these bells going money had to be found. Churches, like people generally, were hard up and a bell restoration fund was useful. If they wanted to keep their bells they had to be ready to put their hands in their pocket. He asked the members to be as liberal as they could towards the fund. The alternative was recorded bells.

NO COPYRIGHT IN CHANGE RINGING

The President asked if it was possible for recordings of bells to be copyright.

Mr. Roberts replied that there was no copyright of change ringing. There was nothing intrinsically wrong in making a record and playing it, the only thing was substituting it for the proper thing when it was available.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. P. Gough was re-elected president. After Mr. W. H. Coles and Mr. H. G. Hart had been elected active vice-presidents, Mr. W. H. Coles expressed the thanks of the Association to Mr. Albert Coles for his services and the regret that he was unable to carry on.

Other officers elected were: Hon. general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant general secretary, Mr. W. N. Genna; ringing master, Mr. Tony Price; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. W. Roberts; hon. auditor, Mr. M. Hodgson; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner and C. W. Roberts. A ballot for Central Council representatives resulted in the election of Mr. R. F. B. Speed 54 votes, Mr. Turner 51, Mr. Lock 48, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow 41. Unsuccessful, Mr. C. W. Roberts, 40 votes.

Mr. A. Tapley (Exeter) was elected a non-resident life member, Mr. W. Blake (Finchley), an old member, rejoined, and the Rev. J. F. Wonson is a new member.

It was decided that the books of the Association be kept at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Mr. Parsons act as librarian.

Ringing on May 15th for the Queen's return was discussed, the subject being introduced by Mr. T. J. Lock. It was decided to leave arrangements to each district.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

There was a full discussion on the position of 'The Ringing World' following the reading of a letter from the secretary of the Central Council.

Mr. George Pipe (Suffolk Guild) said his father had suggested a peal levy.

Mr. Turner replied that the point was raised at the Central Council meeting and turned down. He commended the appeal for more postal subscribers and asked if there was any objection to all copies being supplied through the post.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood said that point was under consideration at the present time, but it would have to be realised that the circulation of the paper would drop. There were many young ringers who got 'The Ringing World' delivered with the family papers.

The first reaction to their appeal was a substantial increase in supplies to newsagents. Two years ago they asked for an increased number of 1,000 postal subscribers and the response was about 340. That told the committee that the Exercise was fairly apathetic about the matter. He felt that everybody who could afford to should take the journal through the post. If they put up the price, it would mean an increased percentage to the newsagent. There was a lot in the idea of reducing the price of the paper through the post and making it a postal circulation entirely.

A criticism from the meeting was that those who rang many peals in the Midlands never sent a contribution to the paper. To this the Editor replied that it would be foolish to make a general accusation. Many anonymous contributions were received. They were purposely kept secret and people making a general charge would be wise to refrain. Mr. White made a strong appeal that a copy of 'The Ringing World' should be presented to each ringer on ringing his or her first peal or quarter. Requests years after were received for these back copies. A first peal was a big occasion in the career of a ringer, and a copy of the journal officially recording the event should be in the possession of the individual. Copies could be ordered, price 6d. each, when sending in a peal report.

The meeting decided to refer the matter to the two district meetings and to appoint an officer to push the sale of 'The Ringing World' and to act as correspondent.

Mr. Genna proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. T. M. Brown for conducting the service and the use of the bells, to the Rev. M. C. C. Melville for giving the address, to Mr. W. Prockson and Miss M. Prockson for local arrangements and tea, and to the various incumbents.

EDGWARE BELLS AGAIN AFTER 30 YEARS

The opportunity of ringing in a fresh tower attracted a larger number of ringers than usual at the District meeting held at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on April 10th, for this ring of six is now active again after a period of over 30 years. After an initial waiting period for a wedding, a chosen band rang two bobbed courses of Cambridge Surprise Minor for the lucky bride and groom and this proved to be a fitting opening in a new meeting place. A welcome visitor to his local tower was Mr. William J. Nudds, who has lived four times as long as several others who attended.

The Rector of Edgware (the Rev. J. Melville Scutt) conducted an evensong service and, in his address, extended to the Association a very warm welcome and acknowledged with gratitude the part that ringers play in the work for the Church. Members then assembled for an exceedingly nice tea after the the business of the meeting was held. This was presided over by the Rev. Melville Scutt, who was unanimously elected an honorary life member of the Association. Miss M. Piper (Southgate) was elected a ringing member. The chairman expressed his pleasure of this meeting and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayne for acting as instructors to his young and promising band of ringers. Those present heard with regret that Mr. B. Tubb, late captain of the Finchley band, was in hospital, and it was decided to send him a letter of good wishes.

Approaching 60 ringers visited Edgware and Stanmore, which was made available in the evening, and enjoyed ringing in a full range of methods.

T. J. L.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

At the quarterly meeting and six-bell contest held at Holmfirth Parish Church on April 24th, the draw and result were as follows:—

	Penalties	Faults	Totals
Friezland ..	0	31	31
Shelley ..	10	110	120
Liversidge ..	—	105	Rung out
Meltham ..	5	80	85
Silkstone ..	5	60	65
Cawthorne ..	0	45	45

Friezland were declared the winners of the Silver Cup. Owing to illness, the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) was unable to attend, and on the proposition of Mr. L. Dawson, and seconded by Mr. G. Perrin, plus the full approval of all present, Mrs. Mary Greenwood accepted the post of chairman.

Mr. Jonathan Pilling, of Saddleworth, volunteered as marker for the judge (Mr. A. Roberts, of Kirkburton). Mr Pilling, who is 90 years of age, rang a short touch with ringers from Meltham, Silkstone, Shelley, Liversedge and Cawthorne, after the meeting closed, and Mr. Allen Haigh, of Holmfirth, who is stone deaf, also rang a short touch with another mixed band. The ringing in both cases was very good and highly appreciated by the two men.

A. F.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sybil Amesbury (first of Triples) 1, T. Templeman (first as cond.) 2, D. Evans 3, B. Gladwyn 4, Desmond Kerley 5, David Kerley 6, G. Kerley 7, L. Scott 8. First quarter by a local band on the bells.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 25th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, P. K. Williamson 2, D. A. Carpenter (first in method as cond.) 3, P. Stone 4, W. A. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6, F. W. Perrens 7, J. W. T. Taylor 8.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On April 18th,1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg 1, Miss S. Dean 2, Maurice Bagg 3, C. Norton 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, P. Clark (first quarter) 6.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Norma Matthews 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, Joyce Coward 3, Brenda Foley 4, S. A. Read 5, F. A. Gooding 6. First quarter in the method by all except the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, R. Buckland 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Edwards 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BICKER, LINCS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Pell (first quarter) 1, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 2, A. T. Randall 3, G. R. Dawson 4, J. P. Morris 5, A. H. Bennett 6, N. V. Fovague 7, R. Howard 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On April 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Fearn 1, Miss M. Reay 2, C. A. Barron (cond.) 3, E. T. Lloyd 4, J. Pinfold 5, H. H. Fearn 6, B. D. A. Woolley 7, W. T. Froggatt 8.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On April 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, B. Bladon 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, B. Sheppard 4, Miss D. Lewis 5, V. Griffin (cond.) 6. Longest length for 3, 4 and 5. Rung for Anzac Day.

BOBBING, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Kenward 1, W. A. Wood 2, E. C. Barton (first of Kent) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, G. A. Naylor 5, S. M. Evans (first quarter of Kent as cond.) 6. Rung for the opening of Bobbing Village Hall.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Dumbell 1, G. Gibbs 2, A. G. Hunt 3, R. Adams 4, D. Neal 5, R. W. Broughton 6, R. L. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, W. Allsopp 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hacker 1, F. Walker 2, W. Hacker 3, E. Dixon 4, R. Saye 5, H. Barry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. L. Buckeridge, tower secretary.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On April 23rd, at St. Dunstan's, 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wilsden 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, A. C. Philpott 3, A. Butler 4, J. Stockbridge 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. First in three methods by the band. A farewell to the Rev. E. A. Brown, who has accepted a living at Croydon.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. R. Cockell (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. Abbott 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, S. R. Cockell 4, H. Heath 5, F. D. Mack 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, R. Southwood 8. A compliment to the ringers of 3 and 6 upon their engagement, and a wedding compliment to G. Eyles (tower secretary) and Miss R. Gibbons, who were married at Melksham on Easter Monday.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Miller 1, R. A. Johnston 2, J. R. Mossop 3, G. McKay 4, G. Tembey 5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, T. McKay 8.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, W. Theobald 4, E. Pryor 5, W. Prockson 6, R. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. Barnard 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On April 19th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, E. J. Butler 3, J. H. Edwards 4, A. R. Andrews 5, Hilda G. Snowden 6, W. Arnold 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First touch in the method by all the band and on the bells.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): E. Stitch 1, B. Peters 2, K. Collier 3, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 4, J. Keirle 5, W. Wiseman 6. First quarter for 3 and 5. A wedding compliment to Miss Pauline Perry and Mr. C. J. Grimwade, who were married the same day at this church.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss E. Pearson 1, Miss B. Fairer 2, W. Wall 3, J. E. Burtes 4, J. Bagnall 5, H. Wilson 6, V. Forshaw 7, R. Suart 8, N. M. Newby 9, T. Metcalfe (cond.) 10. Rung for St. George's Day Scout service.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On April 21st, first and last of the Original: G. Hurrell 1, J. Warner 2, T. A. Easterby 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, F. J. Hurrell 5, G. H. Daynes 6, E. B. Crowder 7, J. Hurrel 8. For the Queen's birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Tudball 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, A. R. Jones 3, P. Tudball 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, H. W. Lloyd 7, J. Herrod 8. Rung for St. George's Day.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.—On April 26th, 1,740 Grandsire Doubles: Gwenda M. Davies (first quarter) 1, Joan M. Downton 2, Mary Andrews 3, B. P. Hargrove 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. R. Brett 1, G. F. Gray 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, T. Ellender 4, E. J. Walker 5, J. H. Brett 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: K. Durdey 1, Mrs. F. Evans 2, I. Battersby 3, A. Wilson 4, A. Hulley (cond.) 5, —. Watkinson 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. F. Cull 1, E. Edmondson 2, E. G. Bennett 3, H. Nobbs 4, S. Huckle 5, A. Cull (cond.) 6, J. M. Page 7, R. Cochrane 8. Rung for Easter and thanksgiving service for the redecoration of the church.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Ricketts 1, B. A. Rose 2, P. Ruch 3, C. Newnes (first 'inside') 4, W. Webb 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Ricketts 8. A farewell to P. Ruch, who is entering H.M Forces.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—At the Church of All Saints, on April 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Henry 1, J. R. Jenkinson 2, W. Mansley 3 H. Hardacre 4, H. Calderbank 5, J. Bailey 6, F. Howarth 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. In honour of the Queen's birthday.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Jones 1, S. T. Smith 2, Audrey Adshead 3, I. D. Campbell 4, A. P. Cave 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. L. Nutt (first quarter) 1, D. K. Lane 2, B. R. Cummings 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Rev. J. W. Bennett as Vicar.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Harding 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. Barker 3, E. Greenacre 4, E. H. Mastin 5, L. Houghton 6, N. V. Harding 7, W. Rose (first quarter as cond.) 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Avery 1, C. Hagger (first of Minor 'inside') 2, W. Woodward 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Clifton 1, R. Richards 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, S. Richards 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, J. P. Higgins 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Coles (cond.) 3, F. Barker 4, R. Charge 5, G. Spencer 6, G. Parsons 7, P. Blake 8.

MADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. Jones (first quarter) 1, T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, A. J. Probert 5, M. Munn 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. J. Dafty, a ringer at Madley for over 50 years, who was interred this day. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by the same band, rung half-muffled for the memorial service to W. J. Dafty.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Martin (first quarter away from covering bell) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, R. J. Hicks 3, S. J. Littlejohns (first quarter) 4, H. Heard (first quarter) 5, F. Gilbert 6. Rung for Easter.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On April 18th, Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, R. E. Dean 2, Miss E. Gibson 3, Miss H. Bonner (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. T. Clay 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. Silvey 8. Rung for Evensong on Easter Sunday.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Anson 1, H. G. Childs 2, E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Evans 4, L. Longlands 5, H. Perks 6, H. Edge 7, A. G. Matthews 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Woof, lay reader, church councillor and sidesman.

NOTTINGHAM.—On April 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Hoodless 1, Joan Hoodless 2, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 3, G. Payne 4, A. Simpson 5, E. Elson 6, J. B. Guy 7, W. Nichols 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 18th, at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, R. G. Leale 2, R. Baldwin 3, E. Winifred Keyes 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. York-Bramble 6, F. W. Rogers 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2 and 3.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, R. F. Diserens 2, E. W. Colley 3, J. N. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, A. Diserens 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 5 and 7.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, Joan M. Downton 2, E. J. Walker 3, B. P. Hargrove 4, G. F. Gray 5, J. E. Chittenden 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Audrey Daisey and Sergt. Trevor Clarke.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on April 25th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. J. Deal 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. L. Pearson 4, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 5, W. Williams 6, F. J. Matthews 7, R. F. Deal 8, T. H. Francis (cond.) 9, L. Pearson 10, A. J. House 11, E. F. Willcox 12.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Stella Lazenby 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Stella Allen 3, C. Savage 4, A. Bown 5, D. Sweet (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On April 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Cockings 1, E. Cubberley 2, J. L. Findon 3, J. A. Print 4, R. C. Chapman 5, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. Winter (first quarter) 7, H. Huxley 8, J. L. Garner-Hayward 9, F. C. Lyne 10.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor, with tenor covering: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss N. Hales (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, J. Hales 3, G. A. Parsons 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On April 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Blond (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, H. Wells 3, F. Smith 4, E. Garrard 5, C. Corderoy 6, J. Blond 7, J. Berry 8.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hicks 1, C. E. Taylor 2, C. A. Manning (cond.) 3, S. J. Littlejohns 4, H. Stacey (first quarter) 5, F. Gilbert 6. Rung for Easter.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' May 8th, 1914

SUNDERLAND
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 30th, 1914, in 2 hours and 57 minutes

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,088 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt.

William Oxley	Treble
George S. Taylor	2
James Ayers	3
William A. Carr	4
Michael E. Harrison	5
Thomas H. Naisby	6
Joseph W. Parker	7
Robert L. Patterson	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Joseph W. Parker.

First peal of Surprise Major by all except the conductor, and first for the Association by the band of one church.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Enthusiasm Well Maintained

MR. ROGER O. FRY presented his first report as secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at the annual meeting at Wells on Easter Monday. It gave a fully paid up membership of 1,521. 'Everywhere one sees beginners—men and women—being taught, and in my view this reflects great credit on the older members of the Association, who are thus ensuring that the bells will still ring out when they themselves are too old to carry on.

Proceedings started with a service in the Cathedral at noon, conducted by the Archdeacon of Wells. The address was given by the Master, Prebendary A. J. Hook.

Nearly 100 attended the lunch at Wickenden's Restaurant. The Master presided, and the guests included the President, the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. H. W. Bradfield), and the Dean of Wells (the Very Rev. F. P. Harton).

The annual meeting followed, with the Master in the chair and a company of 150 being present.

The apologies included one from Mr. J. T. Dyke, former secretary for 28 years, owing to the serious illness of his wife. At the suggestion of the Master, the secretary was asked to convey to Mr. Dyke the sympathy of the meeting and their hopes that Mrs. Dyke would be speedily restored to health.

DIOCESE TO BE CONGRATULATED

In his address, the Master said it was really wonderful the way the towers were being put in order and everywhere in the diocese they heard of things being done to put the bells into service. He felt that the Diocese was to be congratulated on all the activity taking place in that direction: He also felt that it was a matter of congratulation that their membership was over 1,500, and that Somerset had the second largest membership in the county, being beaten only by Yorkshire. They owed a tremendous debt to Mr. Dyke. No one had done more to raise the standard of ringing, and his enthusiasm had raised the Association to its present efficient position in the ringing world.

He thanked all the officers of the Association, particularly Mr. Fry, their new secretary, who had done very very well in his first year; Mr. Sanger, peals secretary, and all the others who had helped forward the work of the Association.

Prebendary Hook commended the members for their self-denial over peal ringing during Lent, and said the Deaneries were very good about it. He also touched on the subject of synthetic bells and said he hoped they would do everything in their power to resist such a thing. He looked upon the whole thing as a fraud, and said it was certainly not worthy of calling people to Almighty God.

STRONG EVIDENCE OF ENTHUSIASM

In his report, Mr. R. O. Fry said during the past 12 months he had travelled extensively throughout the diocese, attending branch meetings and visiting practice meetings. He had done this so that the members could meet their new secretary, and he could make himself known to them and hear their views on Association matters. He was also anxious to see how the Association was progressing.

Summing up his observations, he was happy to report that the Association as a whole was in a very healthy position, and was flourishing. In every Deanery, without exception, there was strong evidence of enthusiasm and effort to increase the number of members, and to ensure that the bells were rung regularly, and frequently, for Sunday services.

Mr. Fry said as further evidence of the enthusiasm in the diocese was the number of towers where restoration work had been carried out. There were comparatively few towers where the bells had not received attention in recent years. In this connection he thanked Mr. W. A. Osborn for going to so many towers all over Somerset to give his time and advice to church authorities on the condition of the bells.

Mr. Fry said he would like to place on record an account of the work undertaken by Miss M. Graves-Knyfton, of Uphill. It was proposed that an apparatus be placed in the new church at Uphill to reproduce synthetically the sound of church bells. With great determination and vigour Miss Graves-Knyfton organised a petition against this apparatus and such was the measure of her success that the proposal was dropped.

'This action may have profound effect on future such proposals, and the thanks of the Association and of the ringing world generally are due to Miss Graves-Knyfton for her interest and activity,' said Mr. Fry.

SHOULD PAY THEIR WAY

Turning to the business and financial side of the Association, Mr. Fry said that with new rates of subscription, coupled with the new peal-booking fee, it was fairly certain that with care and thrift they should just pay their way.

Having made an appeal to members to take 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Fry concluded his report with thanks to the many people all over the diocese who had helped him during the past year, and particularly to the peal secretary and the treasurer and to the late general secretary, whose kindly guidance and wise counsel were always at his disposal, also all the local secretaries for their support.

The report was approved, as was the report of the peal secretary (Mr. H. J. Sanger, Evercreech), and of the treasurer (Mr. L. W. Pullen). The peal secretary suggested that more attention should be given to the ringing of Surprise methods.

A report was presented by the advisory expert on the care and restoration of bells, Mr. W. A. Osborn, of North Cadbury, who made a special appeal to members to man all the towers on the day of the Queen's return.

Mr. H. J. Sanger gave an interesting account of the last meeting at Bournemouth of the Central Council.

THE NEW MASTER

The Rev. Michael Hurst Bannister (Pilton) was elected to succeed Prebendary Hook as the Master. Having thanked the members for electing him, he hoped they would keep on ringing, and particularly for Sundays. He hoped that as many towers as possible would ring on May 15th for the Queen's return.

Other officers elected were: General secretary, Mr. R. O. Fry; peal secretary, Mr. H. J. Sanger; treasurer, Mr. L. W. Pullen (Yatton); Central Council delegates, Miss Williams, Messrs. S. G. Coles, R. O. Fry and H. J. Sanger.

In appreciation of his services as the Master for the past nine years, a presentation was made to Prebendary Hook. This took the form of a book and a cheque, the presentation being made by Mr. H. W. Knight (Wrington). Prebendary Hook expressed thanks to the members for their kindness.

The meeting concluded with the Master expressing thanks to the Dean for allowing them to hold the service in the Cathedral, the Lord Bishop and the Dean for their interest and for attending the lunch and annual meeting, and to all the officers for their work during the past year.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Over 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Rostrevor, Co. Down, and seven teams took part in the Cunningham Cup competition.

Nine new members were elected at the business meeting and the District has now a membership of 180. Mrs. Adamson, widow of Mr. R. W. Adamson, presented a magnificent cup for perpetual competition in change ringing, and it is hoped that the cup will further change ringing in the District as the Cunningham Cup has improved striking.

Mr. John T. Dunwoody, who was re-elected hon. secretary, with Miss J. Stewart as assistant secretary, explained to the meeting the position of 'The Ringing World,' and urged all those present to help by taking a copy. He also stated that he would be pleased to act as collector.

In the Cunningham Cup competition the striking was exceptionally high, the winners being Rostrevor (99 per cent.) followed by St. Donard, Belfast (96) and St. Comgall, Bangor (82). Miss Cunningham, daughter of the late donor, presented the cup to Mr. A. Wylie, captain of the winning band. This was a most popular win, as the late Mr. Cunningham was a member of the Rostrevor band.

THE G.O.M. OF ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

To mark the 81st birthday of that enthusiastic ringer, Ernest W. Beadsmoore, a special peal was arranged on April 26th. It was unfortunate that, owing to failing health, Mr. Beadsmoore himself could not take part in it, but he was, nevertheless, keenly concerned about its success. Despite an elastic rope on the third, and a false-struck sixth, a very good peal resulted, much to everyone's gratification. Before the peal ringers noted the old attendance book in the tower showed Mr. Beadsmoore as a regular ringer here in 1890, but he was a probation ringer long before that. He has rung some 60 peals for the Midland Counties Guild since its formation and nearly 100 for the old M.C.A., as well as a number for the Leicester Diocesan Guild and other Societies. Everyone wishes him 'All the very best.'

LATE NOTICES

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington (6) on Saturday, May 22nd. Please note change of date. Names for tea to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Tuesday, May 18th. 4374

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Meeting, Goodnestone, May 22nd. Usual arrangements. Tea 2s. Names by May 15th to B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4378

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District). —Annual joint meeting to be held at **Asfordby** on Saturday, May 22nd (Bottesford bells not available). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. **Names, please,** to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby. 4376

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stonham Aspal.—Rededication of Stonham Aspal 10 bells, Saturday, May 22nd. Service at 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall. All are welcome.—W. J. Button. 4377

STRATFORD, E.—On April 25th, at St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Barringer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. E. Corfield 5, L. Woods 6, L. W. Bullock (first in method as cond.) 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Meeting at Wybunbury, May 8th, is **cancelled.** Branch secretary's address is now: W. Kerr, 102, Morcton Road, Crewe. 4372

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The meeting arranged for May 8th is postponed until June 5th. 4360

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. 4310

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), May 8th. Names for tea to L. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smart's Hill, Penshurst. Look up Single Norwich. Names for outing, June 26th, by this date, please.—C. A. Bassett. 4334

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Whittlesford, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The Bees in the Wall. Evening practice meeting at Linton (5), Saturday, May 29th.—H. L. Martin. 4347

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Ardleigh, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30.—John H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 4338

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Apsley (6), May 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4306

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Clitheroe, Lancs, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 o'clock. Cups of tea provided in the School, 5 o'clock. Please bring own food (cafes near at hand). Business meeting to follow tea. 4349

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Fulney (8), May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Allen, Hon. Sec. 4363

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 8th, meeting, Clapham Common R.C., 3-4. Business 4.15. Tea 5.15. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 6.30. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4355

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, May 8th, 3 p.m Tea and business. Ringing at Barnet in evening.—T. J. Lock. 4339

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Bicester on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. 4335

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, May 8th. Goring (8) and Streatley (6) 3 p.m. Service, Goring, 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Goring and South Stoke (6) 6.30 p.m.—N. E. Swann. 4307

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—A meeting will be held at Cotton (8) on Saturday, May 8th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea. All ringers welcome.—B. Chilvers. 4303

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Hambledon, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—S. K. M. Knight. 4352

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Annual meeting, Drayton, Saturday, May 15th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for those who advise by 11th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4317

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Haslemere, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Ron Kenward, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 4357

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Stretton Grandison, May 22nd. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by May 19th, important, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury.—J. Ward, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lydd, May 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 18th, to Mr. A. L. Terry, 12, Eastern Road, Lydd.—W. P. G. 4370

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Sketty, Glam, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by May 18th, to Mr. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 4314

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Grimsby, St. James (8), May 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, Bull Ring. Please notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 4358

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET. —The annual bell ringers' service, May 22nd. 4.30 p.m. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, May 19th—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 4368

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting Hook Norton (8), May 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte.

SALISBURY GUILD. — Annual Festival, Salisbury, May 22nd. General meeting, Acland Hall, 2.15 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m.: preacher the Very Rev. the Dean. High tea, Acland Hall, 5 p.m. Price 4s., tickets only, from F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge, by May 18th. Ringing, city churches: St. Martin's (8), St. Paul's (8), St. Thomas' (8), 11 to 2: also available: Downton (8), Barford, Damersham, Dinton, Durrington, Martin, Shrewton, Wilton, Berwick St. John, Codford, East Knoyle and Britford, all from 11 to 1.30 and after tea. 4366

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Cannock, May 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than May 19th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 4365

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Tichborne, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at The School Room. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3269

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting is arranged for Saturday, May 29th. Ringing at Long Compton, Kingham, Bledington (tea), Broadwell, Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Hill. All welcome. Tea and if needing a seat on coach, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 4371

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual Shield Contest at Sandal, June 12th. Entrance fee 10s. per Company. Open to all members. All entries to reach me not later than June 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4344

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SOME THOUGHTS ON INSTRUCTION

IF the art of change ringing is to be extended or even maintained at its present standard, much more attention must be given to the methods of instruction used with beginners. Scores of recruits take up bell-ringing with great enthusiasm and interest which are maintained in the majority of cases until the first hurdle has been negotiated successfully, that is, the acquisition of bell control. Recruits who can ring their bells and strike them correctly in rounds are usually keen to take the next step, although some are quite prepared to 'rest on their oars' and make no further effort.

It is in the negotiation of the second hurdle—which to learners seems such a formidable one—that the help of a really capable and sympathetic instructor is essential. The number of ringers who have the gift of being able to impart the rudiments of change ringing in an interesting and simple manner is comparatively small, while the number who attempt to teach beginners by rough and ready methods is legion.

It need hardly be stated that pupils who have received their initial instruction from a really skilled teacher are potentially capable of proceeding to the most complex ringing if they have reasonable facilities and opportunities, while those who have been unfortunate enough to have been taught by 'rule of thumb' instructors quickly find themselves in a 'cul-de-sac' from which they find that they can extricate themselves only by herculean efforts. Many do not make the necessary effort, but content themselves with ringing the same simple bit of change ringing which they have managed to grasp month after month, until the monotony kills all interest and they drop out of ringing altogether. If the wastage of good material brought about in this way could be determined accurately, the Exercise would receive a shock.

In teaching change ringing, or any other subject, there are at least two important factors: (a) the teacher, and (b) the methods of teaching.

If there should happen to be a 'born' teacher amongst the ringers in any particular neighbourhood who would be willing to teach the youngsters who are ready to be initiated into the mysteries of change ringing, that would be the greatest of good fortune for that particular group. But such teachers are extremely rare, so that most young ringers will probably have to be taught by men of a rather lower standard of excellence.

Up and down the country in all probability there are many ringers who are potentially good teachers, but whose ability in this direction is lying dormant, needing only to be brought to the surface and developed. This brings us to the important question of the ways and means of bringing latent teaching ability to fruition. Surely every Association is interested in, and to a great extent responsible for, the production of the teacher who can not only teach the rudiments of change ringing with clarity and ability, but can, at the same time, arouse such enthusiasm and zeal in his pupils that they will be prepared to give up a great deal of their time and to take endless trouble to master step by step the work brought to their notice, and always with a forward glance to the wonderful vistas looming in the distance, vistas which beckon them on to further achievements.

Let us now turn to methods of teaching our art.

It is common knowledge that in some centres in recent years bands of ringers have made rapid progress in change ringing and have achieved striking results. Such progress as this is undoubtedly due to the two factors stated above, and in every case the able teacher must have used very successfully some methods of instruction which would be of untold value to the Exercise if they were available.

Instructors do not live for ever, and if they pass on without revealing the secret of their success, the Exercise is in a measure impoverished.

One well-known ringer—a member of the select band who have rung a thousand peals—has been heard to say that all ringing is based on hunting. Another—a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—would not allow his young son to attempt to ring a working bell in any method until he could hunt the treble on twelve bells with ease.

If we assume that (plain) hunting is the first step to be learned by a beginner, we must decide on the method of teaching this step, and also how much use must be made of pencil and paper, blackboard and handbells.

When plain hunting can be rung with ease and confidence on tower bells, the pupil is ready for the next step, namely, that of ringing a working bell. To many learners this step seems to be one of great difficulty, and if the instructor has no experienced change ringer to help him,

he often reluctantly takes the line of least resistance by selecting Grandsire Doubles as the method to be learned because then two of his band will still continue to do plain hunting. What a lot of young bands have fallen into this trap and have never managed to escape from it!

It would be interesting to know in how many Associations the teaching of the rudiments of change ringing takes a high priority in their activities. It would be still more interesting to know how many Associations keep an up-to-date list of proved and qualified instructors in each branch; how much they encourage the various towers in their branches to make full use of these instructors; how much they spend annually on such instruction; and how often they hold courses at which the best brains of the Associations teach would-be instructors how to teach. Surely Associations who neglect these matters are not fulfilling their proper function.

Think of the tremendous amount of time, thought, energy and money spent in coaching rowing crews and league footballers in order that they may reach the highest standard of efficiency. Surely if ringers are to aim at perfection they should have highly skilled coaching. In rowing the skilled coach instructs the oarsmen from the very earliest stage—the tub pairs—and it is only logical that learners in change ringing should have similar opportunities.

Perhaps a new committee of the Council—to be called the Instruction Committee—could be set up for the express purpose of inviting as many successful instructors as possible to reveal particulars of their own methods of instruction, so that they might be preserved and made available for other instructors to use. The committee might also act as a fact-finding committee and obtain information from the Associations relative to the points propounded above, and tabulate the results.

This committee — with the Central Council's financial backing — might also stimulate Associations to initiate instruction courses and, if required, put them in touch with some of the best instructors in the Exercise.

If all (or even some) of the above suggestions were acted upon we should at least help to maintain our present standard and might ultimately make progress. H. M.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE AND THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 38¾ cwt.

BRIAN D. THRELFALL	*Treble*	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
*MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
RICHARD E. PRICE	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	11
*GEORGE W. MASSEY	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Maximus.
Rung on the 894th anniversary of the dedication.

TEN BELL PEALS

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER (St. Hugh's)	*Treble*
*RUTH M. K. HOW (Somerville)	2
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON (Christ Church)	3
PETER BORDER (Hertford)	4
WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's)	5
†DONALD H. NIBLETT (Pembroke)	6
*W. GWYN THOMAS (Jesus)	7
*EWART H. EDGE (St. Edmund Hall)	8
RODNEY B. MEADOWS (Exeter)	9
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	*ROLAND W. MORANT	6
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
A. PATRICK CANNON	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
JOHN S. WALTON	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
MURIEL REAY	2	†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	†ANTHONY AGER	8
*JOHN PINFOLD	4	†CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
*GEORGE E. FEARN	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* 500th peal together. † First peal of Pudsey Royal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
*JOHN W. BLYTHE	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	8
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
JAMES BENNETT	5	*FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt.

*PETER J. SKINNER	*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
SAMSON WALKLATE	2	*JOSEPH A. CONSTANT	7
*JOHN B. STENNITT	3	MARK J. BARKER	8
PHILIP H. WHITAKER	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	9
ALAN TAYLOR	5	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung half-muffled as a memorial peal to Pilot Officer John F. Wilkinson, accidentally killed whilst serving with the R.A.F.

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INVERARAY, ARGYLLSHIRE.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	GEORGE FEARN	7
BAZIL JONES	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in Scotland.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

*STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	6
ERNEST STITCH	2	WALTER R. HUGHES	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	3	†MAURICE G. TURNER	8
SAMUEL BIRCH	4	†HOWARD HOWELL	9
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5	‡GEORGE DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal at first attempt (14 years old). † 225th peal together.
‡ First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

LAURIE BUSBY	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	JOHN ADAMS	6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	3	HORACE MAIR	7
M. ANGELA CARTER	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.
Rung within the octave of the feast of St. Patrick.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5152 EVINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

NANCIE E. SWANN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
BETTY BROWN	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	JOHN E. COOK	7
*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* 50th peal for the Guild. The first peal in the method.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

J. GORDON	*Treble*	D. JORDAN	5
G. BISHOP	2	A. H. WEBB	6
M. BISHOP	3	W. CORDEROY	7
*A. WOODLEY	4	J. NAPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. WEBB.
* First peal 'inside.'

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	DAVID S. HARRIS	5
†RALPH ELKINGTON	2	NORMAN MALLETT	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	‡S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by S. ANTHONY JESSON.
* 200th tower bell peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 150th peal.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jeanette M. Simpson, a ringer at this church.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

MARIE K. ROBERTS	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	MANSFIELD GINN	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	ROBERT H. BROOKER	7
JOHN G. GIPSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

A. GALE	*Treble*	*G. DAVIS	5
H. PURCHASE	2	C. W. J. TARR	6
S. N. BRISTOW	3	H. W. LLOYD	7
*D. SMITH	4	H. COMMINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. J. TARR.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BARROW-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN W. TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
*NORMAN BELL	2	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	6
W. MARTIN WALKER	3	ARTHUR W. CROWDER	7
WALTER M. GODDARD	4	PHILLIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WALTER M. GODDARD.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells after being re-hung in new steel frame, with two trebles added.
Rung as an appreciation to the Vicar, Rev. E. S. Owen, the church-wardens and all other residents of Barrow who contributed to the work in the tower. Also a tribute to the Mothers' Union of this parish who gave the new second bell.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN P. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
A welcome home to Brian Marshall from National Service in Egypt.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

*WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	*REGINALD J. DARCH	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	*E. JACK THURLOW	6
C. JACK GIBSON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
MARGOT R. THOMPSON	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

LONDON, E.C.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	5
*REGINALD K. C. WILKINGS	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. Hubert H. Treacher as Rector of St. Botolph's.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*HORACE MYALL	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HUBERT EPLETT	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	HAROLD MARCON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 150th peal of Stedman Triples, conducted 122.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS BERESFORD	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	5
EDMUND MALIN	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
*BERNARD J. TOWNSEND	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
JEFFREY B. WEBB	4	†ALEC A. KENT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. 50th peal as conductor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
*JEAN POWELL	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	6
REGINALD T. JONES	3	LESLIE EVANS	7
*BRIAN WERRY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
*GEOFFREY MAYES	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	6
CHARLES H. HARDING	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	7
A. LESLIE MARDLIN	4	ROY V. BELDOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

R. J. W. HOUSDEN	*Treble*	C. W. WOOLLEY	5
P. A. F. CHALK	2	R. BEAUMONT	6
*REV. A. C. BLYTH	3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	7
F. E. ROBERTS	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. First tower bell peal rung by members all of one college (Selwyn).

Birthday peal for the ringer of the 2nd.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D

*BARBARA A. ENDALL	*Treble*	†SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
†ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
JOHN B. BENNETT	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
†KENNETH A. ROE	4	†COLIN P. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by COLIN P. WALKER.

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

Rung as birthday compliments to Miss D. L. French, of Desford, and Mr. W. H. Humberstone, of Wigston Magna.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*ROGER BALDWIN	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
WINIFRED KEYS	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
†ROBIN G. LEALE	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

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

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

SYDNEY J. MERRY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	MARK J. BARKER	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	JACK BAILEY	7
W. RODNEY HARRISON	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by GORDON HALLS. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memoriam Pilot Officer John F. Wilkinson, who was accidentally killed while serving with the R.A.F.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ALAN A. ELSMORE	*Treble*	DEREK K. KNOWLES	5
HARRY GRIFFITHS	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	*WILLIAM A. FARMER	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.

STRATFIELD-MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	*JOHN N. DISERENS	5
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	6
AUDREY B. DISERENS	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
ALBERT DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5th and 7th.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	*Treble*	*MAURICE BAILEY	5
ALFRED MOULD	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
*ELIZABETH GRIME	3	*JAMES MOULD	7
RODNEY HARRISON	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

* First peal in method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First in the method for the Guild and by all.

Rung as a compliment to Albert Walker on his 78th birthday.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and two different extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. J. J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*JOHN J. TAYLOR	4
JOHN WARDLE	2	*A. H. HAWCROFT	5
FRED TERRY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in five different methods.
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY WEAVER	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
†JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's of April Day (three callings), twelve of Grandsire (ten callings and one Morris 240) and twenty-two of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

*DAVID A. CORNFORD	*Treble*	*ROSEMARY J. PARSLOE	3
*ELSIE F. FELTWELL	2	FRANK H. HICKS	4
*IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in three methods. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. F. Burroughs, Vicar of Hammerwood with Holtye, who retired from the Ministry the following day, and also his son Geoffrey, who was largely responsible for re-introducing a local band after the bells had not been rung for Sunday services for over 20 years.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 14 methods: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich, (2) Norfolk, Primrose, (3) York, Durham, (4) Beverley, Berwick, (5) Surfleet, Hexham, (6) Lightfoot, Rossendale, (7) Wearmouth, Stamford. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES W. HAW	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
CECIL WADE	2	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* 50th peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	WILFRED W. RING	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

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TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Winchendon Place Bob, and six extents each of St. Simon's and Grandsire.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PHILIP G. MORGAN	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	3
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
*REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Doubles in eight methods.
Rung in honour of St. George.

SALTWOOD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Primrose Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
ROBERT SWIFT	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*ALLAN CHAPMAN	*Treble*	CHRISTINE STRATFORD	4
*DOROTHY STRATFORD	2	†MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
RITA STRATFORD	3	ROY HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal of Surprise. † 100th peal. First peal of Surprise to be rung by a Sunday service band of this church.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	CHARLES H. HARDING	5
DEREK W. JONES	3	*BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 25th peal.

ROGATE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	4
*EILEEN M. TURNER	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	5
†ANN M. COX	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † 25th peal. First peal on these bells since 1905.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and six 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*	ROLAND W. MORANT	4
EILEEN M. TURNER	2	E. JOHN WELLS	5
ANN M. COX	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WELLS.
The first peal on these bells since 1905.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	*THOMAS COOPER	5
*JOHN CLEMENTS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four different extents of Plain Bob, and three different extents of Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
*EDWARD C. BARTON	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal in two methods 'inside.' Cyril S. Jarrett has now 'circled the tower.'
A birthday compliment to Emily B. P. Walker.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	WILFRID G. SAUNDERS	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	FRANK PEARSON	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. C. J. Warren, and Mrs. Warren.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN BUSWELL	1—2	JAMES E. DANIELS	5—6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3—4	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLAY	7—8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Arranged for Brian Buswell, from Nottingham.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., April 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

G. A. SMITH (Newnham)	1—2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	3—4
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn)	5—6		

Conducted by R. J. W. HOUSDEN.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 2, 1954, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING CHAMBER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, four different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

ROGER BALDWIN	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
*RICHARD H. SMITH	5—6		

Witness: A. YORKE-BRAMBLE. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal on a working bell, and of Plain Bob. First peal of Doubles and on handbells by all the band. Average age of the band is 16¼ years.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Banks 1, F. G. Barron 2, R. H. R. Parker 3, Miss S. K. M. Knight 4, H. A. Nobes 5, R. C. Beale (first in method 'inside') 6, F. W. Burnett 7, R. G. Leale (first of Major as cond.) 8.

BILTON, RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire): W. E. Burnell 1, Ruth M. Cooper 2, Phyllis Burnell 3, J. A. Tole 4, D. G. Thrush (cond.) 5, P. C. Taylor 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor before returning to Gibraltar. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Norfolk, 360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire): P. C. Taylor 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Phyllis Burnell 3, Ruth M. Cooper 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, A. Campden (first quarter) 6. Rung for St. Mark's Day.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (an extent each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, New Bob, All Saints', St. Bartholomew's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Elizabeth Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. First in 12 methods by all. Rung for St. George's Day. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, E. Whiting 2, Lucy Allen 3, J. Allen 4, C. Clarke 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Smith, ringer and member of the ladies' choir, and Tom Graham, server and chorister at this church.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On May 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Downing (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Parkinson (first quarter 'inside') 2, Jean Dawson 3, E. J. Gower 4, J. P. Norman 5, Diana R. Banks 6, W. E. Wilkinson 7, Patricia M. Bourn (first as cond.) 8. First quarter by a local band. Rung for Evensong.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Taylor 1, Miss M. J. Taylor 2, S. G. King 3, Miss M. L. Hannam 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 6, L. R. G. Taylor 7, H. L. Parfrey (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

DAWLEY MAGNA, SALOP.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob 900 Grandsire): Miss M. Bailey 1, S. Rushton 2, R. M. Barnett 3, S. R. Douglas 4, A. V. Edwards (first as cond.) 5, H. Douglas 6. Rung for the Easter festival, and as a compliment to Mr. I. Birch, who has completed 50 years as sexton, verger and bellringer at Holy Trinity Church.

QUARTER PEALS

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On May 3rd, at St. John's, 1,376 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Romain 1, Mrs. G. R. Eyles 2, R. Southwood (first of Surprise) 3, P. W. J. Harding 4, J. Gilbert 5, G. R. Eyles 6, F. S. Slatford 7, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 8. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Marlow, of Warminster.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blowen 1, T. Newman 2, S. Harrison 3, R. Forster 4, R. Hazell 5, J. Whiting 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On April 18th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (240 each London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich and Annable's London): W. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, J. Church 3, E. Winters 4, P. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Tanner 1, Miss L. Beeney (first in the method) 2, G. Akehurst 3, B. Stepney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, F. Beeney 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, E. F. Packham 4, F. W. Parsons 5, B. W. White 6, D. J. Parsons (cond.) 7, R. Langridge 8. First in method for 1 and 7.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Gentle 1, G. Dear 2, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 3, D. J. Hare 4, M. Orme 5, D. P. Jones 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Fidler 1, C. Hare 2, P. Croft 3, W. Todd 4, G. Cherry 5, E. Winters 6, F. Croft (cond.) 7, K. Timbury 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Barbara M. Forster 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel 5. Rung for the morning service and to commemorate the 13th centenary of St. Cedd of Essex.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On May 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Harding 1, Miss C. Hall 2, C. Bennet 3, W. Fern 4, J. Adams (first in method as cond.) 5, H. Moir 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Poole 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, A. H. Reed 3, P. H. Hull 4, W. G. Gigg 5, D. V. Gare 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, J. W. Drew 8.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): A. Elliott 1, R. Taylor 2, C. Rouse (cond.) 3, R. Dowdeswell 4, D. Surman 5, F. Pendry 6. Rung for the opening of the new playing field.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Burling 1, R. Birch 2, W. Holland 3, Woodall 3, T. C. Ryder 4, P. Coote 5, F. Fisher 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1 and 3

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. B. Meadows (cond.) 1, Miss R. M. K. How 2, Miss S. V. Rymer 3, G. Harper 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, J. H. Smart 6, W. F. Moreton 7, E. H. Edge 8. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Beard, captain of the tower.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On April 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. H. Harrison 1, Miss D. G. Smith 2, J. M. N. Lakin 3, Miss B. J. Daysh 4, A. Tumber 5, P. Nash 6, J. A. C. King 7, R. F. Brewer (first as cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Betty Daysh and Adrian Tumber.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welsher 1, R. Bex (first quarter) 2, R. Hawkins (first quarter) 3, C. W. J. Lock 4, R. E. Colman (cond.) 5, W. Chidley 6. Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Charles Jewell (Crowcombe band) and Miss Barbara Criddle, following their wedding at this church.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 2nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, R. G. Townsend 2, P. Manning 3, W. Sidwell 4, H. W. Bishop 5, J. Berry 6, F. G. Wilton 7, E. Sutton 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—A quarter peal of Bob Major: R. Lumsden (first of Bob Major) 1, J. A. Hales 2, H. Rumens 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, J. R. Kettering-ham (first of Bob Major as cond.) 5, J. Hales 6, E. E. Holman 7, C. T. W. Coles 8. Rung for Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On May 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Rawlings 3, W. S. Langdon 4, J. Waters 5, J. Stephenson 6, H. Belcher 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong and as a birth-day compliment to the conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin (first in the method) 1, W. S. Butler 2, J. Warner 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, S. Bones 5, E. Bright 6, A. R. Syder 7, T. Earle (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service.

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It was a great pleasure to ringers at the meeting at Edenbridge to meet the curate, the Rev. J. Shepheard-Walwyn, who although blind has peals to his credit. He rang and also preached the sermon.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The friendship of the peal is well known. Mr. John Penfold and Mr. G. E. Fearn, of Birmingham, have rung 500 peals together. We should be pleased to hear of other associations in peals beyond the 500 mark.

The Good Friday peal at Hemingbrough, Yorks, was rung at the request of the Vicar, a start being made after 3 p.m.

An interesting feature of the peal at Inverary on May 1st is that Edward Jenkins, who was one of the band, called the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung in Scotland.

Something new in University ringing has been established by past and present members of Selwyn College ringing a peal. This is the first University college to score a peal from its own members.

Fourteen-year-old Miss Stella Hughes received many congratulations on her first peal — one of Grandsire Caters at West Bromwich. Her father and grandfather were members of the band.

Mr. D. G. Thrush, of Bilton, Rugby, is doing his National Service at Gibraltar. He says the bells there are disgusting, just clanging together like a tramcar clattering down the street.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Birmingham on April 20th was Margaret E. L. Beamish, and not Mrs. Beamish, as reported on page 274. Mrs. Beamish writes: 'I am afraid that I shall never emulate my daughter.'

The series of articles by Mr. H. V. Frost on 'Ringing in Hertfordshire' have been reprinted in booklet form and are being sold for the benefit of the Hertford County Association. The cover is particularly attractive, showing the bells and ringing chamber of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans.

The Rev. H. A. James, Vicar of St. Bride's Major, Bridgend, Glam, writes expressing his parishioners' gratitude to the ringers of St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend. On Easter Day these ringers rang in their own church at 5.15 a.m. and then came to St. Bride's at 7.30 a.m. to ring for the 8 a.m. service of Holy Communion. This is real service to the Church.

At the time of writing there is no certainty that there will be a television broadcast of ringing on May 15th for the Queen's return.

Birthday greetings to Mr. E. F. Marlow, who rang a quarter for his 79th birthday at Longbridge Deverill, Wilts. We shall look forward to his 80th. Keep it up!

All the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Sapcote, Leics, on April 28th, were taught to handle a bell in the tower. Their average age was 18¼ years.

Leading counties in drive for new postal subscribers are: Essex 9, Birmingham 7, Leicester 7, Surrey 6, Herts 5, London 5, Wales 5.

Mr. H. H. R. Glover (Merton College) has been appointed 'The Ringing World' representative for Oxford University Society. Mr. G. F. Jenkins (Keble College) is the new secretary.

Regarding the claim that the peal at St. George's, Bristol, was the first on eight bells, a correspondent informs us that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung there on December 21st, 1899.

The peal at Ecclesfield on April 19th was the first there for 23 years, whilst the recent ones at Coln St. Aldwyn and Ardleigh were the first for 19 years in those towers. Worsley's recent peal was the 199th in the tower since 1881, and the one at Willesden was the 299th (excluding the false peal rung a few years ago).

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CAMBRIDGE ROYAL ON INVERARAY BELLS

MANCHESTER, London Road Station, on Friday, April 30th, was the meeting place of six Cheshire, two Lancashire and two Birmingham ringers for the long car journey to the West Highlands of Scotland. Through Manchester, Preston and Lancaster across Shap summit to Carlisle, over Beattock in the twilight, through Glasgow with its garish street lighting and clanking orange-coloured trams, Fred Dunkerley and John Worth, at a scorching pace and safely, drove the party to their night's lodging at Balloch, on Loch Lomond, soft snow pelting on the windscreen, unfittingly to usher in the first immature minutes of May Day.

In the morning the drive through snow-crested mountains to Inveraray was leisured and enchanting. There the village nestles on the shore of tidal Loch Fyne, dominated by the tower, whose church is yet to be built. Within is one of Taylor's finest, the second heaviest ringable ten in the world, given by the late Duke of Argyll. Beside the tower, which stands as a detached campanile, is the little Church of All Saints. The bells in this climate are scarcely touched by grime or grit, and hang, unrung except on rare occasions, yet in appearance as though installed a mere six months ago.

Below, in the ringing chamber, one finds something akin to a disused railway station on a closed branch line, chiming apparatus, ten holes in the ceiling, three boxes marking a small sequent of the circle 'at the heavy end,' but no ropes. Anon this ghost chamber was re-animated, amid sorting, fitting and stretching of ropes brought from home towers, incoherent shouting up and down stairs to the guiding hands on the intermediate floor, looking over the frame and fittings and pulling the bells up.

One of the most famous ringers of all time went up and down the stairs four times to turn the clapper of the seventh, four times pulled up 'wrong side.' In the first experimental rounds this bell was discovered by the writer of these notes to be not only a mile wide at hand, but a mile wide at back as well. Without reluctance he graciously bequeathed it to George Fearn, as being the potent antidote. In truth, this must have been a wicked bell to strike for a course or two, until the oiling took effect and the clapper swung less stiffly. A tribute to the bellfounders is that this was the only lubrication, or attention of any sort, that the bells required.

After lunch the peal began. Almost at once it became clear that, despite nearly 42 cwt. of tenor, the pace was to be not lonto con amore, but allegro con brio. Ted Jenkins fashions a peal like a master craftsman, with splendid overall design and punctilious attention to detail. The rhythm was soon established, though a concrete floor confuses the sound of these fine bells and detracts much from the pleasure of the performers inside the tower. With scarcely a flutter Cambridge Royal was brought to a triumphant conclusion in 3 hours and 38 minutes, and the ringers of the two back bells shook hands, the conductor some years ago of the first Cambridge Major peal in Scotland, with his newly-fledged counterpart in Cambridge Royal. Bells were lowered ropes rapidly removed, belongings collected and the tower reverted to solitude. At the George Hotel champagne accompanied dinner, followed by the evening drive back to Loch Lomond for the night.

Sunday brought the long journey southwards through much heavy rain, but under brighter skies in the afternoon, when a detour by Ullswater and Windermere was decided at the last minute. The finish was Manchester, London Road Station, again, at 6.30 p.m. A collective total of over 6,000 miles was travelled through seven English and five Scottish counties by ten ringers to share in this memorable peal. George Fearn did as much mileage for one peal this week-end as he usually does for a hundred a year. His verdict: 'Why not every week-end!'

R. B. M.

The Queen's Homecoming

We are planning to devote the issue of May 28th to a comprehensive record of ringing for the Queen's homecoming on May 15th. Special incidents about the ringing will help to make a national story that will be memorable.

Reports of peals and quarter peals should be forwarded as early as possible.

Please write these reports on one side of a sheet of paper, and don't forget the name and address of the sender. If you follow 'The Ringing World' style the time of the Editor is saved.

Extra copies should be ordered at the time of writing. Make certain that those ringing their first peal or quarter peal have a copy of the journal as a memento.

A MEMORIAL TO GEORGE MARTIN

Dear Sir,—It is our intention at All Saints', Boyne Hill, to have our eight bells retuned, completely overhauled, fit new wheels, iron headstocks, etc., and have them rehung on ball bearings as a memorial to George Martin. It is also intended to erect a tablet to his memory.

This scheme is to cost £750, and we feel that many of George's ringing friends would like to be associated with his memorial.

Should readers feel they would like to send a donation, no matter how small or large, it will be most gratefully acknowledged by our chairman, the Rev. Eric Perkins, All Saints' Vicarage, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, or by Ernest E. Gosling, hon. treasurer, 85, High Street, Maidenhead, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Mr. W. E. Clarke

At the annual meeting of the Eastern Branch held early in April, Mr. W. E. Clarke, of Boston, was presented with an electric clock to mark his services as secretary for 20 years.

In making the presentation Mr. J. R. Young, Branch Ringing Master, spoke of the good work that had been done by Mr. Clarke.

Thanking the members for their gift, Mr. Clarke said that he had been Branch Ringing Master for eight years and secretary for 20 years and had only missed one meeting during that time. When first elected as secretary his aim was to see the membership at the 100 mark and this number had been reached during the last two years.

Mr. Clarke told the members that he thought that they should now elect a younger man for this post, but at the election of officers he was again elected for another year.

W. E. C.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES

Organisers of outings are asked to give Henley-on-Thames Church a miss this year. The tower is in a dangerous condition and a minimum of £10,000 is required to make it safe. Mr. Hubert Hatto writes: 'I am sure there must be many ringing friends, known and unknown, who would like to help us in saving this tower, which is also an historic landmark. Donations should be sent to Canon E. C. Crosse, The Rectory, Henley-on-Thames.'

SUSSEX REPORT SUNDAY RINGING WELL MAINTAINED

The 69th annual meeting of the above Association was held at Brighton on May 1st. The bells of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' were available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. and in the evening: The Good Shepherd from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

The service was held at the Church of St. Nicholas with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. D. M. I. Walters). The Vicar of St. Peter's was unable to attend.

Tea was held in the Union Church Institute Hall and over 100 members and friends attended. After tea the Master (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) took the chair at the business meeting.

The Master's report showed that Sunday service ringing was being well maintained, but some towers were experiencing difficulty as the increasing number of Sunday morning services were curtailing ringing time.

The peal secretary's report recorded 51 peals rung during the year, 22 conductors, and 23 who had rung their first peal. The Divisional reports indicated that ringing was being maintained but could be improved by better attendances at practice meetings. The bells of the county were in very good repair.

The treasurer gave his report, which found the Divisions in a good financial position. Owing to the Central Council meeting at Newcastle and the forthcoming 70th birthday the levies this year would be 80 per cent. of the year's income. Four new members were elected.

The president (the Bishop of Chichester) and vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of the Rev. Canon H. J. Mogridge, M.A., Rector of St. Leonard's, Aldrington. The Master was re-elected, as were the other officers, with acclamation.

The Central Council delegates were elected as follows:—Mr. L. Stillwell (Northern), Mr. Dallaway (Eastern), Mr. Stalham (Southern) and Mr. Blackman (Western).

The hon. general secretary gave details of the arrangements made so far in respect of the 70th birthday anniversary celebrations to be held on January 28th, 1955. Details were also given by the secretary regarding the printing of a full report this year. Very acceptable quotations were presented and accepted without a division.

On a request by the Western Division, badges would be obtained when more details were available from the secretary.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) read a circular letter from the secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Barnett) regarding 'The Ringing World.' It was decided that each Division should elect at its next quarterly meeting a member to deal effectively with this very important matter.

The ringers who rang handbells at the 700th anniversary of St. Richard's, Hove, were warmly thanked by the Master for their excellent performance.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells during the year and for conducting the services.

R. W. R. P.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Hemel Hempstead Popular Venue for Annual Meeting

A NEW departure was the holding of the annual general meeting of the Association at Hemel Hempstead, this being the first time it had been held in the Western District. The choice was very popular, the attendance being above the average.

The new ring of six at Redbourne, the light eight at King's Langley and the Apsley six were open in the morning and were especially appreciated by a coach party from the Northern District led by Mr. E. G. Buck. Apparently the number for lunch exceeded expectations and had to be catered for at the school, but no doubt the 'salmon' was not missed.

In the afternoon the towers of Apsley, Great Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead were visited, previous to the service in St. Mary's Parish Church, Hemel Hempstead, which is said to be one of the finest Norman churches in the country. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Malley) officiated and the lesson was read by the Mayor (Ald. W. G. S. Crook). The Vicar of Apsley (the Rev. J. H. Dominey) gave the address. The singing of the hymns and psalm was in the best traditions of the Western District and taken from the Association's service booklet. Mr. Lewis was at the organ.

A meat tea, which was waiting in St. Mary's Hall, had been arranged by Don Cartwright with the assistance of the wives of the local ringers.

The Mayor and the vicars were greeted by the music of Grandsire Caters in C (size 22), in which the president of the Central Council and Mr. W. Ayre could be seen taking part.

After tea the president of the Association (Mr. Sidney F. Carter) was installed as chairman, and welcomed the members and guests. He thanked the clergy for the use of the bells and spoke of the debt that ringers owed to the clergy.

The Mayor welcomed the Association to the Borough of Hemel Hempstead and congratulated the ringers on keeping the art flourishing. The Vicars of Apsley and Hemel Hempstead also responded, the former giving the information that when the new church is completed it will be the first of the new churches in the country to have a ring of bells, although that would be some time in the future.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) read out the names of those who had passed away since the last annual meeting, and the members stood for a moment in memory of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who held various offices for 56 years and had been a member of the Cathedral Society since 1884, also Messrs. F. J. Reeve, W. H. J. Hooton, F. H. Crook, W. Crowsley, E. Hookham, T. Werrett, J. Newbury, F. G. Springham and E. Compton.

Apologies for absence were read from Mr. J. M. Kemp (Eastern District secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock (North Mymms).

The annual report recorded that in commemoration of the Coronation the bells at Redbourn had been recast and rehung in a steel frame; two new trebles has been added to St. Michael's, St. Albans, making a fine ring of eight; a treble and tenor had been added to Great Amwell and a sixth bell was being provided.

The tower of All Saints', Hertford, had been restored and it was hoped to resume ringing shortly. Essendon bells were being rehung and the spire of St. Stephen's, St. Albans, was to be strengthened.

During the year 69 peals had been rung, an increase of 25 over last year. Nineteen members were 'first pealers' and there were three new conductors. Mr. W. Ayre headed the list of 27 conductors with 17 peals followed by Mr. G. W. Seaman with nine.

A handsome new peal book had been presented to the Association by Mrs. R. A. Plumbe, of King's Langley, who had been made a life member. Miss C. L. Sharp had asked to be relieved of the task of writing the peals. She was thanked for her past services. The work was now being done by Mr. J. H. Green (St. Albans) with no charge for his services.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. M. Page and seconded by Mr. J. Hobbs.

BOB TRIPLES

Mr. W. Ayre intimated that two peals of Bob Triples rung during the year might not be acceptable to the Central Council, and this matter caused some discussion. It was stated by Mr. J. Dear that in the Northern District they found Bob Triples very useful in helping beginners on from six to eight bells, and he hoped that the representatives of the Association would bear this in mind, if necessary, at the forthcoming Central Council meeting. He was supported by the hon. general secretary, who knew of no ruling which could exclude peals of Bob Triples, but if there was, they would have to abide by it.

The hon treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) revealed that the Benevolent Fund now amounted to £17 10s., and the Bell Restoration Fund totalled £43 18s. 2d. No applications had been received for assistance from either fund during 1953. The balance of the year's working in the General Fund was £28 17s. 5d. Special donations amounted to £51 1s. 9d., and the Reserve Fund (including a special donation of £8 2s. 6d.) totalled £59 9s. 1d. The accounts were adopted. It was decided to repay another £50 of the original £150 loan, thus leaving £25 to be repaid. A grant of five guineas to the Great Amwell Bell Fund was agreed to on the proposition of Mr. T. J. Southam. These bells have now been augmented from three to six.

The hon. general secretary reported on his efforts to obtain designs and estimates for an Association badge. After some discussion it was decided that the General Committee appoint a sub-committee to go further into the matter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On the proposition of Mr. H. V. Frost, Mr. J. Hobbs, of Redbourn, was elected president amid acclamation, and the silver badge of office once more changed hands as the new president took the chair. Mr. S. Carter, the retiring president, was thanked for his services during his year of office. The hon. general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) was re-elected, also the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) and the assistant secretary (Mr. T. J. Southam, hon. librarian (Mr. C. F. Sayer), and hon. auditor (Mr. H. H. Hole, C.A.). A ballot had to be taken for the election of the four Central Council representatives. Mr. H. G. Cashmore did not seek re-election and was thanked for his past services. The representatives are Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, E. Edmondson and C. W. Woolley.

A resolution from the St. Albans District moved by Mr. J. M. Page that the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers deplore the present tendency for recorded or synthetic bells to be used where it is possible to install ringable bells. The Association would welcome the opportunity of discussing with the Diocesan authorities concerned this question in general terms and seek the opportunity to make representations in any particular case.. The resolution was adopted by the Association and the hon. general secretary was instructed to send a copy to the Diocesan authorities.

The letter concerning the future of 'The Ringing World' was read by the general secretary, who reported that it would be submitted to each District and that the representatives would be elected and their names forwarded by him.

Mr. W. Ayre appealed for all towers to ring on May 15th, when H.M. the Queen arrived home. It was not often, he said, that we were asked to ring by the Government, so we should rise to the occasion and arrange to have as many bells ring as possible.

A vote of thanks to the organist, and the ladies who had assisted with the tea arrangements was proposed by Mr. W. C. Hughes, who also expressed the feelings of the Western District, who were delighted to have the Association annual meeting at Hemel Hempstead, and hoped it would not be long before the meeting came again.

The hon. general secretary replied on behalf of the committee and said that the Western District had done everything in their power to ensure the success of the meeting; the District committee had made all the arrangements for him and he thought it had been one of the best meetings they had held.

EIGHTEEN TOWERS ON EASTER MONDAY

The programme was honest! It said, 'This is not an outing, it is purely a 'tower-grab,' but the organiser (Pat Chapman) kept everyone to time so efficiently that it was not a bit tiring, and proved that it is possible to visit a large number of towers in a day quite comfortably.

The first tower was South Kilworth, Leics, reached punctually at 8.45 a.m. and has soon followed by two 'fives' in Northants, Stanford-on-Avon and Lilbourne. Then into Warwickshire at Clifton-on-Dunsmore and Newbold-on-Avon.

After a pull on the five in the west tower of Rugby we had hopes of a visit to the eight in the north-west tower, as they had been rung on Easter Sunday. However, permission for visiting parties to ring on these will not be given until they have been rehung. The last tower before lunch was Willoughby, where we were met by the brothers Hancock.

At 1 p.m. we were ringing London Minor at Bilton. Two more sixes were visited at Church Lawford and Brinklow, the latter being rung from the ground floor, which has a marked slope downwards from east to west.

The next tower was the heaviest ring for the day—the fine tower of Monks Kirby, which contains a good ring of eight (tenor 24½ cwt. in D), on which a reasonable course of Yorkshire was rung. Then on to Shilton, a merry six, and Bulkington, a handy peal-ringing eight, where we scored Superlative with a fast beat.

Tea consisted of cakes and a cup of tea, and at 5.15 p.m. we were ringing Cambridge Major at Bedworth, whose bells are rather too quiet, in the ground-floor ringing room.

Another merry six was found at Exhall, once the home of the Rev. Malcolm Melville, whose father was Vicar here. A roundabout journey through Coventry brought us to Allesley, where Frank Perrens helped us through a course of London Major on the very lively eight.

At 7.30 p.m. we still had two more churches to visit. Berkswell has a very fine six, but unfortunately the organ occupies three-quarters of the tower, which makes a circle impossible. The last tower, Kenilworth, was reached at 8.30 p.m. and we were finished by 9 p.m.

Our thanks are due to all incumbents, local ringers who kindly met us, our chauffeurs who provided transport. Messrs. B. S. Cope, W. P. Jones, K. R. Holtom and R. C. Noon, and lastly to Pat Chapman for all his work beforehand to ensure a very enjoyable day. We are now looking forward to our next venture of 20 towers in a day!

A. P. C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FOUNDER'S DIFFICULTIES

Dear Sir,—It is not for me to comment on the general tenor of Mr. T. W. Sheppard's letter, but the implication that 'The Ringing World' was a financial success whilst owned by Mr. Goldsmith must be refuted, since it is completely untrue.

There are perhaps many ringers now who are not aware of the grievous difficulties experienced by the founder of the paper. The best testimony of these difficulties came from Mr. Goldsmith himself. In the issue of July 10th, 1942, after Mr. Goldsmith's death, Mr. J. A. Trollope quoted the following from a letter he had left for him:—'I can tell you now that the paper has never really been a financial success, and I am afraid there will be a fairly heavy call on what little I have left to square it up.'

—Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

THE COUP-DE-GRACE—A SIXPENNY 'RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—First may I congratulate Mr. T. W. Sheppard on his letter, especially the final paragraph. 'The Ringing World' is not a ringer's paper, it is a sop to peal ringing. The first three or four pages are given over to peals; 'Belfry Gossip' is, on the average, 50 per cent. about peals; and even the obituary notices have to have peals dragged into them. . . . This paper is not worth 4d., much less 6d. A case might be made out for 3d. but its real value is about 2d. If it ever goes up to 6d without a corresponding increase in interest and/or size, it will cease to enter my house. . . .

I think that the paper could be made to pay its way and will now suggest how.

(a) A charge should be made for every peal or quarter peal inserted. Those who are anxious to have their names in print should pay for the privilege and a fair charge would be 4d. per rope for peals and a flat rate of 1s. per quarter peal inserted. Taking the last four issues of 'The Ringing World' this would produce £6 5s. per week.

(b) Crossword puzzle with a charge of 6d. per entry, as is done in the national Press. Prizes could be awarded for the first three correct solutions opened.

(c) A good serial always stimulates and sustains interest.

The paper quite definitely lacks general interest. Tastes change, but the lay-out is much the same as the old 'Bell News'—50-odd years of stagnation. Efforts must be made to bring 'The Ringing World' into line with 1954 taste. The wonder is that it has survived as long as it has, not that it is now in financially low water. I am of the opinion that to increase the price to 6d. would effectively administer the coup-de-grâce to this financially sick paper. What we non-peal ringers want is to get our 4d. worth and not to have the price increased without a corresponding increase in size and/or interest.—Yours faithfully, T. V. LISTER.

Apperley House,
Apperley, Glos.

Note.—This letter has been abbreviated to salient points but the full text has been passed on to the convener of the Editorial Committee. —Ed.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—A peal of Bob Triples was rung at Littleport, Cambs. on November 7th, 1953, for the Cambridge University Guild.

As conductor, I write announcing the decision of the Guild at its annual meeting on April 28th, to exclude this performance from its peal records.—Yours sincerely,

F. E. ROBERTS.

Cambridge.

CHARGES FOR PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS ADVOCATED

Dear Sir,—From statements and correspondence recently appearing in 'The Ringing World' about its finances, the following facts appear:—

	1952	1953
Surplus	£136	£40
Donations	£250	£310
Deficit but for donations ..	£114	£270

At last year's Central Council meeting, appreciation was expressed for the generous voluntary support given to the journal in the form of donations, and the idea of a **compulsory** charge for publishing peals and quarter peals was rejected. It was then suggested that the most difficult period for 'The Ringing World' might be almost over, but the above figures indicate that this is not yet so.

In spite of energetic efforts the drive for new postal subscribers has brought in only a small fraction of the required number. When hampered by financial difficulties it is not easy to attract a wider section of readers. 'The Ringing World,' for instance, cannot afford to publish illustrations, photographs or diagrams unless the blocks are loaned free by some other publication. There is much to commend Mr. Woolley's suggestion to make the price of 'The Ringing World' 6d. post free—a uniform price to all, though the wish in increase circulation is hardly likely to be satisfied if the price is increased.

If a sum equal to 4d. per ringer was submitted in connection with every peal report, and 2d. per ringer with every quarter peal report, and all Associations, Guilds, etc., made an annual contribution of not less than £1 per 100 members, the producers of 'The Ringing World' would have at their disposal funds to make the paper attractive to a wider section of ringers. This might result in a greatly increased circulation and so avoid an increase in price. Indeed, the way might be paved for a slight reduction in postal rates, attracting more postal subscribers and thus increasing the income of 'The Ringing World.'

Whatever decisions are reached on this matter, obviously something must be done to ensure the solvency of the paper in the immediate future.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

GOOD FRIDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I, too, like Preb. E. V. Cox, ask the question, 'Is peal ringing during Holy Week necessary?'

It does seem a pity that the ancient custom of which he speaks, of ringing half-muffled on Good Friday, is not more practised. What would be more in keeping than to hear the bells ringing half-muffled for the 11 a.m. service? Many more people are not at work on that day than years ago, so it should be much easier to ring for this service.

We ring half-muffled when the death of the reigning monarch occurs, members of the Royal Family, leading statesmen, the clergy, in fact for the death of most people who have been a 'somebody' in the service of the community. But we seldom think of paying the same respects to mark the anniversary of the death of our Lord and Master.

It seems all wrong to my way of thinking things out. Is it that ringers are forgetful and do not remember the week before Easter Day is Holy Week? I hope not. No ringing has taken place during Holy Week for practice at my tower within living memory. This is how it should be, except for half-muffled on Good Friday as I have suggested. No ringing during Holy Week, if you please.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N7.

BELLS IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—There seems to be some confusion re bells in Holy Week. They may certainly be rung until Maundy Thursday according to the ancient usage, but from then until Holy Saturday we see they were silent, but bells were rung for Vespers on that day, so there is precedent for peals that afternoon, and other ringing. But we have no authority for the morbid and objectionable customs of muffled ringing on Good Friday or of tolling a bell at 3 p.m.—Yours truly,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Bedford.

BEDFORDSHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am very grateful to Mr. Amos for his information about Wymington, Beds. As I suggested in my first article, there are bound to be some mistakes which those with local knowledge will 'spot,' like this one, and I hope that any such will be pointed out so that they may be noted by those who are unfamiliar with the tower concerned. I am sure Mr. Dove will be pleased for this information for the next edition of his excellent book.

Mr. Amos is quite correct in his surmise that Odell is one of the five-bell towers where no peal has been rung (from what he says there is not much likelihood, either!). For those interested, the other ten peal-less towers are:—Cranfield, Dunton, Felmersham, Flitwick, Upper Gravenhurst, Harlington, Kensworth, Marston Morteyne, Stanbridge and Swineshead.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

CORRECTION OF MILESTONE

Dear Sir,—With regard to the account of a peal of 5,008 New Cambridge Surprise Major rung at All Saints' Church, Leicester, on March 4th, 1954, and published in your issue of March 19th, the inscription on the milestone should have been: A Peal of 5008 Spliced New Cambridge and Plain Bob Major (two changes of method). Here are the figures of the composition:—

	23456	3/4	M	W	H
	45623	x			2
	65324		—		3
P. Bob between	42356		—	—	—
5/4 gives 5,456.	32654		—		3
For 5,008 omit	62453		—		3
any one block of	54326		—	—	3
3 homes.	34625		—		3
	52643		—	—	—
	64523			—	—
	25346		—	—	3
	23456			—	2

ALAN CATTELL.

Leicester.

R.A.F. PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—The report of an R.A.F. peal attempt in 'The Ringing World' of April 30th, page 285, states that this 'would have been the first tower-bell peal by serving R.A.F. personnel.' I would like to point out that a peal of Minor (three methods) was rung by R.A.F. personnel at Broad Hinton, Wiltshire, on May 10th, 1948, conducted by Mr. Eric Dench. The report of this appears in 'The Ringing World' of June 4th, 1948, page 229. In 'Belfry Gossip' this was claimed as the first R.A.F. peal, and, if my memory serves me right, they were all men stationed at R.A.F., Yatesbury, Wilts. Several of that company were posted to Cranwell, Lincs, but I am not sure whether any more peals were rung there. Previous to the Broad Hinton peal a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Yatesbury, in Wiltshire.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Southwold.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Prospect of Reduced Subscription

THE attendance was encouraging at the eighth annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild held in Nottingham on April 24th.

Ringing took place at St, Mary's and St. Peter's Churches. Both rings of bells are well known, St. Mary's being a heavy and noisy ten (tenor 35 cwt.) in a massive central tower. It was in this tower that the celebrated Nottingham ringer, Doubleday Crofts, and his skilful band made early ringing history. St. Peter's are a medium, fast-ringing ten (tenor 21 cwt.). Owing to the situation of the church in the shopping centre, ringing meetings are a rare privilege.

A service was held in the choir of St. Mary's conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon R. Hawkins.

The business meeting, following tea, was presided over by the chairman, the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson. A minute's silence was observed for two members who had passed away during the past year, namely, Mr. William Russon, of Shireoaks, and Mr. J. P. Vessey, of Barnby-in-the-Willows. Apologies for absence were voiced on behalf of Mr. Harold Stevenson and Mrs. Pailing.

DISTRICT REPORTS

This year each District secretary submitted a written report in addition to the general secretary, and these were adopted by the meeting.

The report of the Newark District showed that the District had suffered a recession during the past year but that there were signs that the corner had been turned and that the remarkable progress of earlier years was recovering its momentum.

The North Notts report showed that ten meetings had been held during the past year with an average attendance of 28. More methods were being rung and the quality of striking maintained. Restorations included rehanging of the five bells at Dunham-on-Trent and the eight at Worksop Priory Church and the addition of two new bells, making eight, at Tuxford.

Nottingham District revealed that the subscriptions of 16 members were outstanding. Eleven meetings had been held, but out of a membership of 90 the highest total of members attending any one meeting was 19, which left much to be desired. Restorations included the rehanging of the five at Granby and six at Wollaton and the addition of two trebles at Attenborough to complete the octave.

The general secretary, in his report, commended the work of the District secretaries and stated that without the hard work and loyalty of the District secretary the Guild would soon wilt and activities come to a standstill. Warsop had won the Crawford Cup for the fifth consecutive year, and he extended congratulations to the Warsop company and in particular to their talented leader, Mr. Herbert T. Rooke.

The treasurer's report and accounts revealed a healthy state of affairs, a surplus of £15 5s. 11d. being shown on the year's working. It was resolved that if, when making up the accounts for 1954, a greater surplus than £10 be shown, subscriptions should automatically revert from 3s. to 2s. 6d. for 1955, but that the peal booking fee remain at sixpence per rope. The sum of £10 was authorised to be transferred from the General Account to the Bell Repair Fund.

During the year donations had been made towards restoration schemes at Dunham, Granby and Worksop Priory Church, and the balance of the Bell Repair Fund stood at £55 10s. 2d.

FOURTEEN CONDUCTORS

The report of the Peal Committee (Mr. Clement Glenn and Mr. John Segar) stated that 41 peals had been rung. This figure included peals of Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor, Worcester variation of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Kirklington Surprise Major, which were new to the Guild. Fourteen conductors shared the conducting. Two 'first as conductor' were particularly gratifying.

Messrs. T. O. Greasley, J. D. Clarke, T. G. Goodwin and T. A. Goodwin, of Whatton-in-the-Vale, Mr. A. Foster, of Orston, and Mr. J. Roberts, of East Drayton, were elected or confirmed as new members, and Mr. Richards, of Bulwell, and Canon Leeper, of Southwell Minster, were elected vice-presidents.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected en bloc, namely, Canon R. F. Wilkinson (chairman), Mr. F. W. Midwinter (vice-chairman), Mr. Walter Nichols (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. W. Raithby (hon. general secretary), Messrs. Clement Glenn and John Segar (Peal Committee), Mr. Walter Nichols and Canon Wilkinson (trustees). Messrs. B. N. Buswell and Frank Dakin were elected auditors. Messrs. J. W. Raithby, John Segar and Clement Glenn were elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council.

PEAL BOOKING FEES

Certain revisions of Rules came up for discussion. These were mainly a tidying up process in the light of eight years' working experience and were passed unanimously.

Rule 13 was the only major alteration, the original being entirely deleted and the following substituted, namely:—

> 'Before a peal can be acknowledged and recorded by the Guild, the subscriptions of the ringers shall be paid by the end of the year in which the peal is rung: the conductor shall forward the figures to the peal secretary and remit the booking fee of sixpence per bell to his District secretary within one month of the peal being rung. The peal shall comply with Central Council rulings (see Rule 8).'

The request from the Central Council that in each District an enthusiastic member be appointed to act as representative and correspondent of 'The Ringing World' caused varied comment, both adverse and favourable. One potent argument was that it was not human nature to pay several shillings in advance for a copy through the post when it could be obtained for a mere fourpence per week from a newsagent, that the copy received through a newsagent was generally cleaner and in better condition than its postal counterpart, and many youngsters would find it a hardship to pay the subscription in a lump sum.

It was finally agreed in principle to the Central Council's request and to refer the matter of correspondent to the respective District meetings and instruct each District to appoint a correspondent.

MEETING PLACE DISCUSSION

The most controversial item of business at the meeting was the proposal that in future the annual general meeting should be held at Southwell Minster, the Mother Church of the Diocese. This proposal evoked lively comment both for and against the motion and in the end the traditional English method of settling a dispute by a compromise was adopted.

Since the formation of the Guild the annual general meeting had always been held in each District in turn, and it was finally decided that the rota 'Nottingham, Newark and North Notts' should be adhered to but that every alternate year the annual general meeting be held at Southwell Minster This amendment was carried by 24 votes against 17. Those speaking in favour of the original motion included Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, Mr. F. G. Hooper and Mr. J. K. Wagstaff. Those against included Mr Ernest Preston and Mr. H. T. Rooke.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting. J. W. R.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY

The glorious ring of twelve at Leeds Parish Church was available for the 65th annual meeting of the Society on April 24th, when the following towers were represented:—Armley, Bramley, Collingham, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Elland, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Horbury, Huddersfield, Leeds Parish Church, Northowram, Ossett, Rothwell, Queensbury, Thorner and Tadcaster. The bells were raised at 2.30 and fully occupied till 9 p.m. apart from breaks for refreshments and the business meeting.

The Rev. T. V. Thomas (Precentor of Leeds Parish Church) personally brought an apology from Canon C. B. Sampson, Vicar of Leeds, who was 'down south' for the christening of his grandchild. On behalf of the Vicar and church authorities he welcomed the ringers and hoped they would have an enjoyable day.

The president, Mr. T. W. Strangeway, was in the chair for the business meeting, and it is interesting to note that he has been an officer of the Society since 1927. Apologies were received from Canon C. B. Sampson and Misses M. Barker, E. Murray and S. Dinsdale, all of Collingham. Members stood in silence in memory of F. Hutchinson, of St. Chad's, who passed away the previous day. He was a vice-president of this Society from 1945 to 1951.

New members elected were: Fred Overfield (Hunslet), Graham Hawkes (St. Michael's, Headingley) and Nancy Hartley (Thorner).

The secretary's report was accepted on the proposition of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. L. Drake. This showed that the usual 11 meetings were held. He asked for more support from the members and thanked all those who in any way had helped to make the secretary's task an easy one.

The balance sheet showed that income for the year exceeded expenditure by 8s. 11½d. and the bank balance stood at £23 6s. 10d. The balance sheet was adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. Cole, seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse.

Mr. J. Roberts having withdrawn from the list of nominations for vice-president, the following were declared elected:—President, Mr. T. W. Strangeway (Rothwell); vice-presidents, Mr. S. Barrow (Drighlington), Mr. H. Lofthouse (Armley), Mr. W. Dixon (Guiseley); Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake (Leeds); secretary and treasurer, Mr. I. Slack.

The president moved the vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements. This was seconded by Mr. W. Dixon and carried unanimously. The secretary suitably replied.

Mr. F. Bennett proposed a vote of thanks to the president for the efficient handling of the meeting and for his service to the Society during the past year. Mr. G. Robinson seconded and the proposition received the hearty endorsement of the meeting.

Under any other business the suggestion was made that members should get together and ensure that as many rings of bells in the area as was possible rang out on May 15th. This was left in the hands of Mr. H. Lofthouse to arrange.

The next meeting will be at Guiseley on May 29th. I. S.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Higher Standard of Ringing Reported

THE annual general meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held in Coventry on April 24th and attended by over 80 members and friends. The bells of St. Michael's, Stoke, and All Saints', Allesley, were in use during the afternoon until 4 o'clock. Demonstrations were given by Mr. C. H. Webb on the eight chiming bells of Holy Trinity Church housed in a wooden campanile in the churchyard, after which others exhibited their skill. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon G. W. Clitheroe: Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward read the lesson and Miss Margaret Bailey was organist.

Tea in the Council House followed, by kind invitation of the Lord Mayor of Coventry. The president of the Guild (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), the Master (Mr. F. W. Perrens), the hon. general secretary (Mrs. D. E. Beamish) and the hon. Northern District secretary (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward) were presented to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in the Mayor's Parlour and then all joined the assembled company for a buffet tea.

The business meeting took place in the Council Chamber, presided over by the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby. The Lord Mayor made a few welcoming remarks before leaving to attend another function. Apologies were read from the Patron, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop (the Right Rev. N. J. W. Newnham Davis), the Rev. Canon N. Prentice (Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon), the Rev. F. W. Moyle (Vicar of Allesley), the Rev. F. S. Herbert (Vicar of Nuneaton) and Mr. and Mrs. E. Sibley. The balance sheets, showing £22 11s. 9d. in hand in the General Account and £22 2s. in the Bell Repair Fund, were adopted.

The hon. general secretary's report for 1953 gave the number of fully paid up members as 220, made up by 15 honorary life members, eight honorary members and 197 resident members. There were 17 resident and 28 non-resident members elected during the year. Twenty-six peals were rung, four of them being in honour of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Four handbell peals were included in the total. A notable achievement was the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Hatton on January 31st. It was the first peal by all the band, whose average age was 18½ years. Mr. A. Roberts was congratulated upon scoring his 100th peal for the Guild (at the age of 83 years) at Chilvers Coton on July 28th. The 22 tower-bell peals were rung in 12 different towers.

The loss of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, of Tring, a former enthusiastic resident member, and of Mr. T. W. Dillam, an honorary life member and a churchwarden of Chilvers Coton, were much regretted.

The hon. secretary of the Southern District (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward) reported that the standard of ringing at meetings had been high and that interest had been created by the introduction of a special method at each meeting.

The hon. secretary of the Southern District reported that interest had been awakened in a number of five-bell towers in the area and new members had been recruited. Much pioneer work had been done but there remained a great deal to do.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, the Rev. W. Colston Maggs (Vicar of Bedworth, who began ringing soon after his induction to the living, 18 months ago): vice-presidents, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby (the retiring president), the Right Rev. N. W. Newnham Davis, Canon N. Prentice, Canon F. S. Herbert, the Rev. F. W. Moyle, the Rev. J. H. Dingley, Councillor H. Weston and the following five former Masters of the Guild—Messrs. E. H. Adams, A. Roberts, F. E. Pervin, A. H. Beamish and F. W. Perrens; Master of the Guild, Mr. R. J. Edden (former Southern District hon. secretary): hon. general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; Northern District secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward: Southern District joint secretaries, Messrs. H. Windsor and R. Barrett; hon. auditor, Mr. F. E. Pervin; Central Council representatives, Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

The proposal to increase the grants to the Central Council representatives received unanimous support. Instead of the former amount of one guinea towards expenses it was decided to allow the third-class return fare.

The letter from the general secretary regarding the finances of 'The Ringing World' was read and the District secretaries were appointed as correspondents with instructions to boost the sale of the journal.

The meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to a former Master and, in his earlier days, a most enthusiastic worker for the Guild, Mr. J. H. W. White, who passed away on February 10th.

After closing prayers the members dispersed to the two towers open for further ringing, and a happy social hour spent at the Golden Cross in tune and change ringing brought to an end a very successful meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery at Clifton

Ringers from a wide area of Somerset with visitors from Devon, Staffordshire and Warwickshire met at Clevedon on April 24th for the quarterly meeting of Chew Deanery Branch.

In the absence of the Vicar (Preb. J. E. Pugh), the service was conducted by the Rev. W. Bathurst-Soole, who welcomed the company on the Vicar's behalf, and in the course of a refreshingly original address related how, during his incumbency at Emmanuel, Clifton, a band of ringers had been formed from the staff of Bristol Zoo, which came within his parish.

Owing to the church's isolation from the town, catering has always been difficult at previous meetings, but this year an excellent tea was provided at Salt House Hotel

Mr. H. W. Knight presided at the business meeting, when it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wraxall, with intermediate monthlies at Easton-in-Gordano and Butcombe (all subject to permission). The members heard with regret that two towers, Weston-in-Gordano and Clevedon, had lapsed from the Association, the latter after a continuous affiliation dating back to 1925 when the bells were hung.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

District Meeting at Betchworth

Despite the fine weather only about 20 ringers came to the quarterly meeting at Betchworth on April 10th. As a result the ringing did not rise to any great heights, Double Norwich being the most advanced method rung.

Eight new members were elected at the business meeting. Nominations were then requested for the offices of Master of the Association and Liaison Officer with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which had fallen vacant on the death of Mr. D. D. Cooper, and the following names were put forward:— Master, Mr. R. Davies: Liaison Officer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow and Mr. A. P. Cannon. (Mr. Pitstow has since intimated that he is not willing to accept nomination.)

The general secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Central Council about the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' In commenting, he stressed the need for more postal subscribers and the advantages of being one. A useful discussion followed, at the end of which the District secretary, Mr. C. J. Champion, agreed to act as the correspondent for the District.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Peal Levy Agreed To

THE annual general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held as usual at Ipswich on Easter Monday and could be considered fairly successful. With the exception of one member, the committee was in full force and a lengthy agenda was soon disposed of. The service was held at St. Lawrence's, conducted by the Rev. C. P. Newell, who gave an interesting address stressing the fact that ringers always had a large audience. This message must be taken to heart by all ringers for we never know who is listening to our efforts. The lesson also, which was read by Mr. Max Page, had an important message—Charity. Be charitable, not only to our neighbours but to our cause. It is to be hoped that those ringers who usually miss our services may realise that they are not arranged as a matter of form.

The business meeting was fairly well attended and once again 'things got done' not entirely by 'Yes-men,' but with discussion and argument, and the Guild is undoubtedly better off for those deliberations. Reports were received from the Ringing Master and the general secretary and treasurer. The funds of the Guild had increased and it was reported that 21 bell restorations had taken place in the Diocese since the war.

OFFICER FOR PEAL LEVIES

All officers were re-elected and a new office, that of peals secretary, was created in order that peal levies and all matters pertaining to peals be dealt with under a separate heading. Mr. John W. Blythe, of 15, Barnaby Green, Southwold, was elected to this office. Mr. H. Claude Rush, of Eye, was unanimously elected a vice-president. It was agreed that £100 be allocated from the General Fund to the Bell Restoration Fund and in future, and so long as funds permit, two per cent. of the cost of a bell restoration be made to applicants. The sum of £15 was, therefore, immediately voted to the Stonham Aspal Bells Fund.

A discussion arose on the legality or validity of a new rule made at a general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds on February 6th, when it was unanimously decided to introduce a levy of 6d. per person per peal. Mr. Leslie G. Brett said the decision was not fair and he wanted an endorsement of it from the members present. It was pointed out that three proposals were given three months' notice at Halesworth, and whether or not those attending the Halesworth meeting agreed with the proposals, the decision at the Bury meeting must necessarily be final. To prevent a 'miscarriage of justice,' it was agreed to a show of hands whether the decision to fix a peal levy be proceeded with. Thirty-six agreed to the levy and six were against.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded and the meeting then closed. Further ringing took place including a half-course of Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Cinques, Surprise Royal and Major. C. H. P.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The generous response of ringers to meet the cost of producing 'The Ringing World' is much appreciated by the Editorial Committee. The following are acknowledged:—

Personal.—Guild of Clerical Ringers 10s., 'Miss Kitty,' Great Budworth, 3s., Anon. 5s., Norton Band 4s., J. Harmsworth 2s.: W. H. Coles 2s. 6d.

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OBITUARY

MR. HARRY T. HIGGINS

St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, Staffs, has suffered a great loss in the death on April 21st of Mr. Harry T. Higgins at the age of 49 years. He was a loyal worker, ringer and member of the choir.

'Harry,' to his brother ringers, was a member of the Walsall band for upwards of 33 years, joined the Staffs Archdeaconry Society in 1922 and, up to the beginning of this year, a staunch Sunday service ringer, a regular member of the choir and also a valued member of the Walsall Male Voice Choir.

He rang very few peals owing to business, his last being one for the Queen's Coronation at Walsall, bringing his total to sixteen, mostly Stedman.

The sympathy of the ringers goes to his wife, son and daughter and also to his parents, who mourn the loss of a devoted father and son, and his brother ringers will miss a valued member of the band.

The Walsall band was well represented at the funeral service at St. Matthew's, which was fully choral, and the bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege moved off to Perry Barr, Birmingham, for cremation.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung on April 29th with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect and to his memory.

PILOT OFFICER JOHN F. WILKINSON

With deep regret we record the death of Pilot Officer John F. Wilkinson, R.A.F., in a flying accident on April 25th. He was 23 years of age.

John will be greatly missed at Derby, where he was a popular ringer and had been attached to Derby Cathedral band from the age of 14. As recently as Easter Day he was ringing in this tower.

He rang his first peal in 1948—the treble to Grandsire Caters. He progressed rapidly and soon had to his credit Surprise peals in a wide variety of methods. About a year ago he married Miss Kathleen I. Tivey, who is also a member of the Cathedral band and the most advanced lady ringer in the area. The deepest sympathy of his ringing friends is extended to Kathleen and Mrs. Wilkinson, his mother.

John rang approximately 35 peals, which included the following methods:—Royal—New Cambridge Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob; Caters—Stedman and Grandsire; Major—London, Bristol, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob, Duffield, Plain Bob; Triples— Stedman and Grandsire; Minor—in three, five and seven methods.

Twenty-Five 'Bells' for a Cornish Church

Tubular 'bells' are known in Cornwall for there are ten at Pendeen and eight at Helland. Bell recordings are heard from one Vicarage house where the Vicar gets over the faculty difficulty by playing them from the Vicarage, which is close by the church. Recordings could be heard from Tintagel tower some 20 years ago, but the five bells there were rehung just before the war, and the six completed just after the war.

Electronic bells are a new thing. A 25-note set is to be consecrated on May 8th at the Roman Catholic Church, St. Ives. The 25 notes are two complete chromatic octaves from G to G repeated. There is a bell turret on the church which at present contains a single bell of about 2¼ cwt. The apparatus is to have a bell-shaped projector about eight feet by five feet. By permission of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth the bells are to sound for the first time to welcome the Queen home on May 15th.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Penzance Branch

The spring festival of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Mullion on April 24th. It was a splendid gathering from the majority of the towers in the Branch and some from the Truro Branch.

Among those present were Mr. W. H. Southeard (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary), and very welcome visitors were Mr. J. Carter (Leicestershire), Mr. and Mrs. Isles (Chippenham) and Mr. G. E. Fearn and Ruth (Birmingham). The beautiful old church was well filled for the service at which the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. K. Harris, preached, and the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary) read the lesson.

Tea had to be in two sittings. Ninety had replied but the number present seemed to be about 120. This complicated matters for the business meeting, which was hurriedly and unconventionally carried through as one sitting was trying to get out and the next get in. Mr. William Wood was voted to the chair, in the absence of Miss Eileen Symons through illness, but he could not sit down, and the minutes were taken as read. An invitation to visit Ludgvan in the autumn was accepted, and the date fixed for October 2nd.

The bells arranged for were the three sixes at Mullion, Cury and St. Mawgan-in-Meneage, but the Landewednack band were keen that some should go there also. Thus the four towers in the Lizard peninsula were available, and it was agreed it was an ideal area for such a gathering. There is no doubt that method ringing is progressing slowly, and young ringers are making their own inquiries into it, and their own efforts to master it. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor, with several making their first attempts at Grandsire Doubles, and continued, at least at one tower, until 9 p.m., where a good practice at Cambridge was got in, and finally three hurried leads of Kent just for the sake of another method before the bells were brought down.

A New Leicestershire Company

Wanlip, Leicestershire, where less than 18 months ago a new ring of six was installed in place of three old bells, has now its own Guild of Bellringers. Of the eleven members all but three are members of the choir.

Officers elected at the first annual meeting were:—Captain, Mr. T. C. Belton; vice-captain, Mr. G. Wakefield; secretary, Mr. P. Johnstone: treasurer, Mr. O. Northwood; tower-keeper, Mr. A. Yates. A quarter peal is to be attempted each month prior to the monthly Communion service.

TOURING HERTFORDSHIRE BYWAYS

Dear Sir,—On Easter Monday I enjoyed the best ringing tour yet, thanks to the splendid all-round organisation of Mr. Eric Edmundson, of Hatfield. As often happens, a tour originally planned for a few close friends grew with time until some 20 to 30 ringers and friends joined in, using cars and motor-cycles.

Starting with the eight at Knebworth, a church well situated in the great park, here followed a day amongst delightful villages, along narrow, twisting Hertfordshire lanes, visiting Weston (5, 10¼ cwt.), Rushden (5, 6½ cwt.), Wallington (6, 8¼ cwt.), Sandon (5, 10 cwt.), Anstey (6, 9 cwt.) and Great Hormead (6, 14 cwt.).

One tower I will especially remember is Anstey, delightfully situated in front of ancient castle moats and mounds, with a well proportioned central tower and, across the road, a field full of young lambs frisking in the fine spring weather.

Thank you, Eric.—Yours,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

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MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Annual meeting, Drayton, Saturday, May 15th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. —A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4317

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Templecombe, Saturday, May 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 4391

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Kingsdon, near Somerton, Saturday, May 22nd. Names for tea not later than May 18th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 4396

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, May 22nd, Kingston-St.-Mary. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 4390

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Meeting at Shardlow, May 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by May 19th. to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, Derby. 4388

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Stockton-on-Tees, Saturday, May 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday, May 19th, Peter Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. —D. R. Airey, Hon. Sec. 4407

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at St. Nicholas', Cramlington, on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea, by Thursday, May 20th, to Mr. G. Appleby, 36, East View Avenue, Cramlington. 4404

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6), May 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. First meeting on this recently augmented six. —H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4385

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Longney (8), May 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 19th, certain—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 4384

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Yate (6), May 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by May 19th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4392

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Haslemere, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Ron Kenward, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 4357

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Pirton, Saturday, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shillington available after tea. Special method: Winchendon Place Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4381

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lydd, May 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 18th, to Mr. A. L. Terry, 12, Eastern Road, Lydd.—W. P. G. 4370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington (6) on Saturday, May 22nd. Please note change of date. Names for tea to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Tuesday, May 18th. 4374

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Goodnestone, May 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with the cash, please, to reach me not later than Tuesday, May 18th. Note later date for notification.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4397

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Sketty, Glam, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by May 18th, to Mr. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 4314

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District). —Annual joint meeting to be held at **Asfordby** on Saturday, May 22nd (Bottesford bells not available). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. **Names, please,** to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby. 4376

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley District) and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Hinckley, May 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Please notify, by Wednesday, May 19th, Mr. F. Mellor, 23¼, Sapcote Road, Burbage, Hinckley.—D. E. Beamish, F. K. Measures, Hon. Secs. 4395

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting at Groby, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea in schoolroom at 5. Names by May 18th to J. Bennett, 41, Valence Road, Leicester. 4411

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Coleorton, May 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5. Names, by May 19th, to Mr. C. W. Lord, Pit Lane House, Coleorton, Leicester.—C. W. Hall, J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 4362

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Lubenham, May 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Outing fare (£1 2s.) to be paid by this meeting. —L. W. Allen. 4401

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Mount Sorrel, May 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names, by the 20th, please, to R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road, Mountsorrel. 4386

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Grimsby, St. James (8), May 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, Bull Ring. Please notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 4358

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET. —The annual bell ringers' service, May 22nd. 4.30 p.m. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, May 19th. Corporate Communion May 30th.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 4368

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting Hook Norton (8), May 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Great Kimble, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea, Monks Risborough, 5 p.m. Names by 16th. Ringing afterwards.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 4383

SALISBURY GUILD. — Annual Festival, Salisbury, May 22nd. General meeting, Acland Hall, 2.15 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m.; preacher the Very Rev. the Dean. High tea, Acland Hall, 5 p.m. Price 4s., tickets only, from F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge, by May 18th. Ringing, city churches: St. Martin's (8), St. Paul's (8), St. Thomas' (8), 11 to 2; also available: Downton (8), Barford, Damersham, Dinton, Durrington, Martin, Shrewton, Wilton, Berwick St. John, Codford, East Knoyle and Britford, all from 11 to 1.30 and after tea. 4366

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting to be held at Eastrington, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (reasonable charge) to all who notify, on or before May 20th, Mr. A. H. Hawcroft, Eastrington, near Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4379

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Cannock, May 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than May 19th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 4365

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Meeting at Elston (6) on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells at 2.30 p.m.. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) for those who inform me by previous Tuesday.—S. L. Barley. North Muskham, Newark, Notts. 4402

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stonham Aspal.—Rededication of Stonham Aspal 10 bells, Saturday, May 22nd. Service at 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall. All are welcome.—W. J. Button. 4377

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel (8), May 22nd. Ringing 4–6 and 7–8.45. Short service at 6. Tea available at cafe.—G. Francis. 4408

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Tichborne, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at The School Room. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3269

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western. —Crusader meeting, Fobbing, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ockenden, High Road, Fobbing. 4399

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, on May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock, followed by service, tea and business. Baldock bells also available 2.30-3.30 p.m. 4393

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Lea on Saturday, May 29th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 4410

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Reedham (5), May 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells available after meeting. Practise those five-bell methods, please. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 26th, to Mrs. F. O. Petherick, The Hills, Reedham, Norwich. — P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 4403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting is arranged for Saturday, May 29th. Ringing at Long Compton, Kingham, Bledington (tea), Broadwell, Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Hill. All welcome. Tea and if needing a seat on coach, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 4371

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Piddington, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by May 22nd, to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 4380

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Greetham (6), Saturday, May 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 25th.—E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 4382

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton, May 29th. Names for tea, by May 24th, to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 4389

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting, Market Drayton, May 29th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Price, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton. Ringing Festival at Shrewsbury July 10th. Details later. 4405

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, May 29th. Please note amended date. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, May 26th, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4400

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting arranged for June 5th is now **cancelled.**—Alan A. Potts. 4361

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Plymouth, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service St. Andrew's 12 noon. Luncheon, Invicta Hotel, Osborne Place, 1 p.m. Meeting to follow at 2 p.m. Ringing: St. Andrew's (10) 9.30-11.45; Emmanuel (8) 10.-11.30; Plympton St. Maurice (8) 10-11.15; all three towers also open after the meeting. For luncheon tickets (5s. prepaid, closing date June 1st) and particulars of seven other towers available in the Plymouth area, apply to E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 4394

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 7th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Please notify for tea.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 4406

ASH, CANTERBURY, KENT.—On May 1st 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Prescott 1, W. Terry 2, A. Gambrill 3, W. Goldup 4, W. Payne 5, E. J. Wells (cond.) 6, L. Martin 7, H. Peattie 8. To commemorate the 100th birthday of Mrs. C. Fagg.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: D. Burling 1, R. Birch 2, W. Holland 3, F. Pickering 4, D. Holland 5, G. R. Hiner 6, H. Mortemore 7, B. Holland (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. Chas. Richardson on his induction as Rector of Rawmarsh.

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UP OVER

IF you go to Chagford and ask how to get to Gidleigh, that is probably what they'll tell you—' 'Tis up over' —and an arm pointed in the direction of the high Dartmoor skyline in the west and north. But then, I very much doubt if you ever will go to Gidleigh: it isn't on the way to anywhere, unless you happen to be interested in archæology and want to see the Scorhill circle, or want to see the view from the top of Cosdon Beacon. But if you do, and your car isn't too big, you'll find it worth the journey. Quite a journey it is, too; there can be few places where three miles can involve quite so many such steep hills, so many corners so sharp and sudden as to take on the nature of a series of ambushes for unwary drivers, so many places where to meet another vehicle means a long reverse in search of a gateway. One moment you are going across high moor with the country all open below and before you; Gidleigh tower peeps out from among the trees just across the valley. The next instant the road takes a dive in what seems the most inconsequential direction, and you're winding your way through wet, mossy woods beside a stream, as lost as a Hottentot in the Underground, though probably happier. But you get there in the end, and there, enclosed by huge, mossy walls of apparently immovable boulders, is the church and, most unexpected, a fine 13th century castle keep, all of massive hewn granite, and all apparently as old as the granite tors on the moor nearby.

Nothing much happens in Gidleigh except the most important things in life, birth and death and marriage and work and worship. The church has had its exquisite painted and gilded screen for over 400 years, and three of its bells for longer than that. The treble, 4th and tenor of the five are all from the mediæval Exeter foundry, and are as clean and sharp now as the day they were hung. The 3rd came from Exeter too, from the firm of Pennington in 1674, and immortalises the name (and a very fine, resounding name it is, and worthy of immortality) of Churchwarden Alexander Vagwell. The second was added in 1925, and must have presented Taylors with a very pretty problem, for the existing bells were tuned to F, D, C sharp and B, and to judge from the tuning marks on her the treble was flat, at that. The new bell was cast to sound E natural, and the result is a ring of five quite unrelated to any known scale but tunable enough, if their sound is surprising and a little mournful. After nearly 30 years the bearings are still easy-going enough, and the bells are no trouble to ring.

The three old bells are typical of the excellent work of the Exeter founders, and two of them bear their stock inscriptions.

The treble: (P)lebs ois plaudit ut me tam sepius audit. (The people all rejoice the more they hear my voice.)

The tenor: Est michi collatum IHC istud nomen amatum. (To me is given the beloved name of JESUS.)

The 4th is dedicated to St. Thomas, and bears the legend: Ste Toma ora pro nobis. (Blessed Thomas, pray for us.)

All bear the foundry's initial cross, and the treble also has their trade-mark, a bell in a rope circle with the initials I. T., and all except the tenor have their cannons still intact.

Outside the church, listening to the refreshingly unusual cadences of the bells and leaning over the wall of the parish pound, where stray animals were locked up until claimed and a fine paid, I think you'll be glad you came. If the weather is kind, you can see the hills beyond Honiton, over 30 miles off, and perhaps Exmoor will show its skyline to the north if you go further up the hill, for you're nearly a thousand feet up at Gidleigh. But most of all you'll feel that this is a place where people have found life, and work, and happiness, and sorrow, close to the things God made, and they have been doing it for a very long time. And that sort of place is a good place to be.

J. G. M. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. in B.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	10
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
PETER LAFLIN	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
First peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells. The 40th tower in which the conductor has rung a twelve-bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. ALAN JACQUES	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	*NORMAN MALLETT	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung to commemorate St. George's Day.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., May 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ALBERT WALKER	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Walker (78) and to Mr. S. O'C. Holloway (38), both members of St. Martin's Sunday service band.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	6
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	*ROBIN J. FIELD	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	ALLEN MORGAN	8
HENRY J. SANGER	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
GEORGE PRESCOTT	5	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	†PETER F. BORER	7
*TREVOR A. CROSS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	8
†REGINALD L. SILLS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	9
HARRY SPRINGATE	5	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY
(Pocahonta Memorial.)
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

PETER F. BORER	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*THOMAS E. TAYLOR	4	KENNETH H. J. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 25th peal. In memoriam Victor A. Jarrett.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CYNTHIA BIBBY	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
HAROLD MATTHIAS	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the Vicar of Frodsham, Rev. Dr. M. W. Myres, also in appreciation of his 42 years as Vicar of Frodsham.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	*A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Major away from the treble.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

DANIEL T. MATKIN	*Treble*	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	†J. M. N. LAKIN	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
NELIA LEAHY	4	REGINALD A. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
A. HUBERT EPLETT	4	E. CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of a friend and rigner, Flying Officer John F. Wilkinson, of Derby, who was killed in a flying accident in Norfolk on April 25th.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
ROLAND BENISTON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
MICHAEL E. BROWN	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th tower bell peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 3rd and 6th.
A compliment to S. Anthony Jesson on his birthday.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

STANLEY IRELAND	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
ANN SLINGER	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
*HAROLD HAYES	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal.

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*MARGARET A. LANGTON	*Treble*	†THOMAS H. HUDDLESTON	5
HAROLD PARKER	2	JAMES A. PARKER	6
*ANNE M. HUDDLESTON	3	BERT SUTTON	7
HAROLD SPENCER	4	GEORGE BEACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Beach, of Scarborough; also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ in E flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	ALBERT C. WENBAN	6
SYDNEY A. WARWICK	3	W. NORMAN GENNA	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to present the Charter to the Borough of Harrow. The ringers were drawn from the bands at the three daughter churches of Harrow Weald, Pinner and Stanmore, and all reside in the borough. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 174 years.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to Evelyn Iris Rowley and John Albert Lewis on their engagement. Miss Rowley is a member of the Ibstock band and daughter of the Leicester Guild treasurer.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., May 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5184 WITHYHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	3	*GEORGE W. PIPE	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS	4	*CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 100th peal together.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*DOREEN MURPIN	*Treble*	*SYDNEY J. MERRY	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	MARK J. BARKER	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	7
GORDON GRAHAM	4	ALAN TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Doreen Murfin; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Thompson, of Chellaston, Derby.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 18 cwt., 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	*H. FREDERICK MYERS	6
MRS. GEORGE RETTER	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
JOHN SALWAY	4	ARTHUR TAPLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Ashdown, daughter of the treble ringer.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

C. ARTHUR MANNING	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
IVOR GOULTER	2	FRED C. LYNE	6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	CLARENCE R. STEED	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

JOHN W. BANKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM STANNARD	5
FREDERICK H. COOPER	2	*LESLIE NICE	6
*RICHARD ROSE	3	ARTHUR F. BALLAAM	7
JAMES STANNARD	4	*KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal of Major.

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MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 Little Bob, 95 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*DAVID GODFREY	*Treble*	*DAVID SMITH	5
†DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	2	HENRY PARKER	6
*VICTOR NEAL	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
ERIC HORNBY	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. † First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob away from treble.
Rung to celebrate the ninth anniversary of V.E. Day.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

OGDEN MOORES	*Treble*	*HAROLD ARMSTEAD	5
JOAN CARTER	2	JOHN T. WALMSLEY	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	JAMES CARTER	7
JOAN CORDWELL	4	*ROY SINKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method
Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kay, parents of Mr. Ivan Kay, local tower captain.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

GEORGE TRENDELL	*Treble*	JACK BRETT	5
ALBERT CATTERWELL	2	ERNEST W. PYE	6
OLAVE E. BROYD	3	TERRY EARLE	7
THOMAS BIRD	4	ARTHUR RUFFLE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ROBERT G. LAY	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
*ANNE B. SPEED	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 100th peal.
Rung on the 9th anniversary of V.E. Day.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	*TERRY EARLE	7
JOHN WARNER	4	HARRY J. MILLAT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in the method and first peal of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury to Chelmsford Cathedral for the occasion of the service of thanksgiving and dedication for the work of St. Cedd, who landed in Essex 1,300 years ago.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GOODNESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY STRINGER	*Treble*	EDWARD J. WALKER	4
*GODFREY F. GRAY	2	*JOHN E. CHITTENDEN	5
THOMAS ELLENDER	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung on the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 1,800 St. Clement's College Bob and 1,800 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*AUDREY BUTLER	*Treble*	*ROBERT G. LAY	4
*MONICA HOWARD	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
*ROGER WOODCOCK	3	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal in three Minor methods.
Rung on the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 10 methods, viz.: (i) York and Durham, (ii) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (iii) Beverley and Surfleet, (iv) Netherseale, (v) Bourne, (vi) Ipswich, (vii) Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in ten Surprise methods by all the band.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 15 extents of All Saints, 12 of Grandsire and 15 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*BARBARA M. FORSTER	*Treble*	CHARLES E. HILL	3
†GWENDA A. DAVIES	2	†WILLIAM T. HILL	4
BRYAN E. SHEDEL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRYAN E. SHEDEL.
* First peal. † First peal in three methods.
Rung to commemorate the 13th centenary of the coming of St. Cedd to Essex.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	4
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	RALPH BIRD	5
*JOHN AVENALL	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal.
Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern District of the above Association.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 13 of St. Martin's, eight of Plain Bob and nine of Grandsire; 15 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*DENNIS H. JEANES	*Treble*	†DAVID G. YEO	4
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	2	LEONARD DERRICK	5
CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT	3	HERBERT HARDWIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

*E. GEORGE CATTON	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
JAMES BENNETT	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal in method as conductor.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*NICHOLAS BUTCHER	*Treble*	BERNARD W. PANKHURST	4
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER	5
LUTHER J. HONESS	3	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal (age 13). First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung in honour of the silver weddings of Lord Hollenden, Vicar's warden, and Mr. D. J. Pankhurst, a member of the local band.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Hereward, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
WILFRED W. RING	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

DONALD H. METTAM	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
RONALD J. HILL	2	†ROBIN J. WORSDALL	5
*PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 50th peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.'

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 960 changes of St. Simon's, 960 of St. Martin's, 480 of April Day, 480 of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 960 of Plain Bob, and 1,200 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD W. CONDUCT	*Treble*	J. WILLIAM HOVEY	4
LESLIE L. WILLIS	2	WILLIAM C. RHODES	5
*WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	3	*WILLIAM T. SHELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RHODES.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal in six methods by all.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

*RICHARD HINTON	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
†BARRY SAUNDERS	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob.

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NUTFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 (Pitman) and 40 six-scores, with ten callings.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PAMELA M. STEERE	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	4
HILDA E. OATWAY	2	ROYDON DAVIES	5
ERNEST W. RAZZELL	3	WILLIAM PARROTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells after rehanging. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

BETTY DAYSH	*Treble*	ADRIAN TUMBER	3
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	2	PETER NASH	4
J. M. N. LAKIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. M. N. LAKIN.
First peal of Bob Doubles for all and for the Guild.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRED WIGMORE	*Treble*	TREVOR BEVIS	4
SIDNEY HAW	2	*WALTER STOREY	5
ROLAND REED	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.
* First peal in four methods.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)
On Sat., May 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY BRAY (14)	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
PHILIP POWLES	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	3	SIDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LAURENCE T. MAINWARING.
* First peal.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sun., May 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	*MARY R. ANDREWS	3
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	4
NORMAN J. SMITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1951.

HANDBELL PEAL

HAMPTON WICK, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT 3, STATION ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in D.

ANNE B. SPEED	1—2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5—6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	3—4	*FRANCES A. THRELFALL	7—8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Pamela Law 2, S. W. Brown 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Brown, the oldest regular worshipper at this church, aged 96 years on this day.

ASH, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Stedman): C. W. Denyer (cond.) 1, Sylvia Sherwood 2, P. Sherwood 3, S. Russell 4, E. Sherwood 5, E. Pepler 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Michael Whelan (aged 14), a local ringer, who was interred at Ash the same day.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Florrie Norman 1, Audrey Yarde 2, Margaret Alderman (first quarter as cond.) 3, Phyllis Norman 4, H. Bristow 5, J. Smith 6. In honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Merson, of Appley, Ashbrittle.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cox 1, Miss J. Elliott 2, Miss D. M. Ward 3, Miss M. Andrews 4, Miss B. A. Thompson 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6. Also on May 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. H. Oran (first quarter) 1, J. L. Morris 2, Miss M. Ward (first of Major) 3, Miss B. A. Thompson 4, I. M. Parry 5, Miss M. Andrews 6, A. Hall 7, P. P. Brown (cond.) 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 8th, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. A. Russell 1, J. O. Weller 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, Mrs. N. Bridges 4, H. Luck 5, Miss E. W. Keys 6, N. J. Smith 7, B. Baker 8, T. H. Holmes 9, P. N. Bond 10. First quarter on ten for 6 and 7.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Suckling (first quarter) 1, T. Senior 2, H. Moore 3, Mrs. Moore 4, J. Brown 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, W. Wintrip tenor (covering) Rung by entirely local band for John Brown's 14th birthday.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Gilbert 1, W. Welling 2, R. Biggs (cond.) 3, B. Castle 4, E. Gosling 5, E. D. Poole 6, G. Lister 7, W. Lee 8. Rung in memoriam George Martin and W. Saunders after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen S. Brown (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, F. Sheraton 3, J. W. Robson 4, W. Nicholson 5, S. C. Walker 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, C. Mordue 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Elizabeth Jackson, wife of Canon F. H. Jackson, D.Sc., former Rector and Rural Dean of Chester-le-Street, whose funeral took place at Eastbourne this day.

CODICOTE, HERTS.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: D. Jones (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. Dodds (first of Surprise Minor) 2, Miss A. Willes (first of Bourne) 3, G. Dodds 4, M. Orme 5, P. Mchew (first in method) 6.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.—On May 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: Cynthia Rayner 1, C. Snowden 2, Sheila Brewer 3, Hilda M. Snowden 4, T. Earle 5, Hilda G. Snowden (cond.) 6. first quarter peal 1 and 3.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On May 2nd, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 1,444 Stedman Cinques: S. H. Dearden 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, R. Davies 4, Miss P. M. Steere (first of Stedman Cinques) 5, E. W. Razzell 6, R. G. Abbott 7, E. G. Talbot (first of Stedman Cinques) 8, W. F. Oatway 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, F. E. Mitchell 12.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 5th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Howells 1, D. J. Oakshott 2, W. Robinson 3, Cherie Payne (first quarter on 'inside' bell) 4, D. G. Astridge 5, G. A. Howells 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, D. J. Evans 8. First quarter peal for 1, 6 and 8. Rung for special mission service.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on May 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rigby (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Fellows 2, M. G. Morton 3, P. J. Morton 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5, A. Ager 6. Rung on the anniversary of the death of the Rev. Fr. Haigh, founder of this church.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On May 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Warren 1, A. Richardson (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Goodall (first quarter) 3, F. Barker 4, F. Goodall 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. The ringer of the second has been totally blind since birth.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Clark (first quarter of Doubles) 1, E. J. Munday 2, Miss P. Saxton 3, N. J. Smith 4, J. A. H. Betts (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. T. Finey 6. Rung for the first homecoming of David Hillary Betts, nephew of the conductor.

FULHAM, S.W.—On May 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Langdon 3, W. Rawlings 4, H. Belcher 5, B. Lunn 6, J. Waters 7, James Phillips 8, John Phillips 9, J. Stephenson 10.

GIDLEIGH, DEVON.—At the Church of All Saints, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. M. Atkins (cond.) 1, F. Wills 2, E. W. Biffin 3, F. Wreford 4, Rev. J. G. M. Scott 5. Rung on the occasion of the institution of the Rev. J. M. Scott, father of the ringer of the fifth, as Rector.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Mayne 1, D. J. Taylor 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, S. A. Warwick 5, H. E. Clayton (first quarter) 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. D. Butler 8. Rung for the presentation of the Charter to the Borough of Harrow.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. J. Chester 1, E. Saunders 2, B. Saunders 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, C. Hinton 6. First of Stedman for 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. H. Batchelor (local ringer).

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS.—On April 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also on May 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Mallet (cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On May 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: O. Norman 1, M. J. Dyer 2, E. J. Parish 3, W. Ransome 4, N. Mallet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, D. Mitchell (first quarter) 2, Miss A. M. Trott 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, R. Overy (cond.) 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on May 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer (first quarter of Surprise 'inside') 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, N. Mallet 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Also on May 10th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, W. Mallet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Judge of Assizes.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wilsher 1, G. Rogers 2, C. Wilson 3, F. Abrey 4, H. Wright 5, H. Egglestone (cond.) 6. Rung as birthday compliments to 4 and 6.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Pleasance (first quarter) 1, L. Pierce (first quarter 'inside') 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, H. King 5, L. Sharpe 6.

QUARTER PEALS

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Tembey (first of Stedman) 1, S. Richardson 2, T. Wilson 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, T. Hogarth 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, H. S. Grisdale (cond.) 7, F. Barnes 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Grisdale, who were married on Easter Monday.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, F. Welch 3, R. Dean (first quarter 'inside') 4, T. J. Hill 5, J. Stenner 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of the parents of the ringer of the third, also the birth of a grand-daughter to the ringer of the fifth.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Jones 1, E. C. Marlow 2, Miss R. Avery 3, R. F. Jones 4, Miss Q. Cooper 5, E. F. Marlow 6, W. A. Avery (cond.) 7, H. Trollope 8. Specially rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Waters, also as a 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parsons 1, E. Chandler 2, D. Neville 3, A. Ham 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, P. Lampert 7 (cover). Rung for the dedication of the newly-installed electric lighting.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on April 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. F. Holloway 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, M. Angela Carter 4, P. Walker 5, D. Niblett 6, A. E. Lock 7, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Also on May 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. P. Pugh 1, Miss P. J. Ashley (first quarter) 2, M. H. R. Glover 3, G. Harper 4, W. H. Jackson 5, G. F. Jenkins 6, J. H. Smart 7, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 8.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Croft 1, R. Head (first of Doubles) 2, K. C. Timbury 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5. Believed to be the longest touch ever rung on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roy Head.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Beavan 1, H. Powell 2, Miss J. Green 3, Miss M. Tilbury 4, C. Jones 5, E. J. C. Davis 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, W. T. Beavan 8. First in the method by all except the conductor. Rung for Evensong.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on May 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, T. H. Francis (cond.) 4, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 5, F. J. Matthews 6, A. R. Ling 7, A. J. House 8, J. R. Leeming 9, E. F. Willcox 10.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bennett 1, F. Taylor 2, J. G. Ames 3, A. D. Mills 4, R. Noon (cond.) 5, M. Bennett 6, A. Bennett 7, D. K. Nichols 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. M. Bennett.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Sanders 1, R. Charge 2, T. W. Welbourne 3, J. W. Chapman 4, S. Howard (first in method as cond.) 5, R. L. Story 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Wright 8. Rung for Evensong.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard, sen., 1, J. Salisbury 2, W. J. Chester (cond.) 3, B. Saunders 4, L. Wootton 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Pollentine and Mr. G. Jarvis, who were married the same day at this church.

THORNER, YORKS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Barker 1, Miss M. S. Rhodes 2, G. R. Hawkes 3, R. L. Butterfield 4, I. Slack (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Hartley 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to Joyce, younger sister of the ringer of the tenor.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss N. Hales (first of Doubles) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, R. K. C. Wilkings 3, M. Sinden 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, J. Hales (first of Doubles) 6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, G. Marchant 2, D. Miller 3, M. Stone 4, K. Prime (first as cond.) 5, C. Marchant 6. The average age of the ringers is 16¼.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick 4, G. W. White 5, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 6, J. Hodgson (first quarter 'inside') 7, H. Waters 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Horne on the birth of a daughter.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Phyllis Gray 1, C. H. Harding 2, Ruth Carey (cond., first quarter) 3, S. J. Woodcock 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, D. Wooding 6. Rung for St. George's Day.

OUTING

CHILVERS COTON

On Easter Monday a party of 34 members of the Chilvers Coton band with their relatives and ringing friends from Coventry and Bulkington set off by coach for Wrexham, in North Wales. Upon arrival we met Mr. John Worth and company, from Macclesfield, just leaving the tower. The hour's ringing arranged was curtailed for a short time whilst a wedding service was held. On to Chester for a good luncheon at the Bear and Billet and then, leaving the non-ringers in Chester, we boarded the coach and set off for Eccleston. Those of us who had rung there before renewed our pleasure and those who had not agreed that the lovely octave had been worth the journey.

Back to Chester, to St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, where we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Kingdon. The ascent to the ringing room did not deter the ladies of the party and some good ringing was done. A sight of Chester and the surrounding countryside was much enjoyed from the roof of the church.

A tea of Dee salmon was appreciated before leaving Chester for Brewood, in Staffordshire. An hour's ringing on these lovely bells, assisted by three Birmingham ringers who had been listening to the peal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, completed the ringing for the day. After an hour at the Lion Hotel we set off on our journey back home, which we reached at 11.30 p.m., after a grand trip favoured with ideal weather.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Bob Royal: D. Brown 1, F. Dewey 2, Lorna Briggs 3, Miss Armstrong 4, S. Jessop 5, A. Freeston 6, R. Brown (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8, N. Fovargue 9, W. E. Clarke 10. Arranged for ringer of 4th, who hails from Tibshelf.

PENYFAI, BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Hiddins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, E. W. Coles 3, D. W. Evans 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. E. M. Eley, of Penyfai.

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Mr. Kenneth L. Brown, of Wembley House, Ludham, Great Yarmouth, invites, through 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Kenneth G. Brown, of Suffolk, to participate in a peal attempt during the Whitsun holiday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After reading the report of the Herts County Association meeting, questions have been asked as to the validity of peals of Bob Triples. A correspondent informs us that it is up to the Council to decide what action, if any, to take. The 1927 edition of Rules and Decisions states that Bob Triples is ruled out!

After the peal at Nutfield on May 8th the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Kempsall and her daughter Nancy, who is a local ringer.

An electrically-recorded tenor counter operates at Ebbw Vale Church, having been provided by Mr. Brian Price. When the Clerical Guild visited this church it had recorded 778,609 blows!

Anne B. Speed will receive many congratulations on ringing her 100th peal. Her list includes peals of Surprise in 29 different methods and Spliced Surprise up to ten methods.

Mr. Nolan Golden has produced a leaflet giving details of all towers with bells but no ringers in the Norwich Diocese. This is how visiting bands can render useful service. Perhaps other Associations will undertake a similar survey.

Edward Baker, aged 13, of King's Langley, recently asked to ring the treble to Plain Bob at the Herts annual general meeting. He rang an excellent touch, and experienced ringers were amazed to learn that this was his first attempt.

When the North Eastern Association of the Ladies' Guild visited Morpeth on May 1st to ring at the Watch Tower they were received by the Mayor (Cllr. Mrs. D. Moore) and the Rector (Canon F. Baker). Mrs. McGuiness (vice-president) thanked them for the privilege of ringing on these bells, which were dedicated in 1951.

To the ranks of blind ringers must be added the name of Mr. A. Richardson, who rang his first quarter on an inside bell at Finchley on May 9th. Mr. Richardson has been sightless since birth.

After the peal at Bassingham, Lincs, on May 8th, the ringers were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Worsdall. The peal was the first 'inside' for Mr. Robin J. Worsdall.

Mr. F. G. Oliver, of Colchester, has been appointed 'The Ringing World' representative for North-East Essex, and Mr. B. M. Barker, of King's Langley, for West Herts.

Congratulations to Mr. H. Bullough, a most regular service ringer at St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme, whose first ring on the rehung bells at this tower celebrated his entering the ranks of the grandfathers. The ringers were pleased to know that the new arrival was 'progressing quite satisfactorily.'

A welcome was extended to Mr. Geoffrey Beech, whose return to St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme after National Service coincided with the opening of the bells. His help in training the present young band will be valuable.

Mr. F. Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, had the pleasure of ringing with his granddaughter, Miss Kathleen S. Brown, her first quarter. Kathleen rang with a confidence and ability that belied a difference of nearly 60 years in their respective ages. Her ambition is to score a full peal.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles, of 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, who is arranging the tours in connection with the Central Council's visit to Newcastle, informs us that one bus tour will take place on Whit Sunday and another on Whit Monday. There are still some vacant seats and it will probably be possible to accommodate one or two more at the last moment.

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THE BELLS AND RINGING IN MALTA

DURING a recent broadcast commentary by Mr. R. Dimbleby on Malta's welcome to H.M. the Queen, listeners heard the bells of Malta.

To generations of English visitors and Service men these charming islands have been known as 'The Land of Bells, Yells and Smells.' Although the two latter objectives are not so prevalent to-day, the bells are still there.

Nowhere else in the world are there so many bells in so small an area or of such variety in size, shape and antiquity to delight tht heart of the historian or student. Every village and parish has its church which dominates the landscape. They are built reminiscent of St. Paul's, with a centre lantern and small dome, with two towers at the west end in which the bells are housed. The majority or the churches are situated in the 'Seven Cities,' which encompass the two main harbours—the Grand Harbour and Sliema Harbour.

To ringers, the 'ringing' of these bells will be of some interest, no doubt, and there may be some who have heard the bells of Malta in 'all their glory.' At the outbreak of the late war I was still resident in Malta and I lived very close to the Cathedral in Sliema, and from my windows and roof I had a close-up view of the 'ringers' in action.

BELLS HUNG 'DEAD'

The bells are suspended 'dead' from beams set in large apertures in the walls of the tower. There are no louvres and, therefore, the bells are in full view from outside. A long rope is attached to the clapper of each bell and, at frequent intervals of the day, the 'ringers,' who are young Maltese lads, appear and seize the ropes and set the clappers swinging to strike the bell at each swing, continuing this for a number of minutes. More often than not, other churches join in with their bells. The result is a terrific din and noise, and magnified by the numbers of bells and churches taking part at that particular time

On special occasions, mostly Church festivals, saints' days and 'fiestas,' of which there are many in Malta, this ringing is much more frequent. There appears to be no co-ordination or time table and to the listener it is just a continuous noise.

Although several years have passed since I heard the bells of Malta it seems there has been no change of custom, and the Queen's visit to the island has been an occasion when the Maltese ringers have really 'gone to town.'

HYMN TUNES

Amidst the noise and clamour of the Maltese bells there are some sweet voices. They are the bells of the Anglican Cathedral of St. Paul, also heard during the broadcast. They have been used for many years as a carillon.

Thirty years ago I first heard these bells while I was crossing Sliema Harbour in a 'dghaisa' (a native boat), ringing out the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' The tune came beautifully across the water from that lofty spire. It was after this, during a later period of service at Malta in the Royal Navy, and also as a member of the Cathedral choir, I learned that the repertoire of the carillon was increased by the efforts of a certain corporal of the R.A.F., who had transcribed two or three hymn tunes into numbers on a card.

I had been asked just previously by Mr. J. Bennett, then a colour-sergeant of the Royal Marines, when we were in Chatham, if I knew of any English bells in Malta. In view of this, on hearing the bells again I became curious. The Chaplain of the Cathedral was complaining that the repertoire was so small, and I thought something could be done about it. So one Sunday morning, prior to the service, I ascended the tower into the belfry, where I saw the verger's son engaged with six wooden levers, similar to those used to pump the bellows of an organ, playing one of the hymns from a card, and followed that by a burst of 'rounds.' Whilst he regained his breath I was invited to view the bells.

Entering the bell chamber I saw a ring of six bells with a tenor (at a random guess after 25 years) of about eight or nine cwt., bearing the name (I am almost certain) of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hung for ringing in a wooden frame in two rows of three bells each. The wheels, stays and sliders were complete but there were no ropes. The chiming apparatus was a system of wires and weights with outside hammers on the frame to 'clock' the bells, connected to the levers in the belfry below. I judged this to be a local job, the work of previous members of the Cathedral congregation employed in the Royal dockyard.

Having to take my place in the choir I was not able to stay for a closer inspection but I was much impressed. I had my dreams, too, but as the ringers known to be in the Services at that time could be counted on the fingers of one hand, and the possibility of them serving in Malta at the same time was extremely remote, my hope, alas! died almost as soon as it was born. The possibility of recruiting and training a band of ringers from a 'floating' population from the English colony was also too remote to be considered seriously.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

After a little thought, I had 'scrounged' a strip of white cardboard and scribed upon it a complete plain course of Grandsire Doubles and on the other side of the card a variety of changes including Queens and Tittums.

Eight years later I returned to Malta for a final period of service in the Mediterranean Fleet and it was to my great joy when once again across the waters of the harbour I heard Grandsire Doubles being chimed on the bells in that lofty spire.

Although listeners here heard the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Valetta, being broadcast, H.M. the Queen could not hear them through the noise and clamour from the Maltese bells, but, after all, it was Malta's day, and the Queen, on her return, was greeted by the music of English bells ringing changes in orderly rhythm.

A. G.

DIAMOND WEDDING BELLS AT CHERTSEY

Greetings From the Queen Mother

The diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stevens, of Chertsey, was marked by joyous celebrations on May 12th. While Mr. Stevens is not now able to ring, his interest is in no way dimmed and he is a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' For a great many years he rang at Chertsey and his faithful service won the affection of parishioners and ringers.

The happy couple remember with pride that in recent years three generations of the family took part in the ringing at Chertsey, viz: Mr. Stevens, Miss N. Stevens (daughter) Mrs. Crocker (daughter), Mr. E. J. Crocker (son-in-law) and Miss Joan Crocker (grand-daughter).

In the evening a mixed team of ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman on the bells of the Parish Church and the following took part: Miss M. Collins, Messrs. W. A. Peck, R. I. Shepherd and L. Knowles (Egham), W. E. Butler (Staines), Mr. and Mrs. Hancock and Miss Hancock (Ottershaw), W. A. Goldstone and W. Shepherd (Addlestone), Mr. and Mrs. Crocker and J. B. Hessey (Chertsey).

After the ringing most of the ringers were received by Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and members of the family at their home, and during the proceedings Mr. W. Shepherd, on behalf of the assembly, proposed the appropriate toast for the occasion, wishing them continued health and happiness. A letter from the Queen Mother, acting on behalf of the Queen, was read, and the visitors admired the gifts of flowers received in honour of the event.

Mr. Stevens entertained with anecdotes about ringers who visited Chertsey in bygone years, tales that caused hearty laughter from all.

W. S.

While ringers in this country rang last Saturday to welcome home the Queen, those at Durban, South Africa, were ringing St. Paul's bells in honour of the centenary of this town, said to be the most British in South Africa. There was also ringing on the Sunday afternoon following for a special service.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Big Gathering at Leicester

This year's country meeting at Leicester proved to be an unqualified success. Fine weather favoured the proceedings and a large number of College Youths from the Midlands gathered to meet the London members. It so happened that the date of the meeting coincided with the local Universities' annual hospital rag day, and the London party on arrival found themselves besieged by a very determined group of pretty young ladies, dressed in the most fantastic 'get-ups.' These girls would not release us until we had disgorged various sums of money for ransom—but we were guaranteed immunity for the rest of the day. One elderly member of the party perceived that this guarantee was not received too enthusiastically by some of the younger members— who seemed to enjoy being held up by such charming Amazons—for they seemed to bear out the old assertion that the Leicester, Worcester and Nottingham girls are the prettiest in the country.

Ringing commenced at St. John-the-Divine on a very fine ring of ten. This was the church where William Willson rang, and the two trebles were given by him. After lunch at the White Hart we proceeded to the Cathedral, where various touches were rung These bells proved to be a very pleasant ring, and, after the heavy weight of metal in London, were enjoyed very much by all. Then on to St. Margaret's, a rather heavier ring which was much admired by the visitors. One disappointment here was that we did not see Ernest Morris—he was taking part in St. Margaret's outing.

A short business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. John E. Chilcott), and apologies were read from Mr. E. A. Young (now bordering on his 90th year) and Mr. I. Emery (a College Youth for 63 years).

The Master welcomed Mr. E. G. Fenn, who has recently recovered from a serious illness, and Mr. Fenn, in acknowledging, said how happy he was to be back among College Youths.

Tea was provided at St. John's Schoolroom by Mrs. Ward and the St. John's ladies. Votes of thanks to all who had helped to make the day so successful were proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and responded to by Mr. Harold Poole, who said they were pleased and honoured to have had such a meeting in Leicester.

The arrangements were made by Mr. A. B. Peck and Mr. F. E. Collins in conjunction with Mr. Poole, and a social hour at the Globe rounded off what had proved to be a most successful and enjoyable meeting. Mr. Paul Taylor generously provided transport for the less active members of the party and this was much appreciated by them

J. F. S.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Towers With No Ringers in the Diocese Listed

THIS took place not, as heretofore, on Easter Monday, but on a Saturday, May 8th. The hope that this would increase the attendance was abundantly justified, and the attendance was considerably greater than in recent years.

The five towers in Norwich whose bells are ringable were open for ringing in the afternoon and evening, Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. George's Colegate and St. John-de-Sepulchre's. The annual service was held at Mancroft at 4 p.m.; this was taken part in by the Vicar (Canon Waddington) and the general secretary (Rev. Gilbert Thurlow). The president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) read the lesson, and the Rev. J. L. Turney (Rector of Sculthorpe) preached the sermon. Mancroft organist (Mr. C. J. R. Coleman) played the organ.

Tea was at 4.45 in the Chantry Hall, and was followed by the business meeting. At this the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) was in the chair and over 80 members and others were present from King's Lynn, Gaywood, Snettisham, Dickleburgh, Winfarthing, Diss, Shelfanger, Blofield, Bunwell, Loddon, Caston, Bramerton, Ludham, Wymondham, Heston (Middlesex), Redenhall, Forncett, Sculthorpe, Great Yarmouth, Beccles, Emswell, Leiston, Hethersett, Mulbarton, Acle, Buxton, Norton Subcourse, Mendham, Pulham, Cambridge and Norwich.

Officers were elected or re-elected as follows: president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard: general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow; vice-presidents re-elected with the addition of Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (for 21 years secretary of the East Norfolk Branch) and the Bishop of Thetford; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; hon. auditor, Mr. George Fletcher: Central Council representatives, Mr. Norman Harding, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. Nolan Golden and the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. The accounts were adopted with gratitude to the hon. auditor, who presented them.

The general secretary read a letter from the Central Council about the position of 'The Ringing World.' The following undertook to act as local representatives, unless and until the Branches should appoint: Mr. Cecil Ebberson (Snettisham), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Diss), Mr. C. Banham (Caston) and Mr. Kenneth Brown (Ludham).

It having been suggested that a cheaper tea would be more popular, it was agreed to consider this for next year. Mr. Nolen Golden produced a valuable leaflet giving details of all towers with bells but no ringers in the Diocese. It was noted with warmest approval that some bands are visiting towers with no, or very few, ringers, to encourage ringing there.

The Rev. J. L. Turney spoke about the memorial to be erected at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, to the late Mr. W. Eldred, donations towards which are to be given to Mr. Norman Harding, Wynncroft, Roydon, King's Lynn.

Mr. Nolan Golden, replying to a question, said that he would be ready to proceed with making Association badges, if only a sufficient number of people would definitely say they wanted one. Members were very sorry to hear that George Bailey, of Wroxham, is ill.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Waddington for permitting the service, to him and the other Norwich clergy for the use of their bells, to the Rev. J. L. Turney for preaching, and to Mr. Coleman for playing the organ. The bells were later made good use of for the rest of the evening.

G. T.

SOUTH NORFOLK AND NEW BANDS

The South Norfolk Branch held their spring meeting at Banham (famous for its Norfolk cider) on May 1st and attracted 40 ringers. The six bells of the Parish Church were rung to a variety of methods, and during the evening the eight bells at the adjoining parish of Quidenham were also rung. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon R. W. Longley), who also preached, after which the members adjourned to the Church Hall for tea.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided at the business meeting, supported by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), Canon Longley, Mr. Ernest Whting (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (Branch secretary), Messrs. H. Moss, E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, F. C. Roper, W. G. Saunders and C. W. F. Phillippo (committee). Miss Ann Creasey (East Harling) was elected a full member, and Mr. G. Filby (Wingfield) a non-resident life member.

A full discussion on 'The Ringing World' followed, after the reading of a letter from the secretary of the Central Council, by the Branch secretary. It was urged that South Norfolk must get more postal subscribers without delay; several members promised to help in this direction.

Mr. W. Saunders opened a discussion on encouraging ringing in parishes where one or more ringers were trying to form a band. After the close of the meeting the committee stayed on and finally suggested a monthly meeting at one parish, commencing on Friday evening, May 14th, with Shelfanger.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and organist, and to Mr. W. G. Saunders for making the local arrangements. It was decided to visit Thetford for the next meeting on June 19th.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Opinion on 'The Ringing World'

People visiting Penshurst, Kent, on May 8th, were treated to a real English country scene. It was a lovely day and there were many visitors to Penshurst Place, which is one of the stately homes of England. In the park on one side of the house the village team were engaged in a cricket match, while on the other side, in the pinnacled tower of the Parish Church, members of the East Grinstead and District Guild were holding their monthly meeting. The ringing chamber is on the ground floor, open to the church, so there was a constant stream of onlookers, probably seeing for the first time the art of change ringing being practised. At one time they saw an all-ladies' band performing.

At the business meeting the main item was the financial state of 'The Ringing World,' and while no decision was reached, the meeting was unanimous on several points, viz:—

(1) That the journal must be made more interesting for younger members, and all were urged to send in to the Editor any items of interest that came their way and not to be backward in replying to any matters arising from 'Letters to the Editor.'

(2) It was agreed by both town and country members that 'The Ringing World' was delivered earlier by the newsagent than by the postman, a good argument for making the price the same for both classes of delivery.

(3) It was agreed that letters could be published under a nom-de-plume, providing the Editor knows the identity of the writer.

After tea many ringers turned up and there was ringing for all, including a good course of Superlative and one of Southwell Surprise. Single Norwich would not go as one ringer insisted on making fourths and back after passing the treble in 2-3.

C. A. B.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Solving the Problem of Reports

THE selection of Staindrop as the venue of the half-yearly meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association on May 8th proved to be a happy choice.

The village, with its old church, lies hard by Raby Castle, the seat of Lord Barnard, and many, on their way home, would see his deer grazing in the Castle grounds. Lying near the southern boundary of the Diocese of Durham, with only an infrequent bus service, it cannot be described as easy of access but, thanks to a few cars and a special bus from Newcastle, a company of 44 sat down to tea in the Black Swan Hotel.

Ringing took place on the delightful Taylor eight of St. Mary's while the committee met in the vestry. Then all joined in the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Z. Edwards), with Mrs. Edwards acting as organist. A collection for the restoration fund of the church amounted to £2 11s. 3d.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president (Mr. Richard A. Gofton), who expressed his pleasure at the large attendance and commented on the rare delight for the Association of finding an incumbent who could participate in the ringing with them.

The business included a discussion on the motion to amend Rule 10 to allow flexibility in the date of the annual meeting when necessary. This was carried in spite of an amendment seeking to establish an alternative fixed date, and the secretary thereupon announced that the annual meeting for 1954 would be held at Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, October 16th.

The views of the previous meeting at Sunderland condemning the use of recorded bells had recently been conveyed to the Bishops of the two dioceses. Members were very pleased to hear the reply from the Bishop of Durham, expressing his agreement with the Association's views and promising to convey them to his Advisory Committee. A reply had been promised from the Bishop of Newcastle on his return.

The question of providing a comprehensive annual report without living beyond their means had engaged the attention of the committee for some time. For the past two years an abbreviated report had been published, omitting about half the subject matter that used to figure in the report. The printers had been consulted about the possibilities of producing a handbook which would contain most of the subject matter at present omitted, e.g., the list of belfries and members, rules, first performances, etc., but would need to be published only about once in five years. The estimates showed that five short reports would cost about £80 and the handbook about £20, making a total of £100 over five years, or an average of £20 per annum. This compared very favourably with the old style report at over £30 per annum and the principle had, therefore, been adopted. It was hoped that a thorough revision of all the subject matter could be completed and the handbook issued before the end of 1954.

The secretary read out the circular letter appealing for support for 'The Ringing World.' He stressed the greater contribution made by the postal subscribers and the need for more of them. The president also urged members to give their full support to the appeal.

Further ringing took place after the business meeting from rounds to Bristol Surprise and brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

D. A. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Dear Sir,—Having re-read the report of the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, I am unable to find anything in my reported remarks which should have prompted Mr. A. B. Peck's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 7th. I feel that it must have been obvious to the majority of readers that I was not speaking for or on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

However, if that impression was given, I hasten to assure Mr. Peck and any other readers who may have been misled that it was entirely unintentional.

The views expressed were my own—views which, however, I know are shared by many other ringers.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. MUNDAY.

Guildford.

Dear Sir,—I, too, along with other correspondents and a number of ringers with whom I have discussed the above topic, see no objection to letters appearing over a nom-de-plume in 'The Ringing World.' The Editor can withhold unsuitable letters, and in any case the fact that the writer's name appears does not add virtue to a distasteful letter. Personally, I find the page of letters the most interesting page of 'The Ringing World,' and letters over a nom-de-plume can definitely add interest and stimulate discussion.

I have not, so far, written an anonymous letter to 'The Ringing World, nor, at the moment, have I any intention of doing so. However, many, who are shy of publicity might make useful contributions if they could do so under a nom-de-plume.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Dear Sir,—In the leading article of 'The Ringing World' of May 7th, 'E. C. S.' favourably compares Double Norwich Caters with Grandsire and Stedman.

Can he explain why it is so very seldom rung?—Yours sincerely,

W. A. FARMER.

Shrewsbury.

THE BEGINNER AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Whilst I heartily endorse everything that Mr. Claude Rush says in his letter on page 235, I have myself pointed out to what I might call the 'Advanced Beginner,' viz., the one who is up to ringing, reasonably well, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, etc., the help he could obtain from the regular purchase and perusal of 'The Ringing World.'

The reply I got was, 'What is the good of me taking "The Ringing World"? It's all too advanced for me!' I then pointed out that there was always something for the learner, but I fear that the practice of one copy being thrown around the ringing chamber is not likely to inspire the beginner, as he or she only has a chance of a casual glance through its pages, seeing everything and noting nothing, and I agree that is not likely to induce the beginner to become a subscriber. Even when they have the opportunity to take part in a quarter peal at their own church, and are even elected to membership of their own county or diocesan association or guild, they are eager to see their names in print, but even that does not inspire them to become subscribers.

I think it would be only fair to 'The Ringing World' and its supporters if, when a ringer was sufficiently keen to wish to ring a quarter peal or a peal, he or she should be allowed to take part only on one condition, that he was prepared to take 'The Ringing World' in the same way that he must be elected a member of an association.

H. J. HAZELL.

Enfield, Middlesex.

ARE MEETING REPORTS DULL?

Dear Sir,—With reference to increasing the sales of 'The Ringing World,' I think that T. W. Sheppard in the last paragraph of his letter (April 30th) has, to quote a modern expression, 'got something.'

How many of those lengthy reports of this, that and the other Association are really read by the average subscriber? Those who attend the meetings are fully informed, and those outside the Association aren't interested, and yet we have a whole page devoted to them.

In fact they are on a par with the company reports sent out to shareholders—either too complicated to understand, or far too dull with facts and figures to read. More often than not they finish up in the wastepaper basket unread.

I must quote yet another letter ('The Ringing World,' April 9th). Claude Rush states 'It should be taken by every enthusiastic ringer, and especially the beginner—I think the beginner's interest would soar.'

Well, at the moment there is little of interest to the beginner unless it be the odd occasion when something catches his eye, something or other about Plain Bob, perhaps.

But in less time than it takes to shout 'Single' he is whisked off into the realms of Surprise Major! And far above his head, which brings me to the main point. Couldn't we have some articles for the beginner to get his or her teeth into—the necessity for accurate striking and how to obtain it—wrinkles sent in by the old hand—hints and tips, etc.?

Some might say that all these aspects are covered in 'Ropesight,' etc. That is so, but I think you will agree that in most weeklies, such as motor-cycling papers, wireless, carpentry, etc., there is always a host of titbits for the novice as well as the more advanced reader, and these appear week after week, year in year out. It is just such articles as these that really sell the papers, especially those in a series, progressing from the purely elementary upwards, for then our reader has got to place his order to secure the entire works, whetting his appetite with another the moment one is finished!

I hasten to add that I am not criticising, but making the suggestion that all tastes be catered for, particularly the new recruit with a newfound hobby (and there's a lot of 'em) and it's his fourpence you're after!

If space does not permit these articles at the moment, perhaps these lengthy screeds, mentioned earlier, could be condensed a trifle. Yes, as T. W Sheppard so aptly puts it, let's have some items on real ringing matters.—Yours faithfully,

J. K. MORLEY.

Burghfield, Reading.

Note.—'The Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council and also its affiliated Guilds and Associations. Each is entitled to a summary of its proceedings being reported. Interest of the individual reader depends on how much he contributes to the great family of change ringers.—Ed.

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SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see in the columns of 'The Ringing World' that there are many people, who, like myself, regard synthetic bells as a menace. A church about two miles from where I live has one of these mechanisms. When I heard it for the first time I was impressed, and thought it sounded well, but when the record I was listening to finished, the operator put on another one, evidently of a different ring of bells, as the pitch was different, and my feeling of pleasure was rudely shattered. Whether the apparatus is now disused or whether it is a question of the wind having to blow in the right direction. I don't know, but fortunately I haven't heard that apparatus for a long time now.

One of your correspondents, who describes himself as a ringer, writes that we, as ringers, should be more tolerant, but I am tempted to ask what ringing he has done? I find it almost impossible to believe that anyone who has got as far as, for instance, ringing the treble to Plain Bob or Grandsire, should write suggesting that we put up with such a hollow sham.

One writer suggests that it is mere prejudice that causes ringers to protest about potted bells, and refers to gramophone records of symphonies by old masters, but buyers of such records probably recognise them as poor substitutes for the original, and in any case would not be likely to switch them off halfway through, as I imagine happens often in the case of recorded bells. I feel sure that the majority of ringers feel that their art deserves better treatment and do not want their efforts recorded in order to be dished up elsewhere, secondhand. A painter does not want his pictures copied in order that they can be sold wholesale to the public at ten per cent. of original price, and it is stupid to call such an attitude prejudice. After all, the ringers are the original producers.

A few years ago I made an experiment with the idea of trying to improve the striking at my own tower, St. Mary's, Greyville. I have a Webster recorder and I took recordings of some of the practices, playing them back afterwards. The experiment was a complete failure, as the recordings did not make the ringers listen to the ringing with a more critical ear. My experience makes me think that it is a fallacy to imagine that recorded ringing can be of use in promoting a love of bells with the general public, but is liable to have the reverse effect.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL CHAMBERS,

Durban, South Africa.

The Herts County Association

Despite the counter attraction of the F.A. Cup final on television 15 towers were represented at the Northern District meeting on the light eight at Aspenden on May 1st. Lincolnshire Surprise was the special method for the meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. D. Brittain) with Mrs. G. Dodds as organist. The tea was sumptuous; the youngsters failed to clear the tables.

Mr. A. Coles presided at the business meeting, at which Master Peter Stacey (Baldock) was elected a member.

The next meeting will be at Pirton, and, with kind permission of the Biggleswade District, Bedfordshire Association, Shillington bells will be available after tea. The special method is Winchendon Place Bob. A cordial invitation was extended to the Ladies' Guild meeting at Norton on May 29th. A collection for the general funds amounted to 16s.

The ladies were thanked for catering on the proposition of Mr. C. C. Stubbington, seconded by Mr. F. Aldridge. Westmill bells were also available for the evening ringing.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Reduction in Peal Ringing

THE annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held in Derby on April 24th. During the morning the bells of St. Andrew's (10) were available but, for various reasons, only a few members and two visitors found it possible to take advantage of the opportunity to visit this tower and ringing was very limited. Mr. George Freebrey was in charge of the arrangements.

Ringing in the afternoon took place at the Cathedral (10) and St. Peter's (8), and approximately 50 ringers and friends attended the annual service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. This was conducted by the Succentor (the Rev. Mr. Colley), and in a short address he likened ringers to the trumpeters mentioned in the book of Numbers. They were called upon, when required, to sound an alarm and to call people to worship. Mr. Heath Gracie, the Cathedral organist, kindly accompanied the hymns, and after the service several members had an opportunity to inspect the console of the wonderful electrically-controlled organ.

A NEW PRESIDENT

A very substantial tea was provided by the wives of several of the Derby ringers in the Diocesan House, adjacent to the Cathedral, where members were pleased to welcome the president-elect, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby.

The business meeting was also held in the Diocesan House, and, after he had been formally elected, on a proposition by Mr. W. Lancaster and Mr. H. Taylor, the president occupied the chair. In thanking the members for the honour they had accorded him by the invitation to become president of the Association, the president said that as he had not been brought up at places where bells were rung his knowledge of the art was extremely limited. He was, however, very keen and willing to learn and would give the Association all the help he possibly could.

The following officers were unanimously elected and tributes were paid for the valuable services rendered to the Association by Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Carlisle, who had found it necessary to resign from the positions of treasurer and Central Council representative respectively:—Vice-president, Mr. W. Lancaster; treasurer, Mr. J. B. Stennitt; trustee, Mr. H. Taylor; Central Council representatives, Mr. A. Mould and Mr. W. Robinson.

APPEAL FOR HONORARY MEMBERS

The financial statement, presented by Mr. Fletcher, was approved as satisfactory, but it was clearly pointed out that it would be necessary to maintain the income at the level achieved in 1953. Members were urged to invite suitable persons to become honorary members of the Association.

The annual reports of the general secretary (Mr. A. B. Cooper) and peal secretary (Mr. D. R. Carlisle) were read and approved. It was stated that there had been a reduction in the number of peals scored (35) for the Association, particularly handbell peals, but a marked advance in the variety of methods attempted. Three peals were rung to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The peals were conducted by 19 members, of whom 13 were residents. Rodney Harrison, David Walklate and Stanley Slaney conducted their first peals. A healthy sign was that 11 members rang their first peals.

Reference was made to the second annual dinner held in Derby on February 27th. This was a very happy social function and thanks were accorded to the small committee responsible for the arrangements.

The secretary read to the meeting a circular from the Central Council regarding the financial position of 'The Ringing World,' and members agreed to discuss urgently the possibility of obtaining more postal subscribers. In connection with the Ringers' Roll of Honour it was unanimously agreed to forward a donation of 10s. towards the cost of the Roll to be installed in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. Adams, the Chesterfield District chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed in any way to the success of the meeting, and particularly mentioned Mr. H. Taylor, who had been responsible for the ringing arrangements and tea. The ladies would not emerge from the 'back room' to receive a public word of thanks from the president, who felt that many of the people who were accorded thanks at such meetings were never in a position to hear the good things said about them.

Ringing continued at the Cathedral and St. Peter's until approximately 8.30 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A company of over 80 attended the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Cookham on April 24th.

Branch officers elected were:—Chairman, the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Briggs; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. W. Welling; secretary, Mr. W. Butler; treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; representatives on general committee, Messrs. A. D. Barker, R. Biggs, W. Birmingham, W. Butler, E. D. Poole and W. Welling.

TWELVE TOWERS IN AND AROUND STAFFORDSHIRE

Twelve towers in and around Staffordshire were visited on May 1st by nine ringers travelling in two cars from Stafford, Rugeley, Coventry and Little Aston.

A start was made at St. Peter's, Kinver (tenor 12¼ cwt.), then followed the Warner six at Wollaston, and the eight at St. Chad's, Pattingham. Most interesting was St. Mary's Church, Patshull, situated in the grounds of the Earl of Dartmouth. This good ring of six is by Mears and Stainbank.

St. Michael's Church, Tettenhall, razed to the ground a few years ago by a disastrous fire, is being rebuilt at an estimated cost of £70,000. The bells are an excellent eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

St. Peter's, Broughton, bells were enjoyed but those at Betley, on the Cheshire border, need the attention of a bellhanger. The eight at Audley were, however, a compensation.

A warm welcome was accorded the visitors at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, by Mr. D. R. Walley. These bells are of good tone and 'go,' considering they were cast by Rudhall in 1714. An excellent tea was arranged by Mr Walley.

A new experience to most of the company was the ten at Hanley. St. John's, Burslem, was also visited and ringing concluded on the mixed bells at St. Edward-the-Confessor's, Leek, where the 'go' is good.

Thanks are accorded not only the incumbents, but Michael Fairey and Mrs. Joyner, who drove the two cars.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

3,000th Peal Recorded

IN accordance with the custom since the Guild's formation, the 54th annual meeting was held at Lincoln in April. There was the usual warm welcome from the Cathedral authorities and the Lincoln ringers.

Everyone was pleased to meet the Guild Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman); after his long period in hospital, although not yet able to make the long climb to the ringing chamber, the members felt satisfied that he would soon be 'among the ropes.' At the Cathedral evensong the Sub-Dean, Canon Cook, welcomed the Guild with well-chosen words. Over 150 members and friends had tea in the Eastgate Court Cafe.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Guild president (the Dean of Lincoln) presiding. The Guild report and balance sheet were formally approved.

THE MASTER'S REPORT

The Master, in his report, stated that 1953 was a year of steady progress and saw the ringing of the 3,000th peal for the Guild. The total of 116 peals was two less than in 1952 but included several noteworthy performances. The outstanding one was 35 Surprise Minor methods rung by Mr. J. R. Young and his band in the Eastern Branch. This was a record and they congratulated the band.

He regretted there was little activity in the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch and that part of the Lincoln District centred about Sleaford, but they could look with satisfaction on the headway that was being made in the Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branch. Higher methods were being rung and he hoped the striking was in keeping with the methods. He made this point because during the year a peal in an advanced method was recorded in another branch. He understood that the striking was poor and, due to bad method ringing, at times the bells 'fired.' Such performances were no credit to the band concerned or to the Guild.

Bell augmentations had been carried out at Donnington and Barrow-on-Humber, where rings of six had been increased to eight. A new church had been built at Waddington to replace the old one destroyed by enemy action and the five old bells had been rehung.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, viz:—President, the Right Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray; peal secretary, Mr. G. E. Feirn; representative on Diocesan Committee for Faculties, Mr. John Freeman; librarian, Mr. R. F. Smith; auditors, Mr. C. Brown and Mr. W. Tomlinson; representatives on the Central Council, Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. A. Freeman and Mr. John Freeman.

PEAL RINGERS AND MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary, on behalf of the committee, asked conductors and those organising peals to make sure that all taking part were actually Guild members. There had been cases in past years where non-resident ringers had not had their membership confirmed or had not paid their subscriptions. Resident ringers also were sometimes included although they had not paid their annual subscription for some years. The committee appealed for more care by those responsible so that future records would be more accurate.

There was a discussion on the financial position of 'The Ringing World,' with an appeal for more postal subscribers. Some members felt that the price should be increased to 6d., others did not agree and no resolution was moved.

The Guild Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and the incumbents of the other city churches for so readily allowing the use of the bells, the Sub-Dean for his address of welcome and to all who had helped with the arrangements for the meeting.

Ringers later took their choice of ringing at the Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6) or St. Botolph's (6), completing another enjoyable 'April Fair' meeting.

DEDICATIONS IN SUFFOLK AND STAFFORDSHIRE

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK

THE small, ancient Church of St. Ethelbert, at Tannington, about four miles from Framlingham, Suffolk, is indeed an example of a parish church and cannot fail to inspire; from end to end and to the top of the tower, both inside and out, there is not a handful of rubbish to be found.

The crowning glory to the labours of restoration came on May 4th, when the Rt. Rev. Henry Wilson, until recently Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, dedicated a new treble bell and rededicated the old five. All fittings, including a steel frame, also a chiming apparatus, are new, and the whole of this work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It looks a really fine job.

The tower has been most effectively restored by builders of an adjoining parish. It is of the dumpy type, the height being about twice the width of the base; so ringers have no stairs to climb.

The church is said to be 14th century and it is recorded that there were three bells there in 1553. The five restored bells were all by John Darbie, and all of the same year—1662. The names of Thomas Dade and William Dade appear on two of them, the Dades having an estate in the parish in the 17th century. Half the sanctuary floor is made up of the tombstones of the family, and these monuments remain shining and polished to this day.

I met the parish clerk at the church door. He is Mr. H. Burgess, an old ringer, and he has been clerk since January, 1911. That is 43 years ago. 'That is a record,' I said. 'No,' he replied, and directed my attention to a gravestone near the door, which records that Edgar Allen was clerk for 56 years. Mr. Burgess followed him, so the two periods of service total 99 years, and Mr. Burgess is still going strong.

Mr. Burgess told me that the old wooden bell frame had long been decayed. Wheels had all gone and the only sound of the bells was from three, to the clappers of which he had tied ropes and so he chimed for service. It is over 20 years since a bell was raised in this tower, and the last peal is said to have been rung on July 27th, 1908. Now a very tuneful ring of six sounds over the rich farmland all round. The houses are scattered and the population of the parish is only about 150.

The cost of restoration is not all paid for but, even so, it is a remarkable achievement on the part of all those who took part in it.

Tannington will have to set about forming a band of ringers now. Apart from Mr. Burgess, it is doubtful if there is a ringer left in the parish, so long is it since there was any ringing there. However, there are plenty round about and I expect we shall soon see the first peal recorded in this paper.

The church was filled for the dedication service, which included six good, full-bodied hymns, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. Ll. Cribb). Visiting ringers kept the bells going until past some people's bedtime.

THE BELLS

Treble.—Diameter, 2ft. 1½in.: weight, 1 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.; note F. 'Made by John Taylor. Deo favente Elizabetham II. Coronation acclamo MCMLIII. R. R. Harvey, H. J. Bond, C'wardens.'

Second.—2ft. 3in.: 3 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.; E flat. 'John Darbie made me 1662.'

Third.—2ft. 5¼in.: 4 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.; D flat. 'John Darbie made me 1662.'

Fourth.—2ft. 8in.: 5 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.; C. 'John Darbie made me 1662. John Jeffrey W.K., C.W. William Dade Esquire.'

Fifth.—3ft.: 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.; B flat. 'John Darbie made me 1662.'

Tenor.—3ft. 3in.: 10 cwt. 4 lb.: A flat. 'John Darbie made me 1662. Thomas Dade Esquire.'

CLAUDE RUSH.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

AFTER being silent since the day of Her Majesty the Queen's Coronation in June last, the bells of St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme, are once more pealing from their tower in the centre of this ancient borough.

On May 9th, during Matins conducted by the Rector (Preb. C. J. Watkins), the bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. A. S. Reeve) in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Newcastle and a large congregation. At the service the lessons were read by Mr. G. A. Moore (the tower Master), and Mr. R. S. Anderson (chairman of the North Staffordshire Association), and the choir sang, unaccompanied, the anthem 'Come, ye servants of the Lord.'

Following the rededicatory prayers the bells were rung in rounds whilst the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel.

In his address the Bishop spoke not only of the message of the Church carried by the bells to all people, but of their place in the national life of the country. He expressed the hope that, along with other bells throughout the land, those of St. Giles' would ring out a welcome to Her Majesty on her return to these shores on Saturday, May 15th. The Bishop continued by reminding ringers of their place in the Church and that in all their ringing they should have before them their duty to God.

Following the service the bells were rung to rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters by the local ringers assisted by visitors.

The ten bells have been completely rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Limited, of Croydon, whose representative, Mr. Stevenson, attended the service. The bells have been lowered some 12 feet in the tower and the sound outside is now greatly improved.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on an excellent job, and the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired. The new frame incorporates provision for two trebles, but before embarking on this further project, efforts are continuing to raise a balance still required to clear the cost of the work already completed.

The civic authorities of the borough gave permission for a flag day on Saturday, May 8th, when a band of handbell ringers rang at various points in the town to stimulate selling. A sum of £140 was collected leaving some £160 still to be raised.

As work is still proceeding on the fabric of the tower, the first meeting to be held at the tower will not be until Saturday, October 2nd, but visitors will be very welcome at the weekly practice on Friday evenings at 7.30, or on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

ARCHBISHOP VISITS RINGERS

The Archbishop of Canterbury, upon the occasion of his visit to Boxley, Kent, visited the ringers after the service. 'We were ringing when he came up,' writes Mr. Wally Gosling, the local captain, 'so "stand" was called. One member failed to set his bell and, pointing to him, Dr. Fisher said that failing to control a bell was about his standard of ringing.'

The Archbishop had a cheery word for each member, and said that he liked to be amongst ringers, but for obvious reasons he preferred the ringing chamber to be on the ground floor.

Before leaving His Grace signed the visitors' book, and he congratulated Mr. Gosling on nearly a half century of ringing (actually since March 5th, 1905)

TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT EDENBRIDGE

On Saturday, May 1st, the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association held a joint meeting with the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Edenbridge.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and once we got accustomed to the flashlight of the local Press photographer, proceeded smoothly until service. Incidentally, the rough proofs of his efforts were produced at tea time, and now that some of us have seen what we look like when we are ringing, we are amazed that those with whom we ring can survive a peal.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Graham), and the address was given by the curate (the Rev. J. Shepheard-Walwyn), who had been ringing with us during the afternoon. Possibly this fact meant that we listened to his talk the more attentively, but mainly, we feel, it was because he had already earned our admiration and respect before the service. Clergy ringers are, of course, well known in the Exercise, but we think the number of **blind** clergy ringers must be very limited indeed, and as we watched Mr. Shepheard-Walwyn taking part in touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob, on an inside bell, we had been amazed at his ability to put his bell in the right place.

Tea was supplied by the local band, no less than 70 ringers and friends being present, and was such a wonderful spread that we felt it was probably mainly responsible for the enthusiasm with which further joint meetings were suggested.

A very short business meeting was held, mainly in order to elect as members of the Kent Association two adult and four juvenile members of the local band. The secretary of the Tonbridge District welcomed the visitors from Surrey and extended a hearty invitation to them to attend any future meetings of the District. Mr. A. P. Cannon, Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Surrey Association, thanked the members of the Tonbridge District for their welcome and also said how pleased he was to meet the Rev. J. Shepheard-Walwyn, whose name, he felt sure, he had seen in 'The Ringing World.' After a certain amount of pressure, Mr. Shepheard-Walwyn admitted that he had rung several peals, but said that he had not done much ringing during the last few years.

Ringing then continued until about 9 p.m., many methods being attempted, not all with conspicuous success.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' May 22nd, 1914

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 16th, 1914, in 3 hours and 50 minutes
At the Cathedral
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES
5,037 CHANGES
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

Alfred Whight	Treble
George F. Margetson	2
Robert H. Hayward	3
Frederick W. Edwards	4
Arthur Edwards	5
William Lincoln	6
Harry Allen	7
Alfred E. Acfield	8
Frederick G. Gill	9
Harry Richell	10
Henry F. Cooper	11
John Wood	Tenor

Composed by John Rogers. Conducted by Henry F Cooper

First peal on the bells. First peal by the Association and in the county of Essex on twelve bells. First peal on twelve by all except the ringer of the 3rd, and rung at the third attempt.

OBITUARY

MR. G. E. RISBEY

The news of the death of Mr. George Edward Risbey, at the age of 60, cast a gloom over the Woodchester (Glos) tower. 'Ted,' as he was better known, had been ringing there all his life as had his father and grandfather before him. Although not a peal ringer, he had several to his credit and was altogether far more interested in ringing for service.

On May 2nd he was ringing as usual—and apparently in the best of health—but the next day, just prior to leaving home for work, collapsed and died.

The funeral at Woodchester Church on May 6th was attended by many people and ringers were well represented. Handbells were rung over the open grave by four of the six young lads he had helped to teach during the past three months. They were Anthony Burford, Andrew Moore, Terence Randall and Nigel Birch. After service there was half-muffled ringing and again during the evening, and on the following Sunday ringers attended the tower to pay their last respects to one of the most popular bellringers ever to be connected with Woodchester tower.

Ted's death was all the more tragic in view of the fact he was soon to leave his home at Lightpill, near Stroud, to take up residence in the village again. Ringing had been in abeyance for over a year at the church, but since Christmas Ted and other ringers took over instruction of the six young lads, who can rightly be described as excellent prospects.

We at Woodchester will miss him more than words can tell and are grateful for all he has done for us. W. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Crantock's Great Welcome to Truro Branch

The spring meeting was held at Crantock on May Day. Great preparations had been made by the Crantock ringers in greasing the bells and adjusting the ropes, also bringing forms, tables, crockery, etc., to the Vestry Room, a small room behind the church, and fitting up the churchyard tool shed as a temporary kitchen so that the tea could be held near the church instead of in the Church Hall, three-quarters of a mile away.

At 2.30 five of the Crantock ringers were in the belfry, soon to be joined by Mr. Reed, of Redruth, chairman of the Branch. The bells were raised and a touch of Grandsire Doubles, called by Mr. Docking, of Crantock, was rung. Then ringers began to arrive from Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Kea, Perranzabuloe, Redruth, Stithians, St. Austell and St. Ewe, and Doubles, Minor methods, rounds and call changes were heard. A service took place at 4.30, a number of ringers occupying the stalls of the ancient Collegiate choir led the singing, Mrs Blewett, the Crantock organist, playing the organ.

After service all moved to the Vestry Room for a magnificent tea. At a short meeting Mr. Southeard, the Diocesan Ringing Master, thanked the Crantock people for their hospitality, and an offer by Mr. Jose, the captain of Kea tower, to hold the autumn meeting at Kea on September 18th, was accepted. Then further ringing took place and concluded with a magnificent touch of Kent Treble Bob, in which the Crantock bells have never sounded so beautiful before, and then the day concluded with a perfect fall. It was pleasing that method ringing was heard most of the time and it was the same at a much better-attended festival at Mullion a week before.

Although we can never expect more than rounds and call changes to be heard from the more remote towers of the Diocese, the day does not seem very far off when half-pulls will be practised in all the larger places.

W. H. R. T.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. ALBERT CRAWLEY wishes to thank all his ringing friends for their letters and inquiries during his recent long illness. His address is now 2, Beech Street, Barrow-in-Furness. 4414

A. P. HOLLIWELL has left Essex and now resides at 479, Gillott Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. 4452

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.—A demonstration will be arranged on Saturday, June 5th, at the Science Museum, from 2.30 to 4 p.m.—A. A. Hughes, Albert Walker, Trustees.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Monthly practices will be resumed at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, May 31st, 7 p.m. The next following will be on July 5th and then on the first Monday in each month, except August.—T. J. Lock. 4443

AVAILABLE to any young ringer for cost of postage, copies of 'The Ringing World' from 1950.—Mrs. W. Jackson, White Cottage, Beech Drive, Kingswood, Surrey. 4412

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Report, 1953. Delete Peal 53/97. Composition false to Yorkshire.—F. V. Gant. 4436

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Meeting at Shardlow, May 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 4388

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6), May 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. First meeting on this recently augmented six.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4385

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Swavesey (6), May 22nd, 6 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 4427

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Haslemere, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. 4357

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Pirton, Saturday, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shillington available after tea. Special method: Winchendon Place Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4381

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lydd, May 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington (6) on Saturday, May 22nd. Please note change of date. 4374

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Helmshore, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells from 3. All welcome.—J. Porter. 4426

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Annual joint meeting to be held at **Asfordby** on Saturday, May 22nd (Bottesford bells not available). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. **Names, please,** to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby. 4376

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Coleorton, May 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5. Names to Mr. C. W. Lord, Pit Lane House, Coleorton, Leicester.—C. W. Hall, J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 4362

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Great Kimble, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea, Monks Risborough, 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 4383

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Meeting at Elston (6) on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells at 2.30 p.m.. Service at 4.30 p.m. 4402

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Tichborne, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at The School Room. Names to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3269

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, May 25th, 7.15, practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, June 14th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 4449

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 4437

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, May 29th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4439

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Joint meeting with SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Market Drayton, May 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by May 27th, to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 4447

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham, via Warrington. 4430

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Thurstaston (5), May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea (ham salad, 2s. 6d.) by 26th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4455

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Campsall (8). Saturday, May 29th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential, by 26th, to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster. 4432

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Note change of venue.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4428

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hockwold-cum-Wilton, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4434

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western. —Crusader meeting, Fobbing, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ockenden, High Road, Fobbing. 4399

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Monthly meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 4431

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Practice meeting at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, May 29th, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. F. Dodson. 4417

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, May 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Names for tea, please, by the previous Wednesday, to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants.—J. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4413

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, on May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock, followed by service, tea and business. Baldock bells also available 2.30-3.30 p.m. 4393

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Ibstock (6) on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 26th, to Mr. A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Road, Ibstock, Leics. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 4422

LADIES GUILD (Yorkshire Division) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names, by Thursday, May 27th, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley. Business meetings after tea.—Mrs. D. Kelly, I. Slack, Hon. Secs. 4425

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Walkden on Saturday, May 29th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (free). Business 6 Names to Mrs. W. McDermott, 373, Manchester Road, Walkden, Lancs.—J. Thornley. 4429

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Accrington Branch. — Meeting at Accrington, May 29th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4419

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Lea on Saturday, May 29th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 4410

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Reedham (5), May 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells available after meeting. Practise those five-bell methods, please. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 26th, to Mrs. F. O. Petherick, The Hills, Reedham, Norwich. — P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 4403

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Castleacre, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Method for this meeting is Single Oxford.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 4446

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Greetham (6), Saturday, May 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 25th.—E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 4382

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton, May 29th. Names for tea, by May 24th, to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 4389

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, essential, to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 4444

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting, Market Drayton, May 29th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Price, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton. Ringing Festival at Shrewsbury July 10th. Details later. 4405

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, May 29th. Please note amended date. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, May 26th, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4400

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting May 29th, Wivelsfield. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by May 26th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4420

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET. —Corporate Communion, Sunday, May 30th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast not later than Wednesday, 26th.—W. A. Preskett, Timsbury, near Bath. 4441

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Whit Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4438

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Shipbourne, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d.). Names, with cash, please, to Miss J. French, Woodbine Cottage, Shipbourne, Tonbridge. 4445

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, May 31st, to Mr. H. Barsley, Wood Lane, Algarkirk, near Boston. 4433

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting, the 50th anniversary of formation of the Branch, will be held at Newton Longville on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Buckingham. Names for tea essential by May 29th. Other towers available after service will be announced.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Fressingfield District.—A meeting will be held at Laxfield on June 5th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock, but no tea. Service in church at about 4.—J. Barber, Hillside, Wingfield, Diss. 4451

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Address by Canon W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 4s., non-resident and non-members 5s. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association, Evensong will be conducted by the Rev. J. O. Nicholas in Writtle Parish Church at 6 p.m. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Church Room, Writtle, from 4.30 p.m. until 5.45 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; the following towers are available from 3 p.m.—Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6). Applications for lunch and tea tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope for return of tickets, not later than May 31st, to H. Turner, Church Cottage, Hall Lane, Shenfield.—F. V. G. 4421

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Plymouth, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service St. Andrew's 12 noon. Luncheon, Invicta Hotel, Osborne Place, 1 p.m. Meeting to follow at 2 p.m. Ringing: St. Andrew's (10) 9.30-11.45; Emmanuel (8) 10.-11.30; Plympton St. Maurice (8) 10-11.15; all three towers also open after the meeting. For luncheon tickets (5s. prepaid, closing date June 1st) and particulars of seven other towers available in the Plymouth area, apply to E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 4394

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 7th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Please notify for tea.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 4406

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit Monday, June 7th, at Northampton. Service in All Saints' Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in St. Sepulchre's Church Rooms. Names for tea should be sent, not later than May 29th, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. Towers open for ringing: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Moulton (8), Kingsthorpe (6), Duston (6), Brafield (6), Boughton (5), Weston Favell (5), (Dallington not available); 1 to 3 p.m., Northampton—St. Giles' (10), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8); 1 to 3.30 p.m.—All Saints' (8); all available from 6 p.m. except Brafield and Weston Favell.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 4375

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Saturday, June 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Beehive Cafe 5 p.m. Tickets (4s. 6d.)

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from Branch secretaries, who are asked to forward numbers, not later than June 8th, to Mr. John Wooth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. Towers available from 2 p.m.: St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8), Sutton (6).—J. Kingdon. 4424

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 331st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 4453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual festival and meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 24th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Lunch 1.30. Choristers' usual arrangements with M. F. Sharpe.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4415

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Following the recent amendment of Rule 10, the annual general meeting will now take place on Saturday, October 16th, at Newcastle Cathedral. 4418

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THE TRIBUTE

ON May 15th, the message of the bells sounded throughout the country in a remarkable manner as the expression of gratitude for the safe homecoming of our beloved young Queen and admiration for the manner in which she has fulfilled her first big duties after her Coronation last June. She brought to the countries of the Commonwealth and the Colonies that sense of kinship and feeling that whatever our colour, language or creed we are one people.

Through the pages of 'The Ringing World' we have been privileged to tell our readers of how ringers in distant lands responded in welcoming the Queen. The ringers in New Zealand and Australia entered upon their responsibilities with the same measure of enthusiasm as those in this country. While the measure of success in the matter of peals was in no sense the equivalent of the ringing in this country, it in no way dimmed the cordiality of the welcome.

This issue of 'The Ringing World' is devoted almost exclusively to giving some indication of the great reception. The information cannot, however, be regarded as a complete record. The reports of peals and quarter peals published this week are only those received on May 17th and 18th, and not all of them. The story of the welcome will be a serial, but we shall endeavour within the compass of our resources to give as representative a picture of the way the Exercise responded to the request made to it by Parliament.

These occasions of national rejoicings are days ringers remember. What is particularly pleasing is the number of young ringers—and some not so young—who for the first time were ringing a peal or quarter peal. And some, let it be said, were ringing just cover bells. On such an occasion as this in the matter of a quarter peal we are not acting as purists; it was a performance and we would not dim the local happiness by adhering strictly to the definition of a quarter peal. Those in question were responding to a request to ring, and this they did in fulfilment of the Prime Minister's request. He will not cavil and neither will Parliament; the function of the bells and ringers was to express the happiness of the people.

Reading the many reports, one gratifying feature was the way experienced bands of ringers went from tower to tower to ensure that the number of 'silent' rings should be as few as possible. It was necessary to do this in London, the heart of the Empire, and there were at least three bands operating from tower to tower. The same story comes from the Barnsley district and also in South Wales, Hertfordshire, Surrey and other parts of the country. For many years the Exercise has been conscious of the fact that there are more bells in the country than practising ringers. It must not, however, be construed that change ringing is a dying art. Where leadership and good instruction are available there is no shortage of young people coming forward. Success comes quickest where the clergy take a personal interest in their bells and ringers and regard the contribution of the man and woman in the belfry as a real service to the Church.

Did the sound of the bells reach the Royal Yacht as it took its course around the Home Waters? We should like to think that the Hampshire greeting as the 'Britannia' steamed up the Solent on the Friday took the music across the sea. North Kent and the Essex towers of the Thames Estuary played their part nobly and well—peals were rung on both sides of the river. In London the response was good and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths must feel proud of their peal of Stedman Cinques from the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

In many towers care was taken so that the ringing should synchronise with the time the Queen landed on English soil. Portable radio sets were operated in belfries so that ringing started at the actual minute. The day, however, brought its measure of disappointments. In the city of Bath all four peal attempts failed, while in a Leicestershire tower the ringers were denied access to the belfry for an hour because of a broken key!

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of May 29th, 1914

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

. . . Ringers depend so much upon the goodwill of the clergy that it must be of interest to note that 29 clergy were to be found ringing peals in 1913, seven of whom were conductors, and that the number of peals in which they took part was 145. The details are as follows: The Rev. A. T. Beeston rang in 40 peals, of which he conducted 9; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (16 on handbells) 24; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conducted 6) 20; Revs. H. Law James (conducted 9) and W. C. Pearson 14; Rev. B. Tyrwhitt-Drake (handbells 4) 13; Rev. C. J. Sturton 12; Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (handbells 3, conducted 3) 9; Revs. E. V. Cox (conducted 1) and E. S. Powell 8; Rev. E. Bankes James (handbells 3) 7; Rev. C. C. Cox (conducted 5) and W. P. Wright 5; Revs. G. F. Coleridge and H. B. Woolley 4; Revs. V. A. Creswell, H. J. Elsee, R. P. Farrow, J. F. Hastings, F. J. O. Helmore, R. L. B. Oliver and W. M. K. Warren 2; Revs. W. W. C. Baker (conducted 1), R. Bond, H. Bowen, W. E. Colchester, B. H. D. Field, C. C. Marshall and E. J. Teesdale 1. . . . .

[The clerical members of the Exercise at the present day would—unfortunately—have difficulty in equalling these performances. The list contains a large number of outstanding clerical ringers.]

IN HONOUR OF THE HOMECOMING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II
MAY 15, 1954

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	THOMAS C. LARKEY	7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	8
*RONALD KENRICK	3	ERNEST F. BENNETT	9
†FREDERICK S. ALMOND	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	10
JACK N. BROWN	5	JOHN E. SPICE	11
‡ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	6	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on a working bell on twelve.
‡ First peal on twelve bells.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	7
MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS	2	†MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	*JOHN R. LEEMING	10
FRANCIS D. BISHOP	5	ALFRED J. HOUSE	11
A. RONALD LING	6	*ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques and 50th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
EDGAR T. SMITH	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	AUBREY M. PICKERING	10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	11
ERNEST STITCH	6	*GEORGE DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MALCOLM OWEN	*Treble*	*HARRY F. HOLDING	6
STEPHEN LAYLAND	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	7
IVOR R. NICHOLS	3	WILFRED KERR	8
HERBERT EDGE	4	JOHN E. BROUGH	9
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	5	E. JOHN HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.
* 50th peal in this tower.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt.

*PETER J. SKINNER	*Treble*	MARK J. BARKER	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	ALAN TAYLOR	8
JOSEPH A. CONSTANT	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	9
DENIS R. CARLISLE	5	JOHN B. STENNITT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by HAROLD TAYLOR.
* First peal of Caters.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	VICTOR GRIFFIN	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	CECIL W. PIPE	8
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	JAMES BENNETT	9
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	5	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 76 lb. in C.

*TOM GREENACRE	*Treble*	REV. GILBERT THURLOW	6
NORMAN V. HARDING	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	8
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	BERT GOGLE	9
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	5	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Caters.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	6
*GWEN I. RUSBY	2	*GEOFFREY PAUL	7
BETTY BROWN	3	*HERBERT LOWMAN	8
JOHN FREEMAN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	5	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

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MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GRICE	*Treble*	LOUIS HEAD	6
LEONARD MANNERING	2	FREDERICK LEESON	7
*FREDERICK HOGAN	3	*WILLIAM R. MANSER	8
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	4	*L. W. GILES	9
REGINALD RICH	5	FRANK THWAITES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.
* First peal of Stedman.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	REV. GILBERT THURLOW	6
CEDRIC CURSON	2	GEORGE SAYER	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	8
EDWIN R. GOATE	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

LAWRENCE J. BEAL	*Treble*	PHILLIP SADLER	6
BERNARD SADLER	2	FRANK C. MAY	7
MRS. D. G. MAYELL	3	BARRY COOK	8
DESMOND G. MAYELL	4	GERALD FROST	9
FRANK B. LUFKIN	5	DONALD COOMBES	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS (No. 2).
Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WILLIAM BUTLER	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
MRS. G. MANCHIP	2	*JOHN M. ELLWOOD	7
*RONALD I. SHEPHERD	3	‡JEFFREY C. BIRT	8
†FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	9
WILLIAM WELLING	5	*EDWARD L. A. HUDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. 200th peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

NESTA D. SMITH	*Treble*	THOMAS H. TOCOCK	5
RICHARD SMITH	2	OSCAR G. SMART	6
JOHN R. TOLMAN	3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	7
*JACK A. C. KING	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Major.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

STUART T. HUME	*Treble*	MRS. LESLIE MILLS	5
JANET M. SPURGIN	2	CHARLES BOWER	6
VICTOR AMBROSE	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
DONALD L. MILLS	4	EDWIN C. HYNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt.

*MARGARET D. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	*HARRY G. TIMMS	6
*REGINALD ROWLEY	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	7
PERCY L. PARSLOW	4	JOHN E. ROOTES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 9).
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 450th peal.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

*JOHN A. H. BETTS	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	W. GEORGE CHALLEN	6
*†PAULINE M. SAXTON	3	E. WINIFRED KEYS	7
*JOHN T. FINEY	4	RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST WILSON	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
DAVID BEACHAM	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ELIZABETH A. DOWNING	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
†ROSEMARY PARKINSON	2	J. PHILIP NORMAN	6
JEAN DAWSON	3	WALTER E. WILKINSON	7
DIANA R. BANKS	4	PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. First peal by the local band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*PATRICIA E. SMITH	*Treble*	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD	5
PATRICIA SMEE	2	IAIN CAMPBELL	6
JOAN E. HILLS	3	†LIONEL S. WOODS	7
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	4	JOHN ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 49 lb. in E.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
DIANA M. MATTHEW	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
*VICTOR GRIFFIN	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER	5
*A. MARY HOBBS	2	*JAMES MOULD	6
JACK BAILEY	3	†BENJAMIN BARKER	7
WALTER STEEN	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung by the Sunday service band.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*BETTY NOLDER (13)	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	5
B. G. MOORE	2	†GEOFFREY M. HARVEY	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	4	*T. F. VICTOR NEIL (64)	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
*PETER F. BORER	2	TREVOR CROSS	6
FRANK WALKER	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERIOK J. CULLUM.
* 50th peal.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*DENIS A. COLE	*Treble*	*ROBIN HEPPENSHALL	5
MRS. E. GREY	2	REV. P. MICHEL FREEMAN	6
*MICHAEL ROBERTS	3	*ALLEN GILBERT	7
JOSEPH DIXON	4	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN.
* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	TERRY EARLE	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*MURIEL M. PIPE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. WHITING	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	LLEWELLYN ALLUM	6
*DIANA M. MATTHEW	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
WALTER RUFFLES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First touch of Yorkshire.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
*ROBERT G. LAY	2	*RICHARD E. PRICE	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MICHAEL WRIGHT	*Treble*	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	5
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
CHARLES PEAKMAN	3	C. FREDERICK JUKES	7
†BERT MORGAN	4	DAVID GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FREDERICK JUKES.
* First peal (14 years old). † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*MRS. L. DICKINSON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
OWEN A. NEEDHAM	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE	5
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD	2	FREDERICK SCHOFIELD	6
*WILLIAM GERRARD	3	†MARION HAYTON	7
STANLEY WALMSLEY	4	ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Composed by P. BIXBY. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

LESLIE PRESTIDGE	*Treble*	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	5
C. FREDERICK JUKES	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	HENRY HUBBALL	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. CROSS. Conducted by STANLEY PRESTIDGE.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E.

HERBERT LEWIN	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
MRS. M. I. PAILING	2	GEORGE CLIFT	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 QUEEN IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
R. GORDON CORBY	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 205).

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Treble*	*ROBIN G. LEALE	5
TOWER R. TAYLOR	2	*BRIAN J. LUFF	6
*ROGER BALDWIN	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST F. SALMONS	5
ROGER BALDWIN	2	*WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
BRIAN J. LUFF	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*C ERNEST SMITH	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* 250th peal together.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
*JOAN HOODLESS	2	*ALLAN SIMPSON	6
BRIAN BUSWELL	3	GEORGE R. PAYNE	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Major.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*STANLEY IRELAND	*Treble*	JOHN ORME	5
†ALAN DUGDALE	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
CHARLES WARD	3	ROBERT B. P. HULSE	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	*Treble*	JEAN M. HARRIS	5
*YVONNE ELOIE	2	JACK MUSSELL	6
RONALD N. MARLOW	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	†JAMES MAIDMENT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

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ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Arthur W. Preece	*Treble*	‡John E. Lloyd	4
†Derek G. Clarke	2	Leslie D. Young	5
Tracey H. Young	3	Sidney F. Cole	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tracey H. Young.

* First peal away from covering bell. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Frank W. Perrens	*Treble*	George Gardner	4
John W. T. Taylor	2	*David A. Carpenter	5
L. Michael Callow	3	Paul K. Williamson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Margaret Alderman (15)	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Gammon	4
David J. Gay	2	Gordon Walford	5
Stanley N. Bristow	3	William F. Slocombe	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Slocombe.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Gordon Keeble	*Treble*	James Smy	4
Alderman G. Ling	2	Arthur Smith	5
Frank Shaw	3	Ernest Steward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alderman G. Ling.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

David Nicholls	*Treble*	Cedric F. W. Phillippo	4
Kenneth W. Muttock	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
T. Charles Browne	3	Frank Pearson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancashire Branch.)
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Alfred Smith	*Treble*	Frank Postlethwaite	4
R. F. Eccles	2	George E. Braithwaite	5
Dorothy Schofield	3	Alan Casson	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Braithwaite.

* First peal in three methods.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents with four callings. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*Eva Appleby	*Treble*	†Frank G. Oliver	4
*Rosemary Sollis	2	†Harry J. Millatt	5
*Bernard Fairhead	3	*Victor Howe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Simon Borrett	*Treble*	Charles Fennel	4
Mrs. W. M. White	2	Robert N. Elliott	5
*Michael Fleet (14)	3	Albert Fleet	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert Fleet.

* First peal.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Barbara Haldane	*Treble*	Ellen Parker	4
Ruth Core	2	Cuthbert Ackers	5
Jack Pounds	3	Arthur Mawdsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ellen Parker.

The conductor is the first lady ever to call a peal in this tower.

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 23 cwt.

*David Holley	*Treble*	Mervyn Farthing	4
†John Hobbs	2	Albert Turner	5
*Edmund Reasons	3	*Stanley Chedzey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mervyn Farthing.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 21¾ cwt. in E.

Joseph Papworth	*Treble*	Joseph Elliott	4
Alan R. Elliott	2	Charles Burton	5
Charles Button	3	Reginald Pye	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Elliott.

NORTHAW, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas a Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Arthur J. Bull	*Treble*	E. Bruce McKie	4
*Walter J. Newnham	2	John T. Y. Roberts	5
John W. Parslow	3	Harold J. Hazell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Hazell.

* First peal of Minor, aged 76.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents each of: Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Simon L. Barley	*Treble*	Frederick G. Hooper	4
William L. Exton	2	F. William Midwinter	5
George E. Foster	3	Charles J. Copp	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Foster.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

G. G. Walpole	*Treble*	F. Gunton	4
*S. Copling	2	E. Long	5
*J. W. Forder	3	*D. Long	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Long.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*GEORGE E. HARRINGTON	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
FRANK E. L. HARRINGTON	2	ALFRED H. LITTLE	5
SHIRLEY A. BARRINGER	3	PETER L. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER L. WOOD.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Conductor's 25th peal.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one Morris's 240, 10 callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

JUDITH A. WALKER	*Treble*	ROBERT E. TALLIS	4
A. CHARLES MORRIS	2	RICHARD G. MORRIS	5
DOUGLAS HARRISON	3	REUBEN HOUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRISON.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Norfolk, Kennington, April Day, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*HARRY CURTIS (13)	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS	3
†C. SANDOW SWANNELL (15)	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	4
ALAN C. COZENS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD C. BARTON	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
*ALBERT DUNK	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
STANLEY RAYFIELD	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal 'inside.'

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Court, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DONALD H. METTAM	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	*ROBIN J. WORSDALL	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in three methods.

THORVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

H. BUTT	*Treble*	*G. C. COURT	4
R. B. FORD	2	M. BUTT	5
†W. H. BAKER	3	*F. GILPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. BUTT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

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LATE NEWS

Last Saturday a peal of Southwell Surprise Maximus was rung at Halifax. This is the first peal of Maximus in the method. The peal was conducted by Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. W. M. Rowe, the founder of 'Ringing Towers,' the monthly publication of the New South Wales Association, which is now in its eighth year, has resigned the editorship. Mr. Rowe has done a grand job for ringing in Australia.

Eleven Sunday service ringers have taken part in the two quarters which have been rung in the past week at Chester-le-Street. Three scored their first quarter.

During the last twelve months four ringers at Old Headington, Oxford, have come of age. The peal for the Royal homecoming also marked the 21st birthday of Malcolm Stone.

The ringers of the peal of Painswick at Halstead, Essex, on May 15th, would like to record it also as a farewell peal to Claude Snowdon, who left Essex on May 17th, and take this opportunity of wishing him and his wife every success in their new venture.

There are more church bells in Hungary today than there were before the war. The main foundry, the Slezak Rafael State bellcasting enterprise, has experienced a rush of orders. (Vide Hungarian News and Information Service.)

Lichfield Cathedral ringers were disappointed that they were not 'on the air' for the Queen's homecoming. 'This was due to bad timing by the B.B.C.' writes Mr. G. E. Oliver. 'They arranged that we should ring from 3.15 to 3.35, and I understand that the other towers did not come on until after 4 p.m.'

Fifty years ago Mr. Herbert Rowley rang and conducted his first peal at St. Peter's, Horbury, where he has been a ringer for 65 years. On May 8th he was the recipient of a fireside chair from fellow ringers and friends at a special meeting of the Barnsley and District Society in his honour.

Manchester University Guild have elected the following officers for the 1954-55 session:—President, Mr. D. F. Ferguson; Ringing Master, Mr. Brian Tomlinson; secretary-treasurer, Miss Anne Muirhead; committee members, Miss Margaret Mitchell and Miss Ruth Jackson.

The bells of St. George's Church, Dublin, were heard on Radio Eireann (530 m. and 240 m.) on Rogation Sunday, May 23rd, at 11.45 a.m.

The quarter peal rung at Madley, Herefordshire, on April 13th, was to the memory of Mr. T. W. Duffy, and not as printed in our issue of May 7th.

For many years the representative of the Irish Association on the Central Council, Mr. 'Bob' Murphy, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, celebrated on May 26th his 54th anniversary of joining the Cathedral band. It is over 62 years since he first rang a bell at St. Canice's, Kilkenny.

Although the peal at Harrow-on-the-Hill is the first this century, it is not the first for 174 years. Since 1881 the following have been recorded, writes a correspondent:—October 11th, 1884, Grandsire Triples; May 23rd, 1885, Grandsire Triples; September 3rd, 1898, Grandsire Triples; October 15th, 1898, Stedman Triples; and October 14th, 1899, Grandsire Triples.

On Trinity Sunday the new light six bells (tenor 8 cwt.) at Stoke-next-Guildford will be dedicated. The bells were tried out for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank on May 19th and the handling was extremely good. Short touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung before lowering. A combined practice will be arranged by the Guildford District as soon as possible after dedication.

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A WONDERFUL RINGING WELCOME TO THE QUEEN

Throughout the Land the Bells Sounded

The response of ringers throughout the British Isles to the request of Parliament to honour the homecoming of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh was really wonderful. At the time of writing 121 peals have been received and the quarter peals are at least four times this number.

There was not a centre of ringing where the request was not observed. It was mainly a case of the regular Sunday bands ringing together in their own churches, but in all parts of the country, and London in particular, tours to otherwise silent belfries were arranged.

Next Wednesday, June 2nd, the first anniversary of the Coronation, will be another important ringing day, and it is to be hoped that in the evening the bells will again be manned. The public will appreciate such action.

London's welcome to the Queen was of that warmth characteristic of the heart of the Commonwealth. As the 'Britannia' came under Tower Bridge, College Youths were ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street, and the Southwark Cathedral band were ringing their greetings. As the Queen was passing towards Westminster the bells of St. Paul's could be heard in Stedman Cinques. These massive bells were also 'fired' and rung in Queen's changes.

The band then went to the Imperial Institute where a similar programme was carried out of Stedman Caters, firing and Queen's. Part of this ringing was recorded by Gaumont-British. Afterwards came ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Botolph Without, Aldgate.

The Abbey bells were rung for an hour—from approximately 2.45 p.m. onwards. Afterwards the band rang at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Stedman Cinques conducted by Mr. T. H. Francis. There were two first peals in the performance. A quarter of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

The band of St. George's, Camberwell, rang at three churches in London—St. George-the-Martyr, Borough; St. John's, Waterloo Road; and St. George's, Camberwell. As the Queen passed underneath Waterloo Bridge ringing took place at St. John's.

EAST LONDON'S WELCOME

No small part in East London's welcome to H.M. the Queen was the ringing at the local churches by members of the London County Association.

Led by the Master of the Northern District, Mr. C. A. Hughes, the party assembled at St. Mary-atte-Bow (known to London ringers as 'Bow-in-the-road'), from there to St. Mary's, Leyton, where arriving at the end of a wedding between two members of the local company, the bells rang out to speed the happy couple on their way.

At St. John's, Leytonstone, several members of the local band swelled the numbers. Next on the list came All Saints', West Ham, with its lovely old Norman tower and fine melodious ring of ten. Then All Saints', Poplar, happily now restored after extensive bomb damage. After tea the party made their various ways to the last church, St. Mary's, Chigwell.

The ringing, as befitting the occasion, was of a very high standard throughout, Stedman and Cambridge being the main methods rung.

THE FIRST WELCOME

Probably the first peal to welcome the Queen was at Prittlewell. A start was made at 8.17 a.m. and the peal was completed at 11.33. After the peal the Vicar (the Ven. E. N. Gowing) came up in the belfry and congratulated the band on a fine peal, remarking that he thought this was the first peal rung in England that day. The method was Plain Bob Major, and the composition Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, the conductor, selected was a new one by Mr. Ernest Morris. Afterwards Mr. Lufkin conducted his 200th peal at Slough.

As the Royal yacht entered Gravesend Reach on her journey home, the bells at St. George's, Gravesend, were rung by local ringers until the vessel was out of sight up river. Owing to the close proximity of the tower to the river front, it is possible that this was the first ringing welcome to be heard by the Royal party on their journey up river

A peal of Stedman Triples was in progress at St. John's Church, Erith, as the Royal yacht passed Erith. This peal started at 10.6 a.m. and finished at 1 p.m. and was one of the first welcome home peals. It was at this church that King John stopped on his way to sign Magna Carta.

Oldest ringer to participate in the ringing for the Royal Homecoming was Mr. Frank V. Sinkins, now 89½ years old. He rang the treble to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Burnham, Bucks.

DERBY'S THREE PEALS

There were three peals at Derby—Stedman Caters at the Cathedral, Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Peter's, and a third, Stedman Caters, at St. Andrew's.

At Norwich the majestic bells of St. Peter's, Mancroft, were rung to Grandsire Caters, the peal being accomplished in 3 hours and 20 minutes. Afterwards four of the band—Messrs. Nolan Golden, H. W. Barrett, Norman V. Harding and Arthur G. Bason—took part in a successful peal in the same method at King's Lynn.

Liverpool greeted the Royal homecoming with a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

The ringers of Bristol were not failing in their duty, and all the towers in the Bristol district were visited at various times during the afternoon and all the bells fully manned. A wonderful spirit of co-operation on the part of all made it a day which will long be remembered, both by the public and the ringers.

SOMETHING NEW

At Grundisburgh, Suffolk, something new was attempted in a peal of Solihull Surprise Royal. This was the first peal in the method by all the band.

In the neighbouring county of Essex a similar bold venture was taken at Halstead, with the first peal of Painswick Surprise for the Essex Association; Miss Hilda G. Snowden conducted.

The local band at Clitheroe, Lancs, rang their first peal to celebrate the return of the Queen. Miss Patricia M. Bourn scored her first peal as conductor.

Miss Ellen Parker is the first lady to call a peal at St. Cuthbert's, Halsall, Lancs. The peal was Minor in four methods.

Miss Diana Matthews, of the Suffolk Guild, will remember the homecoming. She rang in two peals and in three other towers, cycling some 25 miles.

SCHOLARS' CALL CHANGES

Ringing at St. Giles', Willenhall, Staffs, for the Queen's homecoming, was confined to call changes, writes Mr. C. Wallater. The ringers are mostly scholars of St. Giles' Senior School, five of them taking part—Eileen Davies, Linda Morgan, Sheila Wilson, Mervyn Smith and Norman Read.

The bells for the Queen's homecoming at Rodmersham, Kent, were also wedding bells. Reginald Cory, of Northampton, and Christine Franklin, of Sittingbourne, were married at the church earlier in the day.

Among those who rang at Carbis Bay were several young ringers who had also rung for the Coronation—Roger Sullivan (aged 13), Nicholas Roach (11), Peter Rogers and Evangeline Roberts (10) and John Sullivan (9).

Two of the youngest ringers on May 15th were Rodney Musson (aged 9) and David Collin (aged 11). After the peal at Silk Willoughby, Lincs, they participated in rounds and Queens.

IN THE ISLAND

After completing their quarter peal at Godshill, Isle of Wight, the local company with their wives had a tea party. A return was afterwards made to the tower, where those not in the quarter could ring on this historic occasion. They were joined by one visitor, Mrs. Morris, of Merstham, Surrey. Later ringing took place at Whitwell and Niton, villages which have not resident bands.

SURPRISE RINGING AT RUNCORN

The first Surprise Major peal by a local band was rung at Runcorn. Twelve of the band of 15 have already rung a peal this year. The band that rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major consisted of a lay reader, a verger, three church councillors, a chorister and a sidesman. On Easter Sunday 14 of the band arrived at 6.30 a.m. to ring for 7 a.m. Communion, and 13 went to the service.

St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, the Northamptonshire tower where, some years ago, a choice of six or seven Surprise Major methods could be rung for Sunday service, had the full ring going in rounds and call changes for the Queen's return. Six young ladies were among the team. The veteran A. Y. Tyler, 84 years of age, added yet another to his many Royal occasions. Only two of the old Surprise band remain in St. Peter's.

In connection with the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Stephen's, Ealing, the treble ringer, Miss Betty Nolder (aged 13), and the tenor ringer, Mr. Victor Neil (aged 64), were both successful at their first attempt. Both have taken up ringing within the last two years, and both are to be complimented on the way they rang their bells.

Mr. Maurice G. Turner rang his 250th peal at St. Matthew's, Walsall. It was also the 75th peal of Stedman Cinques for the conductor, Mr. Howard Howell.

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ROYAL HOMECOMING—Cont.

Mr. C. Frederick Jukes, who conducted his first peal at Kingswinford on May 15th, is the first ringer from this parish known to have conducted a peal. This he did in fine style although he had rung in a peal of Plain Bob Major at Netherton earlier in the day.

Among the veterans was Mr. Walter J. Newnham, of Northaw, Herts, who at the age of 76 scored his first peal of Minor.

With a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Lincoln Cathedral on May 15th, Mr. H. Lowman has rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT TRURO

There was disappointment at Truro. A peal of Grandsire Caters had to be abandoned just on three hours with less than seven courses to go, owing to one of the bells running dry. This peal would have been the first ten-bell peal in the county by a resident band. The nearest to such an achievement was in 1931, when eight of the Cathedral band scored a peal of Grandsire Caters with the assistance of Mr. T. G. Myers and the late Charles R. Lilley. The band on May 15th was:— H. C. Spencer (conductor) 1, Mrs. J. M. Simpkin 2, A. H. Eplett 3, Mary Matthews 4, G. W. Taysom 5, C. W. Jose 6, H. Harper 7, Rev. A. S. Roberts 8, A. Carveth 9, C. K. Brewer 10.

At Tunbridge Wells a peal of Double Norwich was planned. Unfortunately one of the band, who works for British Railways, was shunted into a siding and failed to make contact with the band. A quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor was substituted.

Not only the bells of Canterbury city rang their welcome home to the Queen but also those in surrounding villages, including Hernhill and Boughton-under-Blean. Faversham Parish Church bells were also rung.

Among the abortive peal attempts was one of Plain Bob Major at Twyford, Berks. It was lost in the first course of the second half after ringing a superb first half which was most worthy of the great occasion.

At Chester ringing commenced when the Royal party set foot on land, and in this connection portable wireless sets played an important part. The ringing was at the Cathedral, St. Mary-without-the-Walls, St. Mary-within-the-Walls and All Saints', Hoole, in fact at all towers where ringing was possible.

The Royal homecoming coincided with the 78th birthday of Mrs. W. Gorringe, of Milton-next-Gravesend. She was remembered in the quarter peal on the 15th in which her husband participated.

Sunday service bands were in evidence. At Runcorn, Cambridge Surprise Major was rung, at Selly Oak Grandsire Triples (with one last-minute exception) and at Kelvedon, Essex, Minor in four methods.

TRAGEDY OF A BROKEN KEY

The afternoon of May 15th was carefully planned by the ringers at Sileby, Leics. They arrived at 2.50 so as to start ringing when the Queen stepped ashore. Alas! the key broke in the lock of the door to the ringing chamber. A frantic rush was made to local hardware dealers and joiners for a duplicate key but one that would fit the lock could not be found. Eventually, after an hour's struggling, the stout lock was forced.

Ringing started with 'fiiring' the bells 21 times in Royal Salute. The 14 ringers present then took part in various touches. Later, joined by the Vicar and churchwardens and wives and mothers, a company of 25 sat down to a substantial tea arranged by the captain, Mr. W. W. Draper. After tea 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by E. Draper 1, G. Walker 2, D. Lewin 3, W. Swan 4, W. W. Draper (conductor) 5, covering bells T. Dexter, M. White and L. Lovett.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Membership Maintained at 1,606

THE annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Doncaster on Saturday, May 1st, when, following a week of grey skies, the sun shone brilliantly to add a lustre to the event. The crowds in the town were reminiscent of a race-day gathering, and at one juncture the secretary was virtually 'in the scrum' and only by using his 'blackout' knowledge of the back streets did he manage to arrive at the appointed 'spot' in time.

A fanfare of London Surprise Major poured down from the fine Taylor eight with its 30-cwt. tenor hung high up in the cathedral-like bell tower, punctuated by an animated commentary going on simultaneously among a crowd gathered around a radio and television dealer's shop to see and hear the soccer cup final for nothing. The fact that London Surprise Major was being rung didn't mean a thing to them, and indeed it was evident from a few chance remarks one heard in passing that some people do not seem to have the same affectionate regard for the bells as the bellringer!

Following a brief ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar of Doncaster (Canon H. G. G. Herklots), tea was served in the Memorial Hall, and as the Vicar had another appointment, Mr. H. Lofthouse proposed, and Mr. N. Chaddock seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and kind co-operation in arranging the meeting. This was carried with applause.

In reply, Canon Herklots said he was pleased to welcome the Association to Doncaster and wished them every success. He regarded bells as an essential part of English life, and this was even exemplified in some rural villages that could only boast of one small bell.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. W. Dale, W. Barton and J. Ambler.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements, and the ladies who officiated at the tea tables, was moved by Mr. H. Walker, who said he was pleased indeed to have the opportunity, as 25 years ago he was a member of the Doncaster band. This was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried unanimously. Mr. F. A. Staveley acknowledged, adding that it had been a pleasure and he was glad to see that the meeting was so great a success.

SEVENTY-ONE NEW MEMBERS

The president then presented the Association's 78th annual report, which stated although there was a reduction of one in the number of peals rung, no fewer than 127 members had rung their first peal in particular methods, and this was a healthy sign.

By a strange coincidence the membership remained the same as last year, namely 1,606 members, the 71 new members being balanced by the lapsing of 63 old ones and the death of eight others. The death of Mr. J. W. Cundall, of Bradford, who joined the Association in 1887, was regretted.

The committee commended to all members, in the strongest terms, the appeal of 'The Ringing World' for more postal subscribers. 'It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of our official journal to the Exercise in general and the art of ringing in particular, and we hope that in Yorkshire, at least, postal subscribers will quickly become the rule rather than the exception.'

The peal secretary's report stated that 76 tower-bell and ten handbell peals had been rung and 25 members had rung their first peal. Methods new to the Association were Biddenden Surprise Major, Warwickshire Surprise Major and St. Clement's Triples.

The highest peal scorer for 1953 was Mr. W. E. Critchley with 26, who was also the leading conductor with 15. Mr. Howard Scott, of Adwick-le-Street, rang 22 peals. Mr. W. F. Moreton had conducted ten peals.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next business was the re-election of president. Mr. L. W. G. Morris rose to move the re-election of the Ven. C. O. Ellison on behalf of the committee. Mr. Morris pointed out that no other nominations had been received, and the committee were unanimous in recommending the re-election of their president, who, notwithstanding the many additional tasks that now fell to his lot, had graciously consented to allow his name to go forward as their nominee. Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, and the general secretary then put it to the meeting, which carried the motion with great applause.

In acknowledgment, the president thanked the mover and seconder for their kind words, and also the meeting for the enthusiastic way in which they had re-elected him. He had told the committee that he found he could not attend as many District meetings as his predecessor, but he still had the same keen interest in the welfare of the Association and would do all in his power to maintain and further their interest at all times..

The next business was the election of the hon. peal secretary, who retires annually. Mr. H. Walker moved, and Mr. H. Chant seconded, the re-election of Mr W. E. Critchley. This was carried unanimously.

After some discussion regarding the place and date of the next meeting, Mr. H. Walker moved, and Mr. A. Firth seconded, that it be held at Scarborough on September 18th if the necessary arrangements could be made. This was carried.

Mr. F. A. Staveley gave a brief report regarding the Snowdon Dinner, which the Doncaster company have kindly undertaken to arrange this year on October 30th.

The following new members were elected:— Messrs. Wilfrid Williams (London), G. E. Foster (Southwell), G. Challans (Worksop) as out-county members, and Mr. H. Naylor, Miss E. Bouckley, Mrs. D. Whitaker (Wakefield) and Mr. L. Smith (Ecclesfield) as resident ringing members. Mr. E. T. Paul Field (Buckland Newton, Dorset) was elected a life member.

Reference was made to the recent diamond wedding celebration by Mr. and Mrs. George Halksworth, now resident at Scarborough, at the respective ages of 88 and 82. Mr. Halksworth was a member of the Doncaster company for many years, and at one time its leader.

The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Fred Hutchinson, formerly of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, for some years secretary of the Western District, who was interred the previous Monday.

This concluded the business, and further ringing took place in a variety of methods, bringing to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting. L. W. G. M.

ANNIVERSARY OF CORONATION

Dear Sir,—In a letter published a few weeks ago I made two suggestions, one of which has —mainly through other agencies—been carried into effect. The bells of our country have given a right royal welcome to the Queen on her return. It remains to commend to the attention of your readers the other suggestion, that ringers throughout the land should celebrate Coronation Day on Wednesday, June 2nd.— Yours sincerely,

J. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THREE TOPICS

Dear Sir,—This letter touches on some recent issues in your columns.

(1) Anonymous Letters.—It has been stated that there was very little objection raised when the ban was put on, but it should be noted that lack of criticism does not necessarily imply agreement. It may, as in my case, indicate nothing more than laziness, but, having overcome my lethargy, I must protest strongly if belatedly. The writer's name and address must, of course, be known to the Editor, but pennames should be allowed.

(2) Instruction.—The most brilliant instructor can do little with ringers who do not study at home. We have all seen people who took up change ringing late in life progress rapidly, and younger people under the same instructor who made virtually no progress, the difference being in the amount of study they put in. If this causes a row in our tower, blame the fact that I have to identify myself and cannot write under a pen-name.

(3) Price of 'Ringing World.'—I have never understood why readers who pay in advance should have to pay extra; a further increase in price for postal subscribers might well kill the goose that is laying the golden eggs. If, however, the price of copies through the newsagent were raised to the figure paid by postal subscribers, some might have it by post (thus increasing the profit to 'The Ringing World'), some would continue to have it through the newsagent at the increased price, and those who discontinued it would take very little profit from the funds—½d. a copy, is it?

The balance, I suggest, should be made up by annual subscriptions from the Guilds and Associations, whose funds are derived partly from those ringers who do not take the paper, but who have an interest, whether they appreciate it or not, in its continued existence.—Yours faithfully,

L. J. MALINGS.

Porthkerry, Glam.

PEAL CHARGE GROSSLY UNFAIR

Dear Sir,—I note in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' a suggestion from two different correspondents to rescue the finances of the journal by making a charge for the publishing of peal reports. I hope this will be resisted and indeed rejected by the Central Council. In my opinion, the idea savours of gross unfairness, as it would allow the greater majority of readers to enjoy a paper at its present price, subsidised by a few.

The number of ringers whose names appear in peal reports each week is very small in proportion to the total subscribers, and perhaps few of them would object to a small payment had this been the usual practice right from the inception of the paper, but to attempt to impose it now is to suggest that only successful peal ringers should dip in their pockets to keep the weekly journal going. One wonders, too, if there is not rising again that age-old desire on the part of some non-peal ringers to 'get at' those who ring peals, as one of your correspondents, T. V. Lister, is a self-admitted non-pealer.

And how nice for him, too, to be able to achieve a double desire: i.e., to soak the peal ringer and at the same time obtain for 4d. a week his enlarged paper with all his favourite features. Perhaps we may even find room for other features sported by the modern national Press, such as Woman's Page, Gardening Hints, perhaps even a strip cartoon, and also, who knows, maybe a little more space for, shall we say, acrimonious correspondence? — Yours faithfully,

C. BRETT-SMITH.

Erith, Kent.

A PAGE FOR YOUTH WANTED

Dear Sir,—I have had 'The Ringing World' for many years and hope for many years more as a reader even if it means a higher price. Nevertheless, I am strongly opposed to raising the price as I am unconvinced of it having the desired effect.

I have rung extensively in the Eastern Counties and beyond and found 'The Ringing World' in many remote and less popular towers. Many copies go to them regularly, towers that don't get much encouragement from outsiders or are not considered worthy of a visit by some of the elect. I can't see such as they carrying on at a higher price.

We have plenty of youth in the Exercise. I have seen many a keen youngster trying to find something of interest; it isn't there and so a customer is lost. Were a whole page to be given over to the young folk, reports of progress, simple articles they could understand, sometimes a photo, I feel a large potential of new readers would be secured.

I like Mr. Bennett's recent suggestion whereby the Guilds support financially 'The Ringing World.'

Retain the frontispiece by all means, but let us have a front page picture of some fine old parish church (taking all the counties in rotation week by week with a few remarks on its features and bells). A peal levy? No! I don't ring many myself, but enjoy reading the activities of others.

ARCHIE A. FITCH.

Sudbury.

PEALS ARE NEWS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Lister's letter in a recent issue, I disagree strongly with his idea. I am not a peal ringer myself, but I get a lot of interest by scanning the peal columns week by week, searching for peals rung in Devon or by certain well-known peal ringers, who visit this place year by year.

To cut the peal columns down to make space for crossword puzzles, serials and suchlike is an outrageous idea; one can find plenty of these things in daily newspapers without cluttering up this excellent magazine with them.—Yours sincerely,

D. JEWELL.

Combe Martin, North Devon.

WHY NOT NOTES FOR GARDENERS?

Dear Sir,—We are indeed fortunate in having an Editor with sufficient good sense to abbreviate Mr. T. V. Lister's letter to 'salient' points.

It would appear that Mr. Lister would have no peal reports without payment and, presumably, fill the inevitable spare pages with crossword puzzles. This arrangement would destroy completely the historical reference value of 'The Ringing World,' so why not throw in a few notes for gardeners too? No one with any sense of proportion could deny the peal ringers four pages of out of sixteen, and surely they should not be penalised because a very half-hearted ringer wants crossword puzzles.—Yours sincerely.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Kettering.

BIRMINGHAM PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I would like to put on record that I wish my name to be withdrawn from the 'peal' of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Birmingham Cathedral on April 22nd. Corrections were made which, in my opinion, do not justify calling the performance a 'true' peal. The conductor was informed of my disapproval on completion of the ringing.—Yours sincerely,

TERRY R. HAMPTON.

Sutton Coldfield.

'THE COUP DE GRACE? A SIXPENNY "RINGING WORLD"'

Dear Sir,—What a letter. The one redeeming feature: it was not anonymous. Whilst I have the greatest respect for the other chap's opinion if it is a fair one, I think the letter on the above was definitely not; so I make no apology if I write strongly. I don't think it would have mattered if it had been totally abbreviated. It is not our journal that is sick, it is men's minds, which sometimes warp their opinions.

I think the reference to 2d. being the worth of 'The Ringing World' was an insult to the intelligence of the one who wrote it. 'The Ringing World' is more animate to-day than ever it was. 'If "it" ever goes up to 6d., etc., it will cease to enter my house.' What an utterance: what a spirit: I hope we have not many with such a spirit.

Do they want our paper filling with comic strips? Perhaps they would also like a page of 'form.' They want a great deal for 2d. Our paper is, what its name implies and fully represents, 'The Ringing World.'

Have the two 'non-peal ringers' thought seriously what those three or four pages of peals and quarter peals mean to all those ringers, including 'firsts,' and firsts in the method, which have taken months to learn and perfect? Have they thought what those peals and quarters have meant in visiting famous churches and rings in towns and cities? What about the first 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500's together, for Guild and Association, and the few 1,000's. What have they meant in friendships? My own 15 peals—you would not exactly call it peal-grabbing—have meant some of the happiest hours of my latter 65 years; and to see two in the same 'Ringing World' on two occasions, well, ask some of the other ringers if it was not a thrill.

The 'vandals' could not even leave 'The Obituary' alone. The last tribute often to a life of public service to their fellow-men and the Exercise.—Yours faithfully.

Crewe. W. FRANK STENSON.

THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RINGING

Dear Sir, — I heartily disagree with Mr. Lister's letter regarding the price of 'The Ringing World.' If a ringer (especially a peal ringer, which Mr. Lister admits he is not) begrudges 6d. for the sole paper for ringers, he cannot really be a ringer at heart.

Peals are the greatest achievement in ringing, therefore they should be given first place in the ringing paper.

I agree that peals and 'quarters' should have a charge for entry, but some towers give a voluntary subscription.

Mr. Lister expresses the opinion that we should have a crossword and a serial. We want a ringer's paper, not a national 'rag.'

The only thing that 'The Ringing World' lacks in 1954 taste is the heading on page one. Change this, and we shall have a first-class ringers' paper. If the price is raised we shall have a first-class financially 'healthy' paper.—Yours faithfully, R. MARCH.

Evercreech, Somerset.

Presentation to Miss P. A. Martin

At a meeting held on May 8th the president of the Hertfordshire County Association, Mr. Joe Hobbs, presented a handsome brooch to Miss Pamela Martin as a token of the Western District's appreciation of her good work during her term of office as District secretary.

Mr. Hobbs recalled the progress that had been made in the District in recent years and emphasised that much of the credit must go to Miss Martin, who had given so much of her time to ringing affairs. In particular, Miss Martin had been a prime mover in the social activities of the Western District, and her organising ability had established the annual social as a regular feature of the ringing calendar in West Herts.

QUARTER PEALS FOR THE RETURN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II MAY 15, 1954

ABERGELE, DENBIGHS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Goodwin 1, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 2, L. J. Evans 3, J. P. Griffiths 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, P. Handley 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Dix (first quarter) 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. Messenger 3, F. White 4, H. C. White 5, G. Holifield (cond.) 6, F. A. White 7, F. Absolam 8.

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. A. Bolton (first of Minor) 1, W. Hunt 2, Miss P. V. Holloway (first of Minor) 3, B. C. Castle 4, L. Hall 5, H. Smith (cond.) 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Bob Triples: P. Stacey (first quarter) 1, L. Hughes 2, R. Castledine (first as cond.) 3, P. Hutton 4, C. Harwood 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, D. Sutcliffe 8.

BARMING, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. E. Manser 1, W. Manser 2, L. Culvin (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, L. J. Honess 5, H. J. Manser 6.

BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On May 15th, 600 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Oxford Treble Bob, 60 Bob Minor: L. W. Carbutt 1, R. Crossland (cond.) 2, J. Crossland 3, Rev. G. G. Woodhead 4, S. Fielding 5, H. Mann 6.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Clubb (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Lloyd (first quarter) 2, Mrs. B. Laing 3, P. J. L. Purslow 4, R. G. Davies 5, A. G. Owen 6, W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 7, W. Jones (first of Triples) 8.

BILTON, RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Taylor 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Mrs. C. M. Cocks 3, Phyllis Burnell 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, A. Campden 6.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. A. Pratt (first quarter) 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Miss B. M. Candler 3, D. Parker 4, H. A. Pratt (cond.) 5. Also 720 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Boniface 1, F. Partner 2, H. A. Pratt 3, D. Parker 4, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 5

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Minton 1, R. Billings 2, Mrs. T. Rushton 3, F. C. Preece 4, T. Rushton (cond.) 5, G. Tong 6.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Shaw 1, A. Helliwell 2, S. Harrison 3, J. R. Brearley 4, V. C. Copley 5, W. Harrison 6, D. W. Brearley 7, J. A. Brearley (cond.) 8.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew's, 120 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire). G. Hill 1, H. Hill 2, W. Nutt (cond.) 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward 5, J. Lane 6.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, on May 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Christine Pedder 1, H. D. Schofield 2, Mrs. M. Evens 3, Mrs. H. D. Schofield 4, G. Ingram 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Grandsire, 360 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 240 New, 60 Stedman): A. Lathall 1, W. French 2, E. Whitlock (cond.) 3, A. May 4, A. Coley 5, F. Watson 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. D. R. Bryant 1, D. W. Davies 2, G. H. Underhill 3, C. M. Davies 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, E. W. Coles 6, D. W. Evans 7, H. Preece 8. Rung with 1 and 2 leading.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Pedler (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, J. Pedler 2, V. J. Williams 3, G. Nichols (first 'inside') 4, A. C. Baker 5, J. M. Stallard 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, V. L. Lucas 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Pratt 1, Mrs. E. Jarvis 2, C. Barker 3, H. G. Pelton 4, T. Earle 5, S. Bones 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On May 15th, 780 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela Cusden 1, A. Atkins 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Harmsworth 4, J. Morley (cond.) 5, A. Tayler 6.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Sinkins (89½) 1, Freda Muskitt 2, C. A. Burgess 3, G. W. Limmer 4, Audrey Smallbone 5, B. Lister 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Norsworthy 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Latham 1, H. Hedgetts 2, J. R. Southey (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. E. R. Evans 4, L. J. North 5, N. Jenkins 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,264 Grandsire Doubles: I. Eales 1, H. Edwards (cond.) 2, E. Yates 3, W. Dillow 4, J. Chance 5, A. Daniels 6.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: T. Yeomans 1, W. Heath 2, Miss J. Stephens (first of Caters) 3, F. Hannington 4, H. Cassel 5, L. Mullard 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, L. Hulbert 8, W. Dare 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, S. Moody 2, H. Long 3, H. P. James 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. Upton 6, C. A. Drake 7, W. G. Scott 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, C. A. Drake 2, H. Long 3, H. P. James 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, W. G. Scott 8.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Sumner 1, H. Goakes 2, L. Sharpe 3, B. Ball 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5, J. Coulson 6.

CHAILEY, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Pratt 1, H. Turner 2, P. Tompsett 3, I. Heasman 4, A. Turner 5, S. Brook 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Cox 1, Miss A. Pannell 2, J. Pannell 3, J. Webster 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, S. Manger (first quarter) 6.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. A. Bayles 1, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 2, F. Sheraton 3, J. W. Robson 4, R. Chicken 5, C. Mordue 6, S. C. Walker 7, Miss J. Hagan 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. C. Cuthbert (first quarter) 1, H. J. Mudd (first quarter) 2, Miss J. Pilkington (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. J. Bratley 4, C. S. Rew (first as cond.) 5, T. E. Creech (first quarter, aged 12 years) 6, T. J. Farmer 7, A. J. Clifford 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 as cover bells.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Courtman 1, G. Goodson 2, C. Jones 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, F. Hinton 5, N. Haycock 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, C. Jones 4, E. Drew (cond.) 5, G. Goodson 6, F. Hinton 7, N. Haycock 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, All Saints', Plain Bob, Candlesby, Boxford, Grandsire, Chase, St. Martin's and Union): M. Howard 1, A. Bird 2, W. Butler 3, G. Herd 4, J. Brooks 5. First in 14 methods by all. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

CLUN, SALOP.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Bill 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, Mrs. J. Russell 3, Mrs. I. C. Hazelhurst 4, E. O. Davies (cond.) 5, H. H. Davies 6, G. Griffiths 7, J. Bufton 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. First quarter for all except 4 and 5, and first quarter by a local band.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. R. Fray 1, C. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Fray 3, A. H. Rogers 4, A. N. Church 5, C. H. Parsons 6.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew's, 120 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. Price 1, H. Hill 2, W. Nutt 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (first as cond.) 5, J. Lane 6. First quarter in five methods of Doubles by all.

COLGRAVE, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Sheppard (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, J. Pailing 3, D. Mottershead (cond.) 4, F. A. Salter 5, L. Henson (first 'inside') 6.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, C. Hague 2, Susan Dinsdale 3, G. Smith 4, Elsa Murray 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, C. Maxfield 8.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. J. M. Ouless (first of Minor) 1, R. E. Old 2, J. M. Nash 3, J. G. Chapman 4, M. J.: Bushell (first 'inside') 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6.

DALTON, LANCS.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, W. Wall 2, J. Askew 3, J. Bagnall 4, A. Capstick 5, R. Suart 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire), with 4, 6, 8 covering: Miss B. Nelson (13) 1, D. Gebbett 2, Miss E. Foulke 3, Miss V. Horton (15) 4, F. W. Stone 5, J. MacArthur 6, M. Hatch (cond.) 7, G. Baker 8. Rung by the Duffield Society.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Fletcher 1, Ruth Russell 2, Evelyn Fletcher 3, W. Mumford 4, J. Atkins 5, A. Timmins (cond.) 6, J. Lindon 7, R. Russell 8.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On May 15th 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. M. Warris 1, H. E. Clayton 2, D. J. Ward 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, R. G. Ouston 5, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Lindegren (first quarter) 1, A. Harris (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Fellows 3, P. J. Morton 4, A. Ager 5, M. G. Morton (cond.) 6.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, R. Crago 2, D. Lee 3, D. Hill 4, J. Nicholls 5, R. March 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, F. Field 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Tumber (first quarter) 1, Margaret Howard 2, Gladys Anderson 3, A. S. Besant 4, C. W. Munday 5, R. C. Spittle (cond.) 6, J. E. Beams 7, G. Hill 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On May 15th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, A. Goodall (first in method) 4, A. Warren 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Dixon 1, J. Dickinson 2, N. M. Newby (cond.) 3, J. Mackereth (first quarter) 4, T. Metcalfe 5, A. Edgar 6.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Smith 1, F. White 2, H. Nutt 3, L. Dawson (cond.) 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. The bells were 'fired' first as a 21-gun salute.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Black 1, R. F. Turner 2, R. G. Black (cond.) 3, C. W. Bird 4, A. Warren 5.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, S. Hollis 2, E. Thorne 3, C. Callaway 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, L. Bailey 6.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Miss Susan Harrop 2, H. Drake 3, E. Philpot 4, N. Ling 5, J. J. Taylor 6, A. H. Hawcroft 7, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 8.

GORSEINON, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: W. Meredith 1, W. Dobbins 2, J. T. Williams (cond.) 3, J. Edney 4, R. Dobbins 5, Miss Pat Rees 6, J. A. Hoare 7, Miss T. Burns 8.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Hartland 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Miss R. Moore 3, H. Gauntlett 4, J. Rowe 5, G. Yarborough 6, P. Stevens 7, G. West 8. First quarter by 3, 7 and 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Ainger (first quarter) 1, G. Green 2, L. Ainger 3, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Stapleton 1, G. Seth 2, J. R. Smith 3, C. Clarke 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. R. Reeve 6.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, E. Piper 5, E. Percival 6, S. Piper 7, J. W. Dyer (cond.) 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, on May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. W. White 1, Mrs. Audrey White 2, W. J. Robinson 3, A. Pendlebury 4, H. Hulton 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, C. A. Hopner 7, F. A. Munday (cond.) 8.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, with covering bell: M. A. Heaten 1, J. P. Cooper 2, J. D. Armitage 3, E. H. Simpson 4, A. C. Walsh 5, A. Wear (first quarter as cond.) 6, G. Dixon 7.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On May 15th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: M. Lambert 1, P. Harrison 2, J. J. L. Gilbert 3, Mrs. D. E. Kelly 4, Miss E. Bates 5, F. Cardwell 6, W. H. Taylor 7, J. E. Turley (cond.) 8.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Waters 1, Miss M. C. Howe 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, C. W. Simpson 4, J. M. G. Anthony 5, B. J. Graves 6, C. E. Slade 7, B. W. Huntley 8. First quarter for 5 and 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, D. J. Taylor 4, H. D. Butler 5, R. G. Ouston (first quarter on 8) 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. G. Hart 8.

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HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Stevenson 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, Miss M. Goode 3, Miss M. Cox 4, C. N. Pearson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, J. S. Clark 8. The bells were 'fired,' some touches and Queen's were rung. Others taking part in ringing were Mrs. A. Pearson, Miss E. Pearson, Miss M. Bowden, Miss A. Bowyer, Miss A. Easton, Miss J. Miles, G. Sexton and J. B. Sidebotham.

HEENE, WORTHING.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashdown 1, D. Smith 2, Miss P. Craigs 3, Miss J. Clements 4, R. Wilson 5, H. Weaver 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, R. Black 8.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hurlstone (first quarter) 1, N. Fudge 2, Miss R. Foreman (cond.) 3, G. Pratchett (first 'inside') 4, D. T. C. Smith 5, H. Arnold 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Beacham (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, J. Naish 3, J. Brooks 4, W. J. Gait (cond.), Betty Bird 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. G. Richardson 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, J. Fowler 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On May 15th, 600 Oxford Treble Bob, 600 Kent Treble Bob, 60 Bob Minor: R. Crossland 1, I. Crossland (cond.) 2, L. W. Carbutt 3, P. Carbutt 4, S. Fielding 5, H. Mann 6.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, P. Robinson 2, D. Fagg (first quarter 'inside') 3, S. A. Hill 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LEA, LINCS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. A. Lunn 1, L. A. Lunn (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Grey 3, C. H. Baker 4, N. B. Thurlby 5, G. W. Hudson 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda M. Harry (first quarter) 1, P. A. Clifton 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, S. Wade 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, R. Richards 6.

LLANELLY, CARMS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, G. Francis 2, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 3, L. Hurren 4, E. Parmenter 5, J. C. Hurren 6.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): A. Bridges 1, P. Gagen 2, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 3, E. Barker 4, Cyril Cousins 5, C. Cousins 6.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Rolls 1, B. McCleary 2, R. Lidbury 3, Audrey Smallbone 4, Diane Spice 5, Doreen Hayne (cond.) 6, P. Aslett 7, J. Norsworth 8. Rung by the local band.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On May 15th, 1,320 Doubles (four extents of Stedman, four Grandsire, three Plain Bob): M. Jefferies 1, E. Palmer 2, W. Wayman 3, J. W. Jefferies 4, J. G. Jefferies 5, T. Jefferies 6. First quarter of Doubles by all.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, Miss P. Moon 2, A. W. Palmer 3, F. S. Parsons 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Day 1, F. J. Stimson 2, R. Hill 3, J. A. Fenton (cond.) 4, F. Shepheard 5, T. Templeton 6, R. Manton 7, J. Day 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Mitchell 1, Ronald Constant 2, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 3, J. Burles 4, H. Argent 5, F. A. Mitchell 6, R. A. Constant (cond.) 7, W. Gorringe 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, J. Lewis 2, M. J. Soper 3, R. Fraser 4, T. Pink (cond.) 5, C. King 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Frost (first quarter, aged 13), P. H. Wright 2, M. Wright 3, H. Franklin 4, W. Swain 5, E. G. Holdgate (cond.) 6.

NEWCHURCH, LANCS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Leatherbarrow (cond.) 1, Mrs. A. S. Mason (first quarter) 2, W. Gould 3, A. Cowan 4, E. Leatherbarrow 5, S. Leatherbarrow 6.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stratton 1, E. Lathall 2, R. Evans 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Abrams 5, C. Sapwell 6, R. Hall 7, C. Wilson 8.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): T. Sewell 1, Miss M. A. Softley 2, C. McGuiness 3, Miss M. Gibson 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, S. Thompson 6. First quarter peal on the bells for 20 years.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Farey 1, E. Foster 2, T. Bass 3, W. J. Allen 4, W. Robinson 5, W. Atterbury 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, F. Farey 8.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 each of Stedman and Plain with 540 Grandsire): Mrs. C. Woodgate 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, J. Fowler 5, W. J. Carter 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. L. Boore 1, W. Welling 2, A. Cross 3, C. Watson 4, D. W. Stone (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, R. B. Wawman 6. First of Doubles for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Pickles (first quarter) 1, Jean Stewart (first quarter) 2, Joan Mountain 3, Claire Mountain 4, R. M. V. Manning (first as cond.) 5, W. M. Bellerby 6.

OVERTON, WILTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fuller (first quarter) 1, J. Buckley 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Cook 4, G. Newman 5, F. Read (cond.) 6.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On May 15th, 60 Bob Minor, 600 Oxford Treble Bob, 600 Kent Treble Bob): A. Champion 1, I. Crossland 2, R. Crossland (cond.) 3, L. W. Carbutt 4, S. Fielding 5, H. Mann 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At the Church of Emmanuel, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Hough 1, F. E. Day (first 'inside') 2, A. S. Weatherley 3, H. H. Thomas 4, J. P. Sims (cond.) 5, H. O. Thomas 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On May 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, A. York-Bramble 2, R. H. R. Parker 3, F. W. Burnett 4, R. Baldwin (first in the method) 5, T. R. Taylor 6, R. G. Leale (first in the method as cond.) 7, F. E. Edwards 8. Rung during the passage of the Royal Yacht through Spithead.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Fairbairn (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, A. J. Slade (cond.) 4, H. Corben 5, H. Cornick 6.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitemore 1, D. Smith 2, A. A. Hillier 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew's, 120 Reverse Canterbury): Miss S. A. Alexander (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Miss M. R. Cross 2, Miss L. R. Binnington 3, A. R. Pink (cond.) 4, W. G. Cudd 5, B. Gaskell (aged 13) 6

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Grandsire, 360 April Day, 540 Plain Bob): A. Jones 1, R. Thatcher 2, E. Brown 3, D. Hoare (cond.) 4, F. Carter 5, H. Griffin 6.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Burling 1, Miss D. Shaw 2, F. Pickering 3, D. Brunt 4, G. R. Hiner 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 4.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Mayers 2, D. Hopkins 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. H. Inwood 6, G. Oliver 7, M. A. Northover 8.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Collis 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, P. Handley 4, I. P. Griffiths 5, C. Powell 6, L. J. Evans (cond.) 7, S. Williams 8

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On May 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Ives (first of Major) 1, Elsie Savory 2, C. Poulter 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Bunce 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Picthall 8.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. D. R. Bryant 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. W. Evans 4, E. W. Coles 5, D. W. Davies 6.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Gullick (cond.) 1, Miss P. Dodds (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, A. Jackson 4, W. Brown 5, A. C. Harris 6.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Wightman (first quarter) 1, W. J. Paice 2, L. W. Paice 3, F. Cooper 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

SILKSTONE, YORKS.—On May 15th, 600 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Oxford Treble Bob, 60 Bob Minor: L. W. Carbutt 1, R. Crossland 2, I. Crossland (cond.) 3, P. Carbutt 4, S. Fielding 5, H. Mann 6.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,440 London and Cambridge Spliced Surprise Minor: Miss L. Ridsdale 1, Miss D. Appleton 2, Miss A. Robinson 3, T. Jefferson 4, G. Crame 5, G. A. Robinson (comp. and cond.) 6, C. Robinson 7.

SKETTY, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Pat Whitworth 1, J. Edney 2, R. Dobbins 3, J. Solly 4, J. T. Williams 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 7, Miss T. Burns 8. First quarter of Triples by 1, 2, 4 and 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tapley 1, C. Clarke 2, W. Seldon 3, A. Gooding 4, W. Panter 5, G. E. Retter 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, H. W. Wittering 3, A. Jackson 4, W. Brown 5, A. C. Harris 6, D. L. Gullick (cond.) 7, H. A. Cooper 8. First of Triples for 2, 4 and 6.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (being 600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): J. Phillips 1, Miss B. J. Daysh 2, J. A. C. King 3, A. Tumber 4, R. F. Blewer (cond.) 5.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Toombs 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls (cond.) 3, B. F. Cookson 4, W. H. Cooper 5, R. Cooper 6. First quarter in the method by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. First as conductor Grandsire Doubles.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Honey 1, Miss M. Sparks (first quarter 'inside') 2, James Honey 3, Jonathan Honey 4, A. R. Pink (cond.) 5, W. G. Cudd 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On May 15th, at Christ Church, 1,265 Stedman Caters: W. Daniell 1, C. J. Gardner 2, P. Manning 3, R. G. Townsend 4, H. Bishop 5, J. Berry 6, G. Wells 7, F. G. Wilton 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: J. H. Jones 1, K. R. Foot 2, C. A. Brettell 3, J. W. Jones 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5, Miss J. A. Easton 6, J. Foot 7, T. W. Hughes 8. First quarter for 2 and 6.

TARLETON, LANCS.—On May 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Nash 1, T. Barker 2, G. A. Dimmock 3, L. Walmsley 4, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 5, S. Philbrick 6, W. K. Martin 7, F. Stead 8. First of Surprise Major for 7 and 8.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Black 1, Miss D. Saunders 2, Miss J. Clement 3, D. Smith 4, H. Weaver 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6. Rung after a peal attempt.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 540 St. Clement's): A. Bridges 1, P. Gagen 2, E. Barker 3, W. W. Cousins 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. E. Perry 1, R. A. Cockrane 2, C. C. Stubbington 3, T. G. Warchand 4, Wm. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, C. Geeves 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Leask 1, John Thorley 2, T. D. Leask 3, C. T. Leask 4, James Thorley 5, D. Thorley 6, E. Thorley 7, C. Thorley (cond.) 8.

TONG, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Chapman (first quarter) 1, A. E. Marsh 2, Mary Shearsmith 3, J. W. Gibson 4, B. Sullivan 5, G. Benfield (cond.) 6.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. B. Thorpe 1, Miss J. A. Neal Smith 2, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 3, M. D. Hill Brown 4, A. J. Muir 5, J. E. Herleecq 6, D. Hill Brown (first as cond.) 7, H. P. Willis 8. First quarter by all the band except the conductor. All are members of the local band.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—On May 15th, at St. Hilary's Church, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. Jones (first quarter) 1, Joyce M. Rogers (first 'inside') Joan M. Webster 3, Marjorie E. Webster 4, Vivian T. O. Boase (first as cond.) 5, E. A. Webster 6.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Collings 1, R. Castledine 2, C. Harwood 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, P. Mchew 5, E. Buck (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Minor by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

WALMER, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Woodcock 1, M. Hawkins 2, J. Penfold 3, Miss J. Wells 4, A. C. Rye 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, F. A. Rye (cond.) 7, H. E. Axon 8.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On May 16th, at All Saints' Church, Stranton, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. James (first quarter) 1, H. L. Nielsen 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Miss M. James 4, C. Ford 5, Mrs. K. Lawson 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, W. Maughan 8.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,500 Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court: G. R. French 1, G. R. Bury 2, H. J. Vince 3, H. Hall 4, J. W. H. Preastner (cond.) 5, A. S. Pipe 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Briggs 1, J. Gooding 2, June Gooding 3, D. Gooding 4, J. H. Glanvill 5, L. K. Dawe 6, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 7, H. Miller 8. Rung on the back six, 1 and 2 leading. First quarter on the bells by a local service band. First quarter peal by all except the conductor.

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. D. Bettridge 1, Miss L. G. Fox 2, J. L. Morris 3, B. R. Allen 4, W. Vince 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet R. French 1, Barbara Monk (first quarter) 2, S. Petter 3, H. Rance 4, Joyce B. Short 5, Eileen M. Turner (cond.) 6, E. J. Wells 7, G. Enever 8.

YORK MINSTER.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, on the middle octave: F. Darbourne 1, S. H. Steel 2, F. Atkinson 3, D. Holland 4, D. Forth 5, H. Forden 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, J. Bower 8. This was followed by two courses of Grandsire Caters, part of which was broadcast by the B.B.C.

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS A RINGER

Presentation to Mr. Herbert Rowley

On Saturday, May 8th, the Horbury company entertained the Barnsley and District Society on the occasion of a presentation to their 85-year-old captain, Mr. Herbert Rowley, who has completed 65 years' regular service ringing at St. Peter's Church.

During the morning a team from the Barnsley Society repeated the first peal which Herbert rang (and conducted) on January 7th, 1894.

Throughout the afternoon touches to suit all tastes were rung until 5 p.m., when tea was served to 55 ringers and friends.

Following the tea tributes to Mr. Rowley's qualities in various walks of life were paid by Mr. B. Kenyon (clerk to the West Riding County Council), who presided, Councillor E. Briggs, J.P. (chairman of Horbury Urban District Council), Mr. D. Armitage (a churchwarden) and Mr. J. W. Milner (a local ringer), who asked Mr. Rowley to accept a fireside chair from his fellow ringers and friends.

During the ceremony messages of goodwill and congratulations from the Bishop of Wakefield, the Ven. C. O. Ellison (president of Yorkshire Association), the Vicar of Horbury (who was ill) and some of the local company who are at present away from home were handed to Mr. Rowley.

In replying, Herbert said that he had developed a habit of punctuality in his youth. Then there were six bells and six ringers. If one failed to appear there was no ringing. He went on to say that it had been a source of pleasure to him to sit in the belfry a few weeks ago and see a local band ring a quarter peal of 1,376 Plain Bob Major. The next step was a peal, and he hoped to hear them do it in the near future. He closed by hoping all present would be able to meet him after his 70 years' service.

An interested visitor was 83-year-old Mr. A. Yelland, the only other survivor of the original team which rang the peal in 1894.

The illness of the Vicar caused the cancellation of the service, which had been planned for 4.30. This was the one regret of the day.

After the business meeting of the Barnsley Society further ringing took place until 9 p.m.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Llanelly Win Annual Competition

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, of Bicester, acted as adjudicator for the annual competition of the Guild, which took place at the Church of St. Teilo, Llandilo, on May 8th. He brought with him his wonderful collection of photographs of bells and their inscriptions, and his lovely set of handbells, which attracted much attention.

The competition was held in the afternoon and the adjudications were given after a very nice tea. Mr. Sharpe gave a full adjudication, telling the ringers to their amazement the exact changes in which the faults occurred and who were the culprits.

His placings were:—1 Llanelly, 41 faults; 2 Tenby, 67; 3 Carmarthen, 72; 4 Llandillo, 155; 5 Haverfordwest, 185. A word of congratulation is due to Haverfordwest. This young band ring on heavy bells hung anti-clockwise, and the light bells at Llandillo must have been a big handicap to them.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Sharpe, and he was also thanked for the gift of his book, 'The Church Bells of Radnorshire,' which, it was hoped, would be the means of starting a Guild library.

The secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins, asked the Rev. E. G. Evans, who presided, to convey a message to Canon Tudor Hughes, wishing him an early recovery from his illness.

In the ringing afterwards Mr. Sharpe demonstrated his ability to ring two bells and at the same time to call a touch of 120.

The annual meeting of the Guild will take place at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on June 19th.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANCIS G. GLEAVES

We regret to record the death of Mr. F. G. Gleaves, of Willingham, Cambs, who passed away on Friday, May 7th, at the age of 69. He had been in ill-health for some time and had done little ringing since 1949, when he rang in the 25th anniversary peal marking the opening of Bourn bells.

Ringing his first peal at Over in 1923, Major in 1924, and first peal in Willingham, he rang altogether 14 peals for the Ely Diocesan Association and scored peals of London and Cambridge Surprise Royal with the Essex Association, of which he was a member. Besides ringing at his parish church he was actively associated with the Over band, where, with Mr. F. Warrington and others, a Surprise band was formed, and with whom he rang many peals.

At the funeral the Ely Association was represented by Messrs. C. Robinson, C. W. Cook, F. R. Dennis, D. Adams, A. W. T. Ginn, G. Crisp, D. Peacock, A. Denson, F. Elsom and R. Thoday. In the evening two 720's of Cambridge Surprise Minor (deceased's favourite method) were rung with the bells half-muffled by P. H. Pigg, E. G. Hibbins, J. G. Gipson, F. R. Dennis, G. E. Crisp and W. J. Ridgman (conductor). F. R. D.

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.—A demonstration will be arranged on Saturday, June 5th, at the Science Museum, from 2.30 to 4 p.m.—A. A. Hughes, Albert Walker, Trustees.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Monthly practices will be resumed at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, May 31st, 7 p.m. The next following will be on July 5th and then on the first Monday in each month, except August.—T. J. Lock. 4443

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—All requests for ringing, including meetings and peal booking, should in future be made to the Ringing Master (A. C. Winn), The Vestry, Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, S.E.1. Sunday, 10.15 and 11 a.m.; practice, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A cordial welcome to visitors.—A. C. Winn. 4478

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Report, 1953. Peal to be deleted should be 53/116, NOT 53/97.—F. V. Gant. 4477

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hockwold-cum-Wilton, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4434

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western. —Crusader meeting, Fobbing, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4399

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, May 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15.—J. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4413

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, on May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock, followed by service, tea and business. Baldock bells also available 2.30-3.30 p.m. 4393

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Ibstock (6) on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Road, Ibstock, Leics. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 4422

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Castleacre, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Method for this meeting is Single Oxford.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 4446

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting May 29th, Wivelsfield. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. 4420

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Saturday, June 5th, 3.30; The Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4460

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Cardington (8), June 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please look up Bristol and London.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 4458

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Snitterfield (6), June 5th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by June 2nd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 4456

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.— Meeting, Wilburton (6), June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening meetings; June 12th, Rampton (5); June 19th, Sutton (6). —Miss M. Grain. 4271

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Stoke Bishop (6), June 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church House, Julian Road. Meeting follows. —A. Bennett. 4463

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 4457

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Whit Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4438

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Shipbourne, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d.). Names, with cash, please, to Miss J. French, Woodbine Cottage, Shipbourne, Tonbridge. 4445

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, May 31st, to Mr. H. Barsley, Wood Lane, Algarkirk, near Boston. 4433

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 5th, at Halsall Parish Church. Bells (6) 2,30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk. —W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4465

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on June 5th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4467

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting, the 50th anniversary of formation of the Branch, will be held at Newton Longville on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Buckingham. Names for tea essential by May 29th. Other towers available after service will be announced.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4440

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbeech (8), June 5th. Names for tea essential, before June 1st, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4269

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Chirton (5), June 5th. Bells from 3. Marden and All Cannings, evening.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4462

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Fressingfield District.— A meeting will be held at Laxfield on June 5th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock, but no tea. Service in church at about 4.—J. Barber, Hillside, Wingfield, Diss. 4451

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, June 5th Service. Names for tea, by June 3rd, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4274

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.— J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4479

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Address by Ven. W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 4s., non-resident and non-members 5s. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association, Evensong will be conducted by the Rev. J. O. Nicholas in Writtle Parish Church at 6 p.m. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Church Room, Writtle, from 4.30 p.m. until 5.45 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; the following towers are available from 3 p.m.— Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6). Applications for lunch and tea tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope for return of tickets, not later than May 31st, to H. Turner, Church Cottage, Hall Lane, Shenfield.—F. V. G. 4421

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Plymouth, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service St. Andrew's 12 noon. Luncheon, Invicta Hotel, Osborne Place, 1 p.m. Meeting to follow at 2 p.m. Ringing: St. Andrew's (10) 9.30-11.45; Emmanuel (8) 10.-11.30; Plympton St. Maurice (8) 10-11.15; all three towers also open after the meeting. For luncheon tickets (5s. prepaid, closing date June 1st) and particulars of seven other towers available in the Plymouth area, apply to E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 4394

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 7th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Please notify for tea.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 4406

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit Monday, June 7th, at Northampton. Service in All Saints' Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in St. Sepulchre's Church Rooms. Names for tea should be sent, not later than May 29th, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. Towers open for ringing: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Moulton (8), Kingsthorpe (6), Duston (6), Brafield (6), Boughton (5), Weston Favell (5), (Dallington not available); 1 to 3 p.m., Northampton—St. Giles' (10), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8); 1 to 3.30 p.m.—All Saints' (8); all available from 6 p.m. except Brafield and Weston Favell.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 4375

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Contest at Sandal, June 12th, 3 p.m. All entries to reach me not later than June 5th. Names for teas to reach Mr. G. Cutt, 4, Newland Road, Agbrigg Road, Sandal, near Wakefield, by June 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4276

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Crediton (8, 27¼ cwt.), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Kirton Cafe, 5. More ringing after meeting. Names, by Tuesday, June 8th, to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 4450

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting, Great Bardfield, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to be sent, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, to J. Jennings, 1, Pont Place, Great Bardfield. Important.—H. A. Pratt. 4459

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 9th to D. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard, Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts. 4480

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Barton-on-Humber (8), June 12th. Service at St. Peter's 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 4468

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Meeting in Leadenham (6) June 12th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4275

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Annual Branch meeting at Great Horwood, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) at 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by June 9th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4270

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea, by June 5th, to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield. Rugby. —F. W. Hancock. 4466

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup Contest and meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 8th, to Mr. L. B. Smith, 46, Woodland Drive, Worksop.—H. Denman. 4272

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Nutfield, June 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mrs. Owen, The Rectory, Nutfield. 4464

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Micheldever, June 12th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4461

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, June 14th, 7.15, practice St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 4449

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 331st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 4453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual festival and meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 24th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Lunch 1.30. Choristers' usual arrangements with M. F. Sharpe.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4415

LONG SERVICE AT WOODSTON

In 1914 the three bells of St. Augustine's Church, Woodston, Peterborough, were recast and three new bells added. The ring of six was dedicated by the Bishop of Ely on June 27th, 1914.

Mr. S. H. Hoare, of Watford, and Mr. E. K. Hoare, of Harlow, spent last Easter holiday with relatives at Woodston and the opportunity was taken for six members of the family to ring a 720 Plain Bob Minor for Easter Sunday Evensong. This was done by the following: H. H. Hoare 1, S. W. Hoare 2, C. H. Hoare 3, S. H. Hoare 4, E. K. Hoare 5, H. Hoare (conductor) 6. (Three brothers and three sons and nephews.)

The ringers of 3, 4 and 6 rang at the opening of the bells in 1914. The ringers of 1, 2 and 5 were taught by their father, H. Hoare, and the ringers of 2 and 5 both rang a peal of 5,040 before reaching the age of 14. All the ringers served in the choir, C. H. Hoare still serving.

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SOLVENCY IS POSSIBLE!

('With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance all things are attainable.'—T. F. BUXTON)

MUCH has been said and written about making 'The Ringing World' pay its way, but still it doesn't. Why? The basic point is that for running a paper on any particular activity there must be enough people interested in that activity and buying the paper, so as to create sufficient subscription-revenue and promote adequate 'circulation' appeal to potential advertisers in its columns.

Is the Exercise large enough to support a ringing paper? The answer being in the affirmative, why then is the problem one that has arisen with every ringing paper yet produced?

There is clearly something wrong, that is primary and fundamental. So let's face it! The fact is that the paper has not a sufficiently wide appeal. There are both towers and individual ringers who will say that is why they've stopped taking it, or wouldn't begin!

Now this is not a criticism of higher administration. The paper is not the property of some vague, remote 'they,' who can be conveniently blamed for any shortcomings. Indeed, as can be judged, all those concerned directly with its issue give 100 per cent. to the job, and more! And no doubt this has always been so. No! The paper is the property of the Exercise—the company of which you and I, through our Central Council, are its directors, so to speak; and this being so, if the paper now fails we have only ourselves to blame. How, then, can you and I aim to promote a wider appeal by this paper throughout the Exercise? And in so aiming what possible steps may be taken?

Consider the facts:—

(1) Donations and voluntary peal-publication fees, generous though they are, remain but palliatives for the malady. To rely on them indefinitely would be thoroughly bad business.

(2) Wishful thinking, such as, 'If only each tower became a postal subscriber,' and the like, will get us nowhere. ACTION is needed —by us.

(3) It all boils down to this: We've got to widen the margin between, on the one hand, costs of production and distribution and, on the other, the revenue from subscribers and advertisers; and such widening depends primarily upon the APPEAL of the paper itself. Secondary factors, of course, must also be considered. (See below.)

As to the extent and nature of the appeal itself of the paper to potential subscribers, this will have been the earnest and careful consideration of the Editorial Committee and, through them, of the Editor himself; and there is little doubt that their ideas and plans are many and various. But they can no more make bricks without straw than could the Israelites. They have not, for example, that same 'straw' as has a national daily newspaper. That has an organisation, costly and widespread, continually bringing in the MATERIAL, the very stuff of which the paper is made—its 'copy,' and its advertisements. Where is the parallel in our paper? The truth is, we have none.

Or should I say, 'have had none'? For the seed of a similar potential organisation, in miniature, has just been sown. The circular letter recently sent out to Guilds and Associations of the Central Council, by its secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, on this question, makes proposals the full implications of which are probably not generally realised. Therein is the first-class suggestion of appointing 'representatives' of the journal in every District or Division of each Association. And some are already appointed and getting down to the job.

This honorary job can be one of the most important in the interests of the Exercise; the amount of good done being dependent on the ability, energy and enterprise of the individual taking it on. The work includes canvassing for subscribers, for copy and, indeed, where opportunity occurs, for advertisements. The material flowing into the editorial office through such channels should, in due time, be adequate for discharge of such above-noted plans for improving the paper; which, in turn, will assist the representatives in their drive for increased circulation.

What 'copy' can such a representative secure or stimulate? Well, what does a Press representative get? Reports; interviews; articles by local people of authority on matters of local interest in towers and ringing; accounts by those who have become experts in their own fields—composing, method-building, conducting, instructing, tower and belfry maintenance, tours and meetings organising, handbell ringing, propaganda work, funds raising, public relations, recruiting and several other aspects of ringing activity and associated work. Material for some features comparatively new to our columns might be sent in—e.g., 'Answers to Correspondents,' 'Monthly Quiz,' Ringing Crosswords (competition or otherwise), 'Problems in Composition,' Biographies and, essentially, a 'Beginners' Corner.' BUT, all this material needs to be gathered or introduced. It certainly won't walk into the Editorial Office unaided!

Armed with a publication of much wider appeal and interest, the representative should be able to increase the circulation in his district in no small measure; indeed, in some cases he might well become a postal distributing centre, i.e., receiving the copies in bulk, and so cut out the losses through newsagents' commission.

Here are some key factors for consideration and action:—

(a) Increasing circulation by direct contact with towers and individuals where the paper is unknown or unrecognised.

(b) Proof of the advantages of being a postal subscriber, to both reader and paper.

(c) Enlarging advertisement clientele—(Yes, apart from the bell founders and rope-makers!), e.g., stationery, pens, pencils, etc., essential for students of paper-work, for secretaries, beginners, composers and others. Proprietary brands of anti-blister cream. Vendors of oils and greases. Car and coach hirers for outings. Further exploitation of the small-ad. columns, e.g., holiday accommodation, caterers and the like. The rates for small ads. might be slightly increased—they are below average.

(d) Issue of an 'official peals supplement' with the paper, instead of publishing all peals performances in the front pages, and entering in the supplement all peals to be officially recognised, under a serial registration number and for a small peal-publication fee.

(e) Possible elimination of all newsagents' distribution of the paper.

(f) Quarterly sales drives.

(g) Last resorts: Increased price per copy. Reduction of issues to fortnightly or monthly with slight 'bulk' price reduction.

But when all is said and done, the essential and primary thing rests upon us, namely, the promotion and maintenance of a flow of interesting and informative material to the Editorial Office, and then, with the more generally interesting paper, to double and treble its circulation. Every one of us can do something towards these ends, even if only by discussing some of the foregoing proposals to crystallise views for our Council representatives!

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

IN HONOUR OF THE HOMECOMING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II
MAY 15, 1954

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1954, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*SAMUEL A. MARTIN	*Treble*	‡JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
†BRIAN MARTIN	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	10
WINIFRED M. BURTON	5	JOHN B. BENNETT	11
PETER J. STANIFORTH	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PHILIP H. WHITAKER	*Treble*	†DAVID K. WALKLATE	6
CHARLES W. WALKLATE	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	8
*FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	SAMPSON WALKLATE	9
MARK BARKER	5	‡WILLIAM CLARE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* 175th peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*FRED BENNETT	*Treble*	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	6
*HOWARD SCOTT	2	*JOHN W. GIBSON	7
GORDON BENFIELD	3	*MARK L. LOCKWOOD	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	*LESLIE FISHER	9
WILFRID F. MORETON	5	*JAMES H. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB ROYAL

HERBERT G. MASON	*Treble*	REGINALD W. DARVILL	6
AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	FREDERICK J. SPICER	7
HAROLD V. FROST	3	JACK S. DEAR	8
FRANCIS KIRK	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
CHARLES F. SAYER	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Arranged by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
First peal in the method for all and first for the Association.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*PETER NASH	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6
†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	2	REGINALD W. REX	7
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	3	JOHN H. GILBERT	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	REGINALD A. REED	9
GEOFFREY K. DODD	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First ten-bell peal. † 50th peal. First peal of New Cambridge Royal in the county, by the band and by the Guild.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., May 16, 1954, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in C sharp.

STANLEY C. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOHN J. F. ROPER	6
*BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	2	†GERALD WESTON	7
VALERIE W. WILLARD	3	*NORMAN E. WILLIAMS	8
*BARBARA J. BESSON	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	9
JOAN GRAY	5	*CYRIL R. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal. First peal of Caters by a Sunday service band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
ARTHUR HOODLESS	3	ARTHUR CROWDER	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung to welcome the Royal Yacht into home waters.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*GEORGE L. E. BROWN	*Treble*	REX J. CORKE	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	6
EDWARD J. BRAGG	3	PATRICK PAGE	7
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	4	TOM PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TOM PAGE.
* First peal. Edward J. Bragg has now 'circled the tower.'

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On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
MRS. L. HOLMES	2	ARTHUR B. COOPER	6
*GRAHAM DAVISON	3	STANLEY SLANEY	7
PAMELA J. LEANING	4	JOSEPH SAXTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by STANLEY SLANEY.
* First peal. First peal in method as conductor.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
MARGARET SWANN	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	7
†RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4	JOHN T. HOMFRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. F. CHALK.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Stedman.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

GEORGE W. MOODY	*Treble*	HAROLD MORWOOD	5
HARRY HALL	2	C. AUBREY HARRISON	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	JACK BRAY	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	5
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	GORDON HARRISON	6
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
PETER FOSTER	4	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal on eight bells and in the method.

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On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MAVIS WILSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM TYSON	5
*JOHN C. CARPENTER	2	ROBERT B. SKELTON	6
†ERIC OLIVER	3	RICHARD OLIVER	7
J. EDMUND HENDERSON	4	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 11 cwt. 61 lb.

MRS. G. WHATMORE	*Treble*	DENNIS WHATMORE	5
TREVOR REYNOLDS	2	CHARLES R. GODFREY	6
*BETTY WRIGHT	3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	FREDERICK HOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. DENNIS HOLDEN.
* First peal (age 16).

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JANET E. MITCHELL	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	5
ALLEN W. CANSDALE	2	JAMES G. STANNARD	6
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN	7
GEORGE W. BUTTON	4	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
* First peal on eight bells.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. W. A. WILLS	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
WILLIAM A. WILLS	2	REV. J. G. M. SCOTT	6
HAROLD P. BURTON	5	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	7
MARIELLA E. MUNDY	4	FRANK WILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.
* First peal. All performing members at St. Thomas'.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*GILBERT BURGE	*Treble*	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	5
*MRS. W. A. GODWIN	2	*BRIAN R. MYLES	6
*JOYCE MORSE	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	7
*HUGH FALKNER	4	*RAYMOND G. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MARGARET SMITH	*Treble*	RONALD FORSTER	5
JOAN BUSSEY	2	DAVID J. KING	6
WILLIAM RICHINGS	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
THOMAS NEWMAN	4	HARRY NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

ANN JOHNSTONE	*Treble*	ROGER HAYWARD	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	BERT RIDGEWAY	6
NANCY MARKLEW	3	EDGAR VALLANCE	7
FRANK LONG	4	FRANK MELLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*VIVIEN BARNES	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
MRS. P. HARRIS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Major.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17¾ cwt. in F.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
E. CHARLES TURNER	4	*PAUL DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	RAYMOND P. SATWAY	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	ALBERT W. DYER	6
TREVOR E. MARKS	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
*CYRIL SAVAGE	4	WILLIAM G. TURK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal on eight bells.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
*ROY D. TOMLIN	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
AUDREY B. DISERENS	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
*JOHN N. DISERENS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

*SHEILAGH JONES	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	RHODA HEMMINGS	6
AUDREY S. NOBLE	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
†MRS. S. H. JONES	4	WILLIAM E. MINOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.
* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	WILFRED W. RING	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
MARK W. MARSHALL	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd Observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ALAN L. WESTWOOD	*Treble*	TERENCE L. ELLIOTT	5
*ALAN P. COX	2	JOHN F. BUTLER	6
MARGARET E. MOODY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	H. T. KEITH HASLAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROY T. PANKHURST	*Treble*	JOHN CANNELL	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	PETER N. BOND	7
*REGINALD L. SILLS	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*AUBREY BAREHAM	*Treble*	PHELIX BENSLEY	5
MRS. E. C. JARVIS	2	*VICTOR CONNELL	6
OLAVE E. BROYD	3	ALBERT CATTERWELL	7
ERNEST BROWN	4	JACK H. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.
* First peal of Treble Bob

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS D. M. HAWLEY	*Treble*	FRED TERRY	5
*ALAN SHEPPARD	2	‡JOHN J. TAYLOR	6
HORACE S. MORLEY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	7
†WILLIAM GRAVES	4	§DOUGLAS BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
‡ 25th peal. § First peal.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	5
MRS. N. I. LEA	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	ALAN N. BROWN	7
STANLEY HEWITT	4	ROBERT BELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOWES. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MARGOT R. THOMPSON	*Treble*	RICHARD S. PAYNE	5
WALTER KERRISON	2	C. JACK GIBSON	6
*G. A. SUTHERLAND	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
E. JACK THURLOW	4	†REGINALD J. DARCH	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major.
25th peal as conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN	*Treble*	FREDA OLDERSHAW	5
FRANK TAYLOR	2	HORACE HARRISON	6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4	MAURICE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE R. DAWSON	5
PHILIP H. REYNOLDS	2	ALBERT H. BENNETT	6
†ARTHUR T. RANDALL	3	JACK PETCH	7
WILLIAM B. DAWSON	4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*KENNETH W. GRAHAM	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	2	F. KEVON THOMPSON	6
JEAN A. BROOKS	3	MARY C. PAYNE	7
ROYSTON WILMORE	4	†CHARLES SANDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*HARRY E. WELLS	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
FREDERICK S. SMITH	2	*FRANK ABSOLOM	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
ERNEST G. GARRARD	4	JACK O. BERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	5
WALTER G. PAUL	2	ALBERT C. WENBAN	6
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
ERNEST H. DURRANT	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*EILEEN M. TURNER	*Treble*	JAMES F. DODSON	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	E. JOHN WELLS	6
ANN M. COX	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
GORDON P. T. PETERS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First peal in method on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., May 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morris' Var. of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*ROY THURMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
GEOFFREY HAIRS	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
JOHN HAWTIN	3	PERCY W. GRICE	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	A. BRIAN WILDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Leonard Walsh	*Treble*	Gordon Whewell	4
*William Ramsbottom	2	Derek Whitford	5
Brian H. Wood	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells since re-casting.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods: (i) Chester and Munden. (ii) London and Wells. (iii) Cunecastre. (iv) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (v) Cambridge. (vi) Netherseale. (vii) Norwich. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Jane Plumbe	*Treble*	William J. Puddifoot	4
Terence G. Morton	2	Augustin V. Good	5
Walter Ayre	3	Derek E. Latchford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, six extents of Grandsire and four extents of April Day, Northrepps, Canterbury, Southrepps and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

Mary Taylor	*Treble*	Thomas H. Earby	4
Robert D. Flowers	2	*William Illston	5
George A. James	3	*Alan James	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. James.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

BERROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Ronald D. Short	*Treble*	Marjorie Legg	4
George Ruck	2	Kenneth Medway	5
Bryan Hill	3	George Prescott	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, two extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. Phillip Eastland	*Treble*	Marion Bradley	4
Doreen Armstrong	2	*Wilfred Riley	5
Arthur Smithson	3	Frank Bradley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bradley.

* First peal in four methods.
Rung by Sunday service band.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve extents of Plain Bob and thirty extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

George Corbett	*Treble*	John Clements	4
Alfred S. Tompkins	2	Richard Bethell	5
John H. Thomas	3	*William Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frederick E. Manns	*Treble*	William E. Theobald	4
*Edward A. Haines	2	Peter Blackman	5
†Margaret R. Page	3	James Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Margaret R. Page.

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

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Cyril W. Batten	*Treble*	Albert Rodman	4
Gerald W. D. Smart	2	Walter R. Hendy	5
*David B. Pennal	3	P.C. Wm. F. Scudamore	*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. William F. Scudamore.

* First peal.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 4,320 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

S. A. Hayzelden	*Treble*	*Margaret Harris	4
L. Maynard	2	R. Harris	5
A. Webb	3	R. Stedman	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. A. Hayzelden.

* First peal.

EAST GARSTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 18 cwt.

Reginald Rivers	*Treble*	Phillip E. Dodd	4
*Peter Nash	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Michael H. Maisey	3	Frank W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings Tenor 16 cwt.

*Anthony Pluck	*Treble*	†Leslie Everest	4
*George Fry	2	John T. Medhurst	5
Luther J. Honess	3	Harry Manser	*Tenor*

Conducted by John T. Medhurst.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*Roy Head	*Treble*	*Kenneth C. Timbury	4
John Church	2	Frank W. Croft	5
George Cherry	3	Peter W. Croft	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter W. Croft.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, who has now 'circled the tower.'

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Norwich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*Michael J. Dyer	*Treble*	Harold S. Peacock	4
John R. G. Spicer	2	Norman Mallett	5
Gordon D. Whitehead	3	Stanley Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Gilbert.

* First peal in 'seven' methods.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 14 extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints'.
Tenor 7 cwt.

JUDITH D. SHEDEL	*Treble*	CHARLES E. HILL	3
GWENDA A. DAVIES	2	WILLIAM T. HILL	4
	BRYAN E. SHEDEL	*Tenor*	

Conducted by BRYAN E. SHEDEL.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. ROY HALLETT	*Treble*	REV. FREDERICK A. OSWELL	4
DONALD G. CLARKE	2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	5
LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM	3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ROY STEVENS	*Treble*	*ROBERT BRIDGES	4
LEWIS CORDELL	2	HARRY KING	5
SIDNEY STEVENS	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
* First peal 'inside.'

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G sharp.

A. SPENCER BROTHERS	*Treble*	JACK KING	4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON	2	KENNETH L. BROWN	5
*EDWARD G. CURSON	3	DAVID HEIGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONG SUTTON, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
IN ROOM 20, LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

GEO. MACDONALD WARNER	1—2	ALEC R. WILLIAMS	3—4
	CECIL P. W. TAYLOR	5—6	

Conducted by CECIL P. W. TAYLOR.
First peal at the College and first peal by all.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 16, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN S. HARRISON	1—2	MAURICE BAILEY	3—4
	W. RODNEY HARRISON	5—6	

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

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LATE NEWS

A new record was established last Saturday by a peal in 42 Surprise Major methods rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, by the band that created a new record in Surprise ringing on February 13th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Five peals were attempted at Bath on May 15th: Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Bathwick, failed after one and a half hours; Grandsire Triples at All Saints', Weston, after one hour; Grandsire Triples at Corston after one and a quarter hours; Stedman Caters at Bath Abbey after two and a quarter hours. The only success was Grandsire Doubles at St. Matthew's, with a local band.

Mr. Fred Bennett. who rang his first peal of Stedman at Ossett for the Queen's homecoming, scored it at the 15th attempt.

Mr. George Bennett, for many years captain at Ossett, Yorkshire, has died. He was remembered when local ringers rang a peal of Stedman Caters for the Queen's homecoming.

The late Mr. Francis G. Gleaves, whose obituary was reported in our last issue, rang 147 peals for the Ely Diocesan Association, and not 14 as stated. The error is regretted.

Two peals of Stedman were attempted in Cambridge on May 15th, one for the University Guild which, unfortunately, came to grief, and in the evening the attempt at Bourn, which was successful.

Mr. E. Alex Young entered his 90th year on May 22nd. His letter to the Editor was accompanied by a sketch of a Japanese pagoda to illustrate an architectural point. At Newcastle this week-end we are sure he will be remembered.

Peals at Weybridge (Surrey) are few and far between. The peal there on May 15th was the first since 1925, and the last peal of Major was rung there in 1875, reports the conductor, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. A member of the band was Mr. Alfred H. Winch, who went to school at Weybridge and has been waiting over 50 years to ring a peal on the bells.

At Llanfrechfa, Monmouth, the vicar and his curate rang in the peal for the Queen's safe return . Is this the first time that a vicar and his assistant priest have rung in a peal? It is certainly the first time in the history of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

There were six first peal of Triples in the homecoming peal at Fairford, Glos.

Shirley Surprise is Tipler's D54/1. It was rung at Shirley, Birmingham, for the first time on May 13th.

Mr. Harry J. Millatt is 'The Ringing World' representative for North-East Essex, and not Mr. Oliver as was previously stated in this column.

An unusual start to peal ringing was the performance of 18-year-old James Phillips. He rang the 48-cwt. tenor of Southwark Cathedral. to a peal of Stedman Cinques. In the conductor's words, 'He made a very good job of it.'

Two promising youngsters, Anthony Pluck and George Fry, rang their first peal in their own tower, East Peckham, for the 'welcome home.' The peal was organised by Mr. Luther J. Honess, who previously had rung a quarter at Barming and at Hadlow.

Norman Mallett, of No. 6 R.A.S.L.S., Royal Engineers, R.A.F., Wyton, Huntingdon, is endeavouring to arrange a peal attempt by members serving in H.M. Forces, to take place in the Cambridgeshire area during July. Those interested are invited to contact him as soon as possible.

When Warley ringers had their first outing on May 22nd they toured East and South-East Leicestershire. They raised Arnesby bells for the first time in three years! Although not in the best order, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Other towers visited were Thurnby, Billesdon, Hallaton, Medbourne and Illeston.

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AFTER 40 YEARS THE CENTRAL COUNCIL VISIT NEWCASTLE

MAMMOTH RINGING PROGRAMME COUPLED WITH WARM FRIENDSHIP AWAITS VISITORS

IT was the eighth Council that visited Newcastle-upon-Tyne in June, 1913, for the 23rd annual meeting. Now the time draws very near for the visit of a new Council, the 22nd—for Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1954 takes a year that used to be the London year—and preparations for the 57th annual meeting approach completion. To use a well-worn expression, 'much water has flowed under the bridges' since then. Over the Tyne an additional bridge has been built in the interval, but it is believed that the main concern has been the traffic that would flow over it rather than the water that would flow underneath it!

The interval of 40 years has seen very many changes with the upheavals wrought by two world wars, and most of those who formed the eighth Council must by now have passed on. Many would doubtless fall in the Great War of 1914-18, which exacted a heavy toll of ringers in general and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in particular, as can be gauged from the 41 names inscribed on the Association War Memorial in Newcastle Cathedral. Happily, when, in 1952, the additional tablet was erected for 1939-45 there were only ten names to be inscribed.

The writer was not born in those far-off days and so he is unable to indulge in any comparisons of 1913 with 1954. There will be others who can, but their age will probably cause them to become nostalgic, shake their heads and bemoan the fact that 'things are not what they were.' What impressions were left by Newcastle on the eighth Council are history, and our concern has been to try to make the visit of the 22nd Council a favourable and pleasant one, and some last-minute notes for the guidance of visitors may serve to assist in attaining that objective.

The ringing and sight-seeing trips have now been definitely fixed and all those who made inquiries or applications will have received an individual communication with the programme and booking slip. There may yet be some who, at the last moment, find that they could participate and it may be possible to accommodate them after arrival in Newcastle. Motorists who wish to accompany the bus will be welcome, but meals for them can be booked only with advance payment.

HADRIAN'S WALL

On Whit Sunday, leaving Newcastle after lunch, the route lies westward, following the military road and providing glimpses of Hadrian's Wall, built to keep out the invading Picts and Scots. The hopes of ringing at Hexham Abbey have not been fulfilled as service and baptisms clash with the time that had been selected. Rather than miss the scenic beauty on this route, afternoon ringing has been sacrificed and the route extended slightly to provide more interest including a closer inspection of part of the Wall, if time and weather permit. Rothbury provides a convenient place for tea before ringing for Evensong at the Parish Church. The County Hotel, where high tea has been arranged, provides an excellent view. At Morpeth the bells hang in the Watch Tower and give rise to the couplet:—

'Hast' not seen the Morpeth wonder
Church and Steeple a mile asunder?'

The bells were recast and rehung by the citizens in commemoration of the Festival of Britain. The A1 road leads back to Newcastle, with the vast Town Moor between Gosforth and Newcastle, rather quieter at the beginning of June than it will be at the end.

Whit Monday will see the bus head westwards again but forking left at Heddon to pass through Corbridge and there cross the Tyne to reach Hexham. Hexham is a very pleasant market town and its Abbey contains much of interest. The first ringing of the day takes place there. An attractive moorland run lies ahead before Stanhope is reached for lunch at the Phœnix Hotel. The scenery changes and it is in a softer countryside that Barnard Castle and Staindrop provide further ringing.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

It is not long then before the industrial area is entered again but a visit to the north-east would not be complete without a visit to Durham Cathedral. Many will doubtless have seen the Cathedral dominating the Durham scene as they passed northwards by road or rail on the journey up. One cannot do justice to it in a few sentences and so it is left with just the assurance that it will not disappoint the visitor—unless perhaps he judges it solely by its bells! From the Cathedral of the present one passes to the Cathedral of the past, for Chester-le-Street held that proud position before Durham for over 100 years from 883, while the body of St. Cuthbert rested there. In contrast to Durham, Chester-le-Street will not disappoint, even if judged solely on its bells! The second ring only to be hung on ball bearings, the back six remain untouched by the bellfounder since 1911. As on Sunday, the journey to Newcastle ends on A1, but this time from the south.

The ringing programme as published does not take in all the bells in the area by any means. To publish details of all the towers that have so generously been placed at our disposal would give a much longer list, but the result might well be chaos. When four or five towers are open simultaneously it can quite easily happen that 30 or 40 ringers can be dispersed over the area with no complete band at a single church. Towers outside the programme lie at greater distances from Newcastle, and those interested in special towers should contact Mr. K. Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle 4, but in seeking to make arrangements they should themselves ensure sufficient for a band.

THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

It is an added privilege to my being President of my Association this year in that I have the honour and great pleasure of bidding welcome to the Central Council.

In Newcastle-upon-Tyne they will find a city of classic lines and dignified architecture, and full of a busy, friendly people; while in the surrounding counties of Northumberland and Durham they will find, I am sure, many pleasant surprises.

Too much emphasis is often placed on the pit villages and the bleak moorlands, but there are very many spots in both counties as rich and splendid as anywhere in the country. The northern scene is prodigal in historic monuments, and mighty glories like Durham Cathedral and Alnwick Castle remain in the mind for ever.

But it is in our welcome that we hope to shine most, and we look forward with pleasure to the visit, after so long a while, of the Central Council.

RICHARD A. GOFTON,
President, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Information on how to get to the various towers will be available at headquarters, where a room has been set aside for the Council's use, but a few explanatory notes may be helpful here.

Ringing on Saturday may be had continually from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. except for the lunch break of two hours. For those newly arrived in the city, the Cathedral, St. Stephen's, St. John's and Gateshead are within a few minutes of the Central Station. For those already booked in a convenient tour can be made to take in Gosforth, Fenham and Benwell before returning to the city centre, where the final ringing is convenient for headquarters.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME

The service ringing on Sunday that is listed is practically all at churches where the local band will be able to accommodate even the odd visitor with change ringing. Sunday afternoon provides one of only two opportunities to ring at Durham Cathedral. Visitors should note that access to the tower is gained from the south transept and they should be there at 2.20 p.m. or 2.45 p.m. Chester-le-Street can be taken in on the return journey. Those interested in the seaside may care to visit South Shields from 9 to 9.30 a.m. and then cross the ferry to call at North Shields or Whitley Bay.

Monday presents some problems as many local ringers will be on annual outings and therefore out of the district. The ringing has consequently been planned only on a limited scale and for the most part takes place at those towers handy for the Central Station and new arrivals. Tuesday's ringing, following the civic reception, takes place at the central churches only.

At the time of writing it seems likely that peals will be attempted at Stockton, Sunderland and North Shields.

Well, there it is. The programme has been drawn up and we now await the guests. We hope that your visit will be a pleasant one and you will receive a welcome not only from fellow ringers but from the Church and the Civic Authority as well, for the Bishop of Newcastle and the Lord Mayor have promised to attend. Welcome then to Newcastle-upon-Tyne at Whitsun, 1954.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th

St. John's, Newcastle (8), 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 8.20 p.m. to 9 p.m.

St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle (8), 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Newcastle Cathedral (12), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

St. Stephen's, Elswick, Newcastle (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All Saints', Gosforth (10), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

St. Mary's, Gateshead (8), 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle (8), 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m

St. James', Benwell (6) 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th (Service Ringing)

Newcastle Cathedral, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

St. Stephen's, 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

St. George's, 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

St. John's, 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

SS. James and Basil's, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m

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Central Council at Newcastle—Cont.

SUNDAY (continued)

St. James', 6.30 a.m to 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Gateshead, 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
All Saints', Gosforth, 8.45 a.m. to 9.10 a.m., 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Durham Cathedral (8). 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Christ Church, North Shields (10), 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
St. Hilda's, South Shields (8), 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street (8), 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 7th

Newcastle Cathedral, 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
St. John's, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p,m.
St. Mary's, Gateshead, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Durham Cathedral, 4.45 p.m. to 7 p.m.
St. Stephen's, 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
All Saints', Gosforth, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
St. James', 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8th

Newcastle Cathedral, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
St. Stephen's, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
St. John's, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

RINGING ON TOURS

(Times approximate only)

Sunday: Rothbury (8), 5.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; Morpeth (8), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday: Hexham (8), 11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.; Barnard Castle (8), 2.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.; Staindrop (8), 3.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.; Durham and Chester-le-Street, as above.

THE HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Central Council will be at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street West, Newcastle, where a room will be available for visiting ringers.

The meeting of the Central Council in the Cathedral Library on Whit Tuesday at 10 a.m. is open to all ringers apart from the representatives.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' June 5th, 1914

HERE AND THERE

TOUCHES FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Although the doings of the ringers in Vancouver, British Columbia, have not been much heard of lately, the band is still, we hear, practising with more or less regularity, and we record with pleasure a quarter peal of Bob Major rung at the Pro-Cathedral on March 1st for evening service by: A. C. Limpus 1, W. Judd 2, R. J. Carrier 3, F. Taylor 4, J. G. Pearce 5, M. Bennett 6, A. Thomson 7, G. W. Foster (conductor) 8. On March 8th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples was rung. Another 504 in the same method was rung on St. Patrick's Day, as well as 168 on handbells, the latter by G. Foster 1-2, R. J. Carrier 3-4, J. G. Pearce 5-6, A. C. Limpus 7-8, and another 168 with F. Taylor ringing 3-4.

AT BOSTON

On the other side of the Continent the Boston Guild rang 720 Grandsire Doubles at the Perkins Institute, Watertown: P. J. Allfrey 1, George Moore 2, Gordon Mackman 3, E. E. Randall 4, William Bashford 5, Richard Newton 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Membership of 1,596 Reported

THE Lancashire Association held their annual meeting at Wigan on Saturday, April 24th. The day commenced with ringing in the early afternoon at the Parish Church of All Saints and at St. James', Poolstock. At 4 p.m. the ringers and friends congregated at All Saints', where a short service was held. The preacher was the Rev. F. L. M. Bennett, Rector of Wigan, and before commencing his sermon he welcomed the ringers and friends to Wigan.

Approximately 180 people attended the meeting held in the National Blue Coat School. The president, the Rev. St. John Smith, took the chair and the meeting opened with apologies from several members followed by the minutes of the last annual meeting. Arising out of the minutes, it was reported that no communication had been received from Garstang Church, and this tower would now be included in the Fylde Branch.

The following officers were appointed for 1954-56:—Vice-president, Mr. E. R. Martin; auditor, Mr. E. C. Birkett; Central Council representatives, Mr. F. Dunkerley, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson and Mr. J. Ridyard; general secretary, Mr. F. Dunkerley.

MR. PETER CROOK'S SUCCESS

In the committee's report, read by the secretary, members were informed of the cancellation of the arrangements for the annual dinner due to lack of support. Members were also informed that the committee had accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Sandiford as treasurer and Mr. F. Dunkerley as ringing secretary when the positions become due for election next October. The committee were pleased to inform the members, however, that Mr. Peter Crook sen. and Mr. Stephen Ll. Parry were willing to allow their names to go forward as nominees for the respective posts. The services of Mr. Peter Crook sen. were recorded. Mr. Crook has recently retired from the post of secretary of the Bolton Branch, a position he has held for 25 years.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the six members who had passed away during the year.

During the year 83 new members joined the Association, making a total membership of 1,596 made up of 65 honorary life members, 507 non-resident members and 1,024 ringing members.

PEAL TOPICS

The attention of members was drawn to the fact that a few peals had been rung in which one or more of the ringers were in arrears with their subscriptions. The committee appealed to these members to amend their ways in fairness to the other members of the bands.

The ringing secretary reported that 136 peals had been rung during the year, including the following 'first peals in the method':—Verulam, Langley, Watford and Ealing Surprise Major and Langley Surprise Royal, all conducted by Mr. J. Ridyard, also Southgate Surprise Major conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins. Many members rang their first peal, and two members their 'first as conductor.' Mr. A. Tomlinson again heads the list of conductors with 15 peals, whilst Mr. J. Ridyard conducted 14 peals.

Mr. Sandiford, the treasurer, read the balance sheet, which showed the Association to be in a very healthy state financially. He hoped it would be kept so and stated that in his opinion the balance should be maintained.

A proposed alteration to Rule 7c by the Liverpool Branch, altering the system of ballot for the election of officers was rejected after discussion. An additional Rule proposed by the committee, that the president and general secretary shall appoint a scrutineer after nominations have been received, was accepted unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP SCROLLS

Under any other business it was decided to have membership forms printed to be issued by the Branch secretaries. It was also decided that the general secretary should issue to each new member, free of charge, a membership scroll. These membership scrolls to be obtainable for existing members on application to the general secretary at a cost of one shilling, this procedure to continue until the stock of approximately 900 is exhausted.

It was arranged to hold the next annual meeting at Bolton.

The secretary reminded members that the half-yearly meeting would be held at Southport on October 9th.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks, moved by the president (the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith) and seconded by Mr. E. R. Martin, to the Rector (the Rev. F. L. M. Bennett), the organist, Wigan Branch secretary (Mr. Farrimond) and the tower captains and local ringers.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The Gabriel Lindoff Cup

The annual meeting of the Eastern District, Irish Association, was held in Drogheda on Easter Monday.

The contest for the Gabriel Lindoff Cup resulted in the trophy being awarded to St. John's, O.S.A., Dublin, who now have their name on the Association trophy for the first time. The standard of striking was high, in the words of the judge, Dr. Stan Darmon, only 146 faults having been incurred.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, James MacManus (re-elected); treasurer, William D. Graham; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; Ringing Master, Mrs. S. E. Darmno.

A resolution in condemnation of recorded bells was accepted by the meeting and sent to the Executive Council for discussion and approval.

The place of the next annual meeting was decided for Arklow, with interim meetings at Bray and Blessington.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER, VISIT CHESTER

Some 40 ringers and friends of St. Margaret's, from the Cathedral, All Saints', St. John's, Syston, Wigston, etc., had a most delightful day on Saturday, May 8th. Starting from the church punctually at 8 a.m. the first call was at Tamworth, whose glorious church has the only double stairway in England where any two persons starting at the bottom (one inside and one outside) would not see each other again till the top of the tower was reached! Here the fine octave was rung to various methods to give everyone a chance.

To Lichfield for a short break to visit the Cathedral, etc., and thence to Stafford, where the central tower is square and then an octagon. After viewing the old ringers' leather jack, the ancient font and other treasures, the party traversed the curious ascent up spiral stairways and along tunnels in the thickness of the walls. The ten bells were rung for an hour.

Then on to Chester and after a grand tea the party was welcomed at the Cathedral. Here again the ascent to the belfry is somewhat involved. One begins at the Abbey Gate, thence through the cloisters and chapter house, up a long spiral in the transept and walks along the narrow ledge above the triforium with more steps to the belfry.

The return home, with a brief stop at Ripley, was a delightful run, and in such ideal weather it was deemed yet another 'of the best' and makes one impatient for the next year's 'do.'

E. M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I understand that the question of Plain Bob on odd numbers is to be brought up at the next Council meeting and that some peals of Bob Triples, etc., rung last year, Coronation Year, may not be accepted under a rule dating back to 1927. Bob Triples has been rung and accepted from this District in 1951-2.

It the member of the Council who has dug this rule up was a member in 1951-2, which he must have been, as this year is a new Council, he is as guilty of breaking the rule as those of us who have rung them, because he has allowed peals to be accepted which he knew were a breach of the rules.

If Plain Bob on odd numbers is to be barred I suggest it should start from 1955, to be fair to the youngsters.

May I add that we do not ring Bob Triples for the sake of ringing it, but as a stepping stone from Minor to Major. Those who have to teach learners and not get ringers ready-made, will appreciate this point.—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN G. BUCK.

Baldock, Herts.

THE ADVANCED BEGINNER

Dear Sir,—There must be a large number of ringers who, after reading Mr. Hazell's letter in 'The Ringing World,' are, like myself, feeling suitably humble this week-end. I had imagined that anyone capable of ringing Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, etc. (the etc. presumably including Caters, Cinques, Double Norwich and Treble Bob), had left behind the chrysalis stage of the art.

I feel sure, however, that for many of us the greatest shock of this pronouncement will be the necessity of revising our estimates of many of the giants of the Exercise, to whom in the past we had looked up, and whose feats we attempted, with, however, little success, to emulate. Many of them had never struck a blow in Surprise methods, but were masters of the advanced beginners' syllabus enumerated above.

At the same time it would be interesting if an analysis could be made of the number of Surprise peals attempted in relation to those achieved, as against peals of Stedman Triples attempted and those brought round. I imagine the Surprise methods would have an overwhelming preponderance, which would express more than I can hope to condense into a short letter.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ.

Shaldon, S. Devon.

A HAMPSHIRE EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—The Wolverton (Hants) band appears among those ringing quarter peals for the Queen's homecoming. This band was noticed some years ago for the youngness of its members, and ever since the bells were released it has played its part in opening and building up a new chapter in church bell ringing.

Its continued success is built on two simple but sure foundations: (a) Every ringer attends the service to which he or she has called others; (b) the younger the better. This 'method' is spreading rapidly. It calls for immense patience and perseverance in the captain, but it is a great source of strength to the parish that has it, and it spreads the knowledge and practice both of worship and change ringing where it is most valuable—among the young.

D. L. BOARD.
Rector of Wolverton.

CLERICAL RINGERS OF TO-DAY

Dear Sir,—In 1952, under the heading of 'Forty Years Ago,' you reported the peal of Superlative rung by a band of clerical ringers in 1912, and suggested that the ringing clergy of to-day would find it difficult to repeat that performance. This passed unchallenged in spite of the fact that in 1949 the Guild of Clerical Ringers had rung a peal of Cambridge.

Now, in a footnote to a report of the activities of the ringing clergy in 1913, you write: 'The clerical members of the Exercise at the present day would—unfortunately—have difficulty in equalling these performances.' This time I do not propose to permit your implication of the degeneration of clerical ringers to pass unchallenged, and would point out that the rare appearances of the clergy in peals is due to neither lack of ability nor lack of interest, but to lack of time, which is due to the increasing complexity of parochial life and to the grave shortage of clergy throughout the country.

I would suggest that in such men at the Revs. C. E. Wigg, K. W. H. Felstead and M. C. C. Melville we have ringers who, given the opportunity, would be fully capable of equalling or excelling the performances of any of those mentioned in your 1913 list.

R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Bolton, Lancs.

THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—A young inquirer recently asked me who are the Sherwood Youths. I was able to tell him that the Society was very ancient, having been founded in 1672 with its headquarters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and I was also able to tell him of the almost legendary Doubleday Crofts and point out his resting place in the peaceful churchyard below.

This casual inquiry started a train of thought. Is the Society still nominally in existence? Who are the officers and why is not something done by them to revive this once flourishing Society with its great tradition of ringing going back through the centuries?

Who has the custody of the Society's records—its priceless peal books, its minutes of bygone days?

Surely, with such a foundation to build upon, the Society can be revived and given a new lease of life. What a pity if through apathy or inertia the surviving officers and members allow their heritage to lapse until the only evidence of a once great institution is the mouldering peal boards in St. Mary's Parish Church.

What about it, Nottingham?—Yours faithfully.

J. W. RAITHBY.

Balderton, Newark.

NO 'PRESS GANG' METHODS

Dear Sir,—By his letter I gather that Mr. H. J. Hazell understands the bulk of the contents of 'The Ringing World.' This being the case, wouldn't it be a fine idea to educate the beginners into reading and understanding it also?

By all means induce the beginner to subscribe, but no 'press gangs,' please. Speaking as a beginner who has had every conceivable form of encouragement, I say ring your peals and quarters, show them their names in print, and very soon they will be almost clamouring for 'The Ringing World,' either to paste the cuttings into their scrap book, as do I, or at least read with pride their achievements. — Yours sincerely.

S. J. HAINES.

Oadby, Leics.

THE ROYAL HOMECOMING

AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

On April 21st at the conclusion of the weekly practice Southwark Cathedral's 12 were rung to Queens and 'fired' as a birthday greeting to our Queen. This was a curtain raiser to May 15th, when 18 of the regular Cathedral ringers assembled to greet the Queen's homecoming. Some 15 visitors had taken their stand on top of the tower when the Tower Bridge opened, and shortly after the bells were up in Queens, and as the Royal yacht tied up were 'fired' in three bursts, followed by further Queens till 1.45.

A break for refreshments (and some rearrangements so that all had a chance in the day's ringing) and the 12 were going again in Queens and as the Royal yacht shot London Bridge the Queen was saluted by three prolonged bursts of 'firing.' Ringing continued till 3.45. Those present were Jeanne Pilkington, J. Robinson, J. Phillips, C. Rew, Mr. and Mrs. Brattley, T. Farmer, C. H. Meers, J. Waugh, Lord Wrenbury, A. C. Winn, Maureen Massam, Shirley Batten, K. Cherril, Benedicta Whistler, A. Ward, R. Williams and K. Hayles.

PLYMOUTH'S GREETINGS

To celebrate the safe return of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. on May 15th Plymouth St. Andrew's bells were rung at intervals between 2.45 and 4.45 p.m. to the following touches:—720 Plain Bob Minor: C. Holmes 1, H. W. Milford 2, T. G. Myers (conductor) 3, S. O'Shaughnessy 4, W. J. Harvey 5, R. A. Southwood 6, R Wood 7 (tenor behind); 336 Plain Bob Major and three courses Grandsire Caters, Messrs. H. F. Myers, A. Mitchelmore and D. F. Wheeler completing the band. Rounds on ten were rung for a visiting ringer from Tintagel, in Cornwall, it being his first ring on ten.

THREE MINUTES' INTERLUDE AT EVERCREECH

A touch of Grandsire Triples was in progress at Evercreech, Somerset, when the rope of the fifth broke just below the sally, the bell setting at backstroke. With only a moment's hesitation, the ringer, who happened to be the conductor and steeple-keeper, called the bells to ring rounds. He nipped smartly up to the next floor, spliced the rope in under three minutes, adjusted the rope, dropped it back through the floor and went down and carried on with the ringing. While this was happening one of the youngsters had taken charge and called the bells to ring a few call changes so that the missing bell passed unnoticed, especially as the ringing had been with 9, 8, 10 covering.

PORTSMOUTH'S WELCOME

During the passage of the 'Britannia' through the Solent and Spithead a quarter peal of Stedman was rung at Portsmouth Cathedral. As the tower is close to the sea and the wind was off-shore, it is quite possible that they were heard by those on deck. The next day a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on these bells and later in the day a peal of London Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Portsea. By a coincidence this is the first occasion that peals on these two rings in the city of Portsmouth have been rung on the same day

A meritorious performance was the quarter peal at Twickenham, where, except for the conductor, all the ringers only commenced to ring when the bells were installed in the tower just over three years ago. There were seven 'first' quarter peals.

Another encouraging performance was the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Widcombe, Bath. Here the conductor had four first peals and one first 'inside' in his band.

QUARTER PEALS FOR THE RETURN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

MAY 15, 1954

ABERAVON, GLAM.—1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hannington 1, T. M. Roderick 2, E. Phillips 3, J. Lovett 4, B. Williams 5, G. I. Lewis 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, E. Morris 8.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On May 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: D. Sheffield 1, M. E. Openshaw 2, E. Baldwin 3, T. Turner 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Law 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Diana Gough 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (first in the method as cond.) 5, Valerie Mepham 6.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Nuttall (first quarter) 1, Doris A. Banks (first quarter 'inside') 2, Susan K. M. Knight 3, F. G. Barron 4, G. Verrill 5, R. C. Beal 6, H. A. Nobes 7, J. Hedges 8.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. N. Bristow 1, Audrey Yarde 2, Florence Norman 3, Phyllis Norman 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. First of Stedman for 3, 4 and 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 16th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. J. Yardley 1, A. Short 2, E. J. Franklin 3, J. W. Pettigrew 4, G. W. Critchley 5, J. L. Gray 6, G. Davis (cond.) 7, A. H. S. Rainey 8. Rung before Matins. Also on May 16th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. L. Gray 1, A. Short (cond.) 2, Miss C. A. Harding 3, G. W. Critchley 4, R. C. Ingram 5, J. W. Pettigrew 6, E. J. Franklin 7, G. Davis 8, J. F. Butler 9, A. H. S. Rainey 10. Rung before Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Hatfield 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, E. G. Swift 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Newton 6, W. Edwards 7, A. Bridges 8.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Cooling 1, P. Jarvis 2, M. Marshall 3, W. Marshall 4, W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Watts 1, F. Goodearl 2, H. Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, L. Payne 5, K. Allen 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Paine 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

BIGBY, LINCS.—On May 15th, 1,272 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 552 Plain Bob): G. Blanchard 1, C. A. Harrison 2, H. Morwood 3, Miss S. Wickens 4, J. Bray (cond.) 5, P. Barnes 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Phillips 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, Miss Y. Wilkins 2, B. Bladon 3, B. Sheppard 4, Miss D. Lewis 5, W. Trueman (cond.) 6.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 16th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. J. Thurlow 1, Miss M. R. Thompson 2, G. A. Sutherland 3, R. S. Payne 4, C. J. Gibson 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire): R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, Elizabeth Graham 3, J. Allen 4, E. Whiting 5.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lovett 1, E. Phillips 2, E. Morris 3, A. J. Pitman 4, A. Hannington 5, B. Williams 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, G. I. Lewis 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Stanford (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Tesson 2, T. Edwards 3, Miss E. Roberts (cond.) 4, M. Sprackling 5, K. Kear 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society.

BROSELEY, SALOP.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1–2 leading): J. Garbett 1, G. Oliver 2, D. Powell (first quarter on changing bell) 3, Dorothy Garbett 4, Joyce B. White 5, Wm. J. Garbett 6, A. J. Garbett (cond.) 7, Wm. Hartshorne 8.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Broadhurst 1, F. H. Parr 2, J. A. Broadhurst 3, R. J. Bakke 4, F. J. Wheaton (cond.) 5, F. E. J. Parr 6.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On May 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): E. G. L. Coward 1, Miss M. Brown 2, Miss E. Clear (first of Minor) 3, C. J. Champion (cond.) 4, A. P. Cannon 5, K. R. Holtom 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hayes 1, R. P. Robinson 2, J. E. Usher 3, P. C. Roberts 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, L. R. Millward 8.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Lewis 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, E. Phillips 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, B. Williams 6.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): F. Fackrell 1, L. Pople 2, W. Stevens 3, W. Heyward 4, H. Pople (cond.) 5, R. Fowler (first quarter) 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Plain Bob, 120 All Saints', 120 Canterbury Reverse Pleasure and 900 Grandsire): D. Borley 1, W. Benton 2, A. E. Barker 3, A. Armstrong 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. First quarter peal in four methods by all the band.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Watts 1, S. Wyburn (cond.) 2, E. Parker 3, A. Bellamy 4, A. Chubb 5, M. Cook 6.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Minor (600 Bob and 720 Oxford): R. Swift 1, W. Broadhead 2, G. Crompton 3, C. Rusby 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ellis (first quarter) 1, M. Baughan 2, G. J. Hearns 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. Baughan 6.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,920 Grandsire Doubles: A. Street 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, A. Campbell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, H. Callwood 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baber 1, L. Pullen 2, C. Cornelius 3, J. Furze 4, H. Ford 5, R. Dudden 6, J. Bartlett (cond.) 7, C. Ford 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Lloyd 1, J. Draycott 2, Miss M. Beamish 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Ford 5, A. H. Beamish 6, J. F. Clarke 7, J. E. Moreton 8.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gale 1, S. Smith 2, C. Tarr 3, H. Purchase 4, G. Davis (first quarter as cond.) 5, H. Commins 6.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On May 16th, 1,280 Bob Major: J. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. Prockson 3, F. Barker 4, Dr. W. Winterton 5, R. Begrie 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On May 15th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, W. G. Cook 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, S. Eastbury 8.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Scott (cond.) 1, Miss J. Brandon 2, H. Wand 3, G. Vickers 4, E. Tawas 5, E. E. Gibson 6.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Duckett (first quarter) 1, A. Brown 2, S. Brown (first quarter as cond.) 3, R. Seaton 4, H. Brown (first quarter) 5. First quarter by a local band.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (3 extents each Plain Bob and April Day and 4¼ Grandsire): W. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins (cond.) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, E. C. Noble 6.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Perry 1, J. T. Locke 2, Miss A. J. Burge (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. W. Drew 4, B. R. Hartland 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. C. Burge 8.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Royston 1, Yvonne Drewe 2, Pat Lambert 3, Mary Dowsett 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6.

DERBY.—At St. Luke's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Double, 7, 6, 8 covering: V. Horton 1, M. Hatch 2, D. Gebbet 3, P. J. Skinner 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, J. MacArthur 6, D. Shakespeare 7, B. P. Howe (first quarter) 8. Average age of band 16 years.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss K. Harrison 1, F. C. Roper 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, A. E. Cook 7, T. C. Ford 8. Also to mark the engagement between the Rev. D. Ward, curate of Diss, a fellow-ringer, and Miss A. Taylor.

DORKING, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Clark 1, Miss K. Dowling 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Reed 5, E. Coward 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Tudball 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, P. Tudball 3, H. W. Lloyd (cond.) 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer 6, E. R. Warner (Woking) 7, J. Tudball 8.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wade 1, G. Lorkin 2, F. Limb 3, F. Claydon 4, G. Trendell 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Board 1, J. Carter 2, C. Savage (first 'inside') 3, C. C. Deem 4, S. Skinner (cond.) 5, J. Quick 6.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Buckingham (first quarter) 1, L. Maynard 2, S. A. Hayzelden 3, Margaret Harris 4, R. Harris 5, H. Webb 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Segar 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, Miss D. Wear 4, H. Webb 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Craig 1, M. Simpson 2, R. St. C. Wilson 3, Kate Branson (cond.) 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, J. Newton 6, C. R. Raine 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Agg 1, J. R. Mossop 2, A. Eilbeck 3, J. A. Haile 4, G. Tembey 5, J. Rothery 6, H. Wilson 7, S. Richardson (cond.) 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, S. Atkins 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Bowers 4, D. Reeve 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: F. G. Murfin 1, D. Murfin 2, J. F. Murfin 3, S. Walklate 4, D. K. Walklate, (cond.) 5, A. Fisher 6.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Holt (first quarter Triples) 1, Renee Marwood 2, E. J. Munday 3, N. J. Smith 4, A. H. Sturgess 5, A. E. C. Noble 6, H. A. Nobes 7, G. Miles 8.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 All Saints' and 780 Grandsire): C. A. Saunders 1, A. W. Green 2, H. Thomas 3, E. F. Ridett 4, F. A. Green (cond.) 5, P. R. Stephens 6. First in method by all.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Scudamore (first quarter) 1, J. Topp 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, W. H. Mills 4, E. Bray 5, W. Flower 6, D. Flower (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 St. Martin's, 360 Plain Bob and three 240s Grandsire): Miss J. Robotham 1, T. A. Wickins 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Court 6.

HAMPTON, BEDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Deason (first quarter) 1, D. Hawkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Lawrence (first 'inside') 3, R. Woodcock 4, P. Ridgway 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, G. Jennings 4, R. J. Truin 5.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: Miss B. Corderoy 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, W. Gilks 3, F. Corderoy 4, P. Davies 5, D. Lawson 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss F. Sampler 1, D. Lawson 2, Miss P. Bray (first quarter) 3, D. Jordan (cond.) 4, D. Bosley 5, Miss M. Luker 6, W. Gilks 7, A. Saunders 8.

HASFIELD, GLOS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: F. Bullock 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, H. S. Ball 3, F. Chaimberlain 4, E. Franklin 5, A. Chaimberlain 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Powell 1, Miss A. Wood (first quarter Triples) 2, A. H. Kemp 3, W. Gorringe 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, G. Billenness (cond.) 6, J. Brown 7, B. Harris 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, N. Mallett 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. W. Lack 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hatto 1, R. Vaughan 2, J. Eymor 3, C. Tigwell (first of Triples) 4, F. Henbest (first of Triples) 5, E. Nash 6, A. K. Street (first as cond.) 7, J. Smith 8.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Johnston 1, G. Tembey 2, J. R. Mossop 3, A. R. Agg 4, J. A. Haile 5, S. Richardson (cond.) 6, H. Willson 7, H. Southward 8.

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Bracey 1, C. H. Moore 2, Miss S. Barker 3, M. J. Day 4, A. J. Sercombe 5, R. G. Lofty 6, J. Moore 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, W. D. Ashdown 3, A. Holway 4, D. Callard 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8.

HULME, MANCHESTER.—At St. Philip's Church, on May 15th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Boo: W. A. Cooper 1, Miss C. A. Muirhead 2, Miss E. M. Mitchell 3, B. A. Tomlinson 4, R. G. Turner 5, W. L. Robinson (cond.) 6.

IRTON, CUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Rodgers 1, J. R. Mosson 2, J. A. Haile 3, A. R. Agg 4, G. Tembey 5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, T. McKay 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On May 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, Miss J. Creak (first quarter of Major 'inside') 2, Miss E. Farrell 3, Mrs. K. F. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, J. R. Ketteringham 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, F. D. Bishop 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, P. Hollingdale 2, C. W. Linington 3, S. A. Hall 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Smith (first quarter) 1, D. K. Lane 2, R. R. Nutt (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, W. G. Lane 5.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. G. Jones (first quarter) 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, T. J. Gunoy 4, A. Colcombe 5, R. A. Colcombe 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Pilcher 1, Clare Chambers 2, Barbara Marks 3, A. Childs 4, B. L. Marks (first as cond.) 5, P. Wells 6. Also in three nearby villages.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.—On May 16th, 1,440 Hull Surprise Minor: Miss A. Willes 1, Mrs. G. Dodds 2, R. Castledine 3, M. Orme 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5, G. Dodds 6. First of Hull by all

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain and Cambridge Royal: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, G. Marriner 4, G. Peters 5, B. Hawkins 6, W. Newbery 7, A. Smith 8, H. Young 9, A. Harman (cond.) 10.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): M. Blason 1, D. Ringrose 2, J. Kightley 3, A. Ford 4, L. Battison (cond.) 5. First quarter peal for all except the conductor.

LINCOLN.—On May 15th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob: C. Popple 1, H. Hurst 2, A. Melton 3, V. Briggs 4, F. Dixon 5, F. Crowe (cond.) 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles: F. Millier 1, Miss R. Hutchings 2, S. White 3, Miss J. Legg (first quarter) 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C Hinton 1, B. Saunders 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, S. Daniels 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): J. Eales 1, Rhona Pebody 2, R. Wilson 3, M. F. Amos (cond.) 4, R. S. Holland 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, C. W. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, Mrs. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, E. Rawson 6, G. Whitemore 7, J. Rattenbury 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. Simkins 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, H. Hollingworth 4, B. Walshaw 5, A. Ridyard 6, H. Reynolds 7, A. Ward 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, H. Longden 10

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Kimber 2, Miss R. Smith 3, Miss D. Smith 4, W. J. Gait 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. H. Wareham (first quarter) 1, P. Bray 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, G. H. Wareham 4, W. H. Mills (cond.) 5, H. Vennell 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On May 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. M. Battersby (first away from tenor) 1, Jillian H. Wilson (first 'inside') 2, Eva Taussig 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, J. A. Etherington (first as cond.) 5, R. F. Warren (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the local band.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Roderick 1, G. Peare 2, E. H. Peare 3, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 4, H. Day, 5, N. G. Peare 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Osmond (first quarter) 1, M. Horseman 2, Mrs. R. Quint (first 'inside') 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, D. Yco 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWTON, PORTHCAWL, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Hannington 1, E. Morris 2, J. Lovett 3, E. Phillips 4, B. Williams 5, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. F. Andrews (cond.) 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, F. S. Slatford 3, G. W. Massey 4, J. Romain 5, W. C. West 6, L. E. Hitchins 7, S. G. Grant 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Merrell 1, Miss I. Werrett 2, H. Werrett 3, Miss A. Willes 4, I. Werrett 5, W. Hitch (first in method as cond.) 6, R. Dixon 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. H. Niblett 1, A. Gammon 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, D. O. Wilks 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, J. H. Smart 6, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 7, W. F. Holloway 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, and 240 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—On May 16th, at St. John's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, S. Wright 2, W. Rose 3, M. Dyer (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. Bush 5, H. S. Peacock 6, W. Ransome 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Smart (first away from tenor) 1, H. Green 2, H. W. Dimond (first 'inside') 3, M. Williams 4, L. J. Malings (cond.) 5.

PAULERS PURY, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Booth 1, Miss N. Tomlin 2, K. Sheldon 3, J. Foster 4, P. Foster (cond.) 5, A. Kingston 6.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 All Saints', 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire), with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss O. W. Barrett (cond.) 1, J. Nevin 2, B. Atkinson 3, Miss D. M. Barrett 4, B. H. Hall 5, Miss J. K. Barrett 6, R. Parkinson 7, P. S. Barrett 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On May 15th, at All Saints' Church, Hamer, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Buckley 1, Beatrice Wood 2, Alwyn Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, Miss B. M. Strange 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 4, 8 covering: Miss A. Knight (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Smith 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, G. Northway 4, J. Page 5, M. J. Bray (first quarter) 6, C. Herbert 7, D. Greenlaw 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,872 Little Bob Royal: W. E. Critchley 1, M. Mills 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, G. K. Chaddock 4, B. Holland 5, F. Fisher 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, A. Firth 8, Rev. G. G. Grahame 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter peal comprising Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Vann 1, E. Hunt 2, W. Vann 3, J. Underwood 4, A. Barlow (cond.) 5.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Rodgers (first quarter) 1, J. A. Haile 2, A. R. Agg 3, G. Tembey 4, J. R. Mosson 5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, T. McKay 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. King 1, F. J. Lambert 2, E. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 6, J. Harris 7, F. Hook 8. Also a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Ward on his retirement after 41 years as Vicar of the parish.

SAWLEY DERBYS—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents Stedman, 2 Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob, 24 Grandsire, 4 Plain Bob): Mrs. W. Simpson 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, R. A. Hickton 3, W. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On May 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cook 1, C. Pring 2, M. J. Hallett (first as cond.) 3, A. Woods 4, J. B. Powlesland 5, M. Fisher 6.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Wicks 2, Mrs. B. A. Roberts (first quarter) 3, Miss L. Roberts (first quarter) 4, A. K. Street (cond.) 5, F. Henbest (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Smith (first of Triples) 1, H. Hatto 2, Miss L. Roberts (first of Triples) 3, E. Nash 4, C. Tigwell 5, F. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, D. Neate 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On May 15th, 1,736 Grandsire Triples: Joan Wilcockson 1, Miss M. Mesley 2, R. Stoddard 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, T. Clark 5, S. A. Warwick 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, C. Wenban 8. Longest length by 1 and 2.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gladys M. Smith 1, Jean Horton 2, Rita Curson 3, A. Piercy 4, W. H. Curtis (cond.) 5, F. Blunden 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On May 15th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Broyd 1, J. Newman 2, P. Mchew 3, M. Collings 4, J. Scott 5, A. E. Sharman 6, D. Knox (cond.) 7, J. Sinfield 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. D. Divall 1, S. J. Ponting 2, C. A. Bassett 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. Kitchenside 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6. First in the method 1 and 2.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): J. A. Bonnett (first in two methods) 1, H. J. Wilde 2, H. Mead 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, E. Constable 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Boore (first quarter) 1, P. Robinson 2, S. A. Hill 3, C. H. Wickens (cond.) 4, P. Hollingdale 5.

UPLOWMAN, DEVON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Plain Bob, 360 Stedman, 540 Grandsire): S. N. Bristow 1, W. C. Panter 2, Audrey Yarde 3, Phyllis Norman (first in more than one method) 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, M. Sinden 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. M. Bryce (first quarter) 1, D. Banks (first in method) 2, P. Woodward 3, K. Parks 4, G. Townsend 5, L. Boumphrey 6, J. Kirby 7, W. Moreton (cond.) 8.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Sylvia Streater 1, Miss B. Haselgrove 2, Miss H. Haselgrove 3, C. H. Shepherd 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Double Court Minor: Miss M. Jackson 1, R. Sharp 2, J. Sinfield 3, J. Church 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (first in method as cond.) 6. 50th quarter peal together by 5 and 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Absolom 1, P. Wilson 2, F. Smith 3, W. Absolom 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Faulkner 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): P. Jeffries 1, F. Goden 2, R. Tuckwell 3, W. Absolom 4, J. Godman (cond.) 5, W. Faulkner 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Hawkins 1, J. Phippen 2, E. Gray 3, N. Knee 4, S. Evans (cond.) 5, T. Mallard 6.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maples (11) 1, Miss H. Skinner 2, Miss E. Willard 3, J. Young (13) 4, F. F. Brooks (cond.), B. J. Luff 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

WESTMINSTER, W.C.—At St. Margaret's Church, on May 15th, 1,323 Stedman Caters: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, W. Williams 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, R. Charge 5, R. W. Stannard 6, R. Story (first of Stedman Caters) 7, J. W. Chapman 8, R. Sanders 9, J. Euston 10.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, G. W. White 2, A. Hunter 3, D. Elwick (first as cond.) 4, S. R. Elwick 5, H. Waters 6, J. Hodgson 7, C. Tindale 8.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Short 1, J. Carter (first quarter) 2, Miss L. Slade 3, G. Hearns 4, B. Cracknell (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Chambers (first of Treble Bob) 1, T. E. Roberts 2, Miss K. M. Cowley 3, F. C. Case 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, F. Vickers 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First in the method for 3 and 8.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. Bird (first quarter) 1, C. Corder 2, C. Weavers (cond.) 3, T. Bird 4, R. Rippingale 5.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On May 15th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Chafer 1, Mrs. H. Hall 2, R. Chafer 3, B. Freeman 4, J. Freeman 5, H. Hall (cond.) 6.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Bass 1, F. W. Gibbs 2, S. G. Thompson 3, S. Cook 4, H. V. Cooper (cond.) 5, F. G. Handley 6.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Cane 1, Jean Pike 2, Margaret Cane 3, D. Cane (cond.) 4, H. Allen (first 'inside') 5, H. Chant 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6 (ages 12 and 14).

WONSTON, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss N. Smith 1, R. Smith 2, T. Parrot 3, A Tumbler 4, J. A. C. King 5, N. Andrews (cond.) 6.

EASTER MONDAY IN SOUTH DEVON

A small party of ringers spent Easter Monday enjoying a six bells outing arranged by Mr. Wilf Panter, organised with his usual efficiency, but this year omitting his famous 'Trials Section.'

First tower was Halwell (14 cwt.); then on to East Allington, where, however, no ringing could take place owing to a death. A local ringer suggested Sherford (12 cwt.), where permission to ring was readily given, together with an invitation to come again. The last tower before lunch was Charleton (12 cwt.). Before ringing at Churchstow (16 cwt.) a good meal was enjoyed at the old-world Church Inn. Ringing at Thurlestone (12¾ cwt.) had to be curtailed as the local captain had not been acquainted of the party's visit and there was a long delay whilst he was fetched from a local football match.

Before a sumptuous tea at Hope Cove, two more towers were visited, South Milton (12 cwt.) and Galmpton (6 cwt.). After ringing at Marlborough (11 cwt.), the last and perhaps the best bells of the day, the members of the party dispersed for their homeward journeys.

E. T. P. F.

PRESENTATION TO MR. ALBERT CRAWLEY

A presentation was made during evensong on May 16th at Wistaston, Cheshire, to Mr. Albert Crawley to mark his retirement from the position of captain of the tower.

The Rector, the Rev. G. M. Morgan-Wynne, paid tribute to Mr. Crawley's work and said how sorry the parish was that ill-health had forced him to resign and leave the district after 30 years as head ringer.

His presence will be missed, not only at Wistaston, but at many other towers, particularly those in the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, where he was a regular attender at meetings.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Crawley has taken part in every one of the 76 peals which have been rung at Wistaston. One of these, which he conducted, was the 2,000th peal for the Chester Guild. J. D. S.

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambs and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 4519

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch and Furness and Lake District Branch.—Joint meeting at Silverdale (6 bells), Saturday, June 12th. Ringing 2.30–8. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale.—R. F. Eccles, N. M. Newby, Branch Secs. 4521

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Our first ever at High Ercall, eight, restored, left-hand eight, June 12th. Midland Red 1.10 and 3.10 p.m. from Shrewsbury, 2.10 and 4.10 p.m. from Wellington. If you require tea you MUST advise W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, by 9th. 4522

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Fordingbridge (2.30 p.m.) and Ringwood, Saturday, June 12th.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4518

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Lutton (6), June 19th. Usual arrangements and times. Names to Mr. G. R. G. Butler, Lutton, Spalding, by June 12th. 4523

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), BARNSLEY, DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Annual joint meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, June 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Thursday, June 17th. 4520

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Saturday, June 5th, 3.30; The Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4460

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.— Meeting, Wilburton (6), June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening meetings; June 12th, Rampton (5); June 19th, Sutton (6). —Miss M. Grain. 4271

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 4457

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Whit Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4438

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Shipbourne, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d.). Names, with cash, please, to Miss J. French, Woodbine Cottage, Shipbourne, Tonbridge. 4445

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne (6), Whit Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Phipp's Cafe. Meeting follows. 4485

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4479

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Address by Ven. W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 4s., non-resident and non-members 5s. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association, Evensong will be conducted by the Rev. J. O. Nicholas in Writtle Parish Church at 6 p.m. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Church Room, Writtle, from 4.30 p.m. until 5.45 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; the following towers are available from 3 p.m.—Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6).—F. V. G. 4421

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Plymouth, Whit Monday, June 7th. Service St. Andrew's 12 noon. Luncheon, Invicta Hotel, Osborne Place, 1 p.m. Meeting to follow at 2 p.m. Ringing: St. Andrew's (10) 9.30-11.45: Emmanuel (8) 10.-11.30; Plympton St. Maurice (8) 10-11.15; all three towers also open after the meeting. For luncheon tickets and particulars of other towers available in the Plymouth area, apply to E. J. Taylor, General Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 4394

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 4484

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 9th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 4512

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 12th. Edensor (6), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Baslow (6), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, District Secs. 4517

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Crediton (8, 27¼ cwt.), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Kirton Cafe, 5. More ringing after meeting. Names, by Tuesday, June 8th, to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 4450

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), June 12th. Names to Mr. W. Morland, Court Lodge, in whose garden tea will be served. Look up London Surprise. — C. A. Bassett. 4500

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting, Great Bardfield, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to be sent, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, to J. Jennings, 1, Pont Place, Great Bardfield. Important.—H. A. Pratt. 4459

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.— Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4508

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 12th. For tea advise Mr. W. Daniell, 58, Brunswick Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 4273

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice 6-9 p.m. at Bentley (6), Saturday, June 12th.—G. S. G. Joyce, Dis. Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4499

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at King's Pyon, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 12th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 4488

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 9th to D. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard. Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts. 4480

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Tiverton, June 12th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Other towers available: Ottery St. Mary 11-12; Uffculme 2.15-3.15; Huntsham 7.30-8.30. Lunch at Ottery St. Mary. Names for lunch and/or tea and details of coach from Bath/Bristol district, to Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 4492

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.— Annual meeting to be held at Coleshill on June 12th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent, no later than June 8th, to Audrey A. Timms, 28, Westminster Road, Coventry. 4505

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, to James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton. 4515

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Parish Church, Woolton, Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. 4489

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, June 12th. Bring own food. Preston-Garstang main road, alight Roebuck. Please look up St. Clement's Major.—L. Walmsley. 4495

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Practice method: Cambridge. Meat teas or sandwiches, etc., can be had at the Bay Horse nearby.—F. Pritchard. 4493

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Barton-on-Humber (8), June 12th. Service at St. Peter's 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 4468

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Meeting in Leadenham (6) June 12th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4275

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. George's, Barkingside, two minutes' Gants Hill Station, 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting, St. Mary's, Woodford, South Woodford Station, 6 p.m. and further ringing.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 4509

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.— T. J. Lock. 4487

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Biddulph, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanway, School House, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Annual Branch meeting at Great Horwood, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) at 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by June 9th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4270

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury and Reading Branches.—A joint practice will be held on Saturday, June 12th, at 6.30 p.m. at Tilehurst, Reading (8).—J. Cooper and N. Swann. 4490

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Summer meeting at Stourton on June 12th. Visitors welcome. Write: Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 4482

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Windsor (Berks) Parish Church, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 followed by tea and business meeting. Slough bells (10) available 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 9th, please, to Mr. A. J. Glass, 237, St. Leonard's Road, Windsor, Berks.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 4483

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope (8) on Saturday, June 12th at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements; cafe near church. Further ringing after tea. 4507

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup Contest and meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 8th, to Mr. L. B. Smith, 46, Woodland Drive, Worksop.—H. Denman. 4272

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Nutfield, June 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mrs. Owen, The Rectory, Nutfield. 4464

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting at Kirdford (6) on Saturday, June 12th, at 2.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4501

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Micheldever, June 12th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4461

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Andover, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafe. Names for tea, by June 8th, to Mr. O. G. Smart, Charlton Road, Andover. 4510

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, June 14th, 7.15, practice St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 4449

LADIES' GUILD (North Eastern District) and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Meeting at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Saturday, June 19th. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. 4513

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Llangibby, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by June 14th, please.— Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 4481

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the South Norfolk Branch and Suffolk Guild will be held at Thetford on Saturday, June 19th. St. Peter's (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Service St. Peter's 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, Norfolk. Elveden, Suffolk (8 bells) after tea.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 4506

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Watlington, Saturday, June 19th. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by June 15th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Telephone Thame 193. 4502

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 19th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.15 and 6.15-7 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 2.30. Service St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.15. Tickets for tea, accompanied by a deposit of 1s., from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. No applications accepted after Tuesday, June 15th. No ticket—no tea. 4504

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.— Meeting at Southwold (8) on June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. S. Payne, Southwold. 4496

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Skipton. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea should reach Mr. C. S. Scott, 2, Prospect Place, Skipton, not later than Thursday, June 17th. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports for 1953 available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4498

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Elland, June 26th. For teas apply, by June 19th, F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 4514

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—75th annual festival and meeting, Winchester, Saturday, July 3rd.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4495

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Diocesan Festival, St. Columb Major, Saturday, July 17th, 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, St. Columb, followed by tea. Bells: St. Columb (8), St. Enoder (8), St. Wenn (6) and others.—H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 4497

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THE BELLS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT

TO many ringers a cursory glance at an inventory of the ringing towers of the Lake District would suggest that it is an area of little interest to all but the keenest traveller in search of bells and the enjoyment to be obtained from a ringing tour. Whilst admitting that the towers with rings of bells are widely scattered, especially when compared with areas in the Midlands and the South of England, it is true to say that the Lake District can offer an interesting diversion to the ringer who enjoys a combination of good bells, interesting architecture and magnificent scenery. This article is designed to outline the facilities offered by the area, which embraces a part of three counties —Cumberland, Westmorland and North Lancashire; and to kindle a flame of adventure in the hearts of those ringers whose holidays are never complete without some fresh experience in the exercise of their noble art.

The three main points of entry into the district are through Kendal, which boasts the heavier of the two rings of ten (tenor 24 cwt.): Penrith, with a ring of eight of fine tone and easy 'go' (18 cwt.): or through the cathedral city of Carlisle. The latter has two rings of eight, one at the Cathedral (20½ cwt.), and the other at St. Stephen's, where the bellfounder could make a considerable improvement.

From Kendal, a town of solid appearance with its clean stone buildings, we can strike directly into the heart of the Lake District, via the quiet village of Crosthwaite (6, 10¾ cwt.), to Bowness on the eastern shore of Lake Windermere. St. Martin's Church, with its pleasant ring of eight (12¼ cwt.), is a joy to behold; its old foundation and tradition being illustrated in the fine east window and on the interior walls. When the eight bells of St. Mary's, Ambleside, are ringing again, as we trust they soon will be when restoration of the tower is completed this summer, the heavy bell men will be able to sample its 32¾ cwt. tenor. A pleasant diversion should be made here to Hawkshead, the scene of Wordsworth's schooldays, and where the Vicarage is held by the Bishop of Penrith. Here the six bells (11 cwt.) are rung from the ground floor of the church, which is set up on a hill overlooking the village. Before going north to join the Penrith route at Keswick, we can wend our way between the foothills of the Langdale Pikes to Great Langdale, where Holy Trinity Church holds a ring of six (10 cwt.).

Thence, over Dunmail Raise, along the shore of Thirlmere, and beneath the towering ridge of Helvellyn to Keswick, to St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite. This fine church is full of history, with its foundation way back in the 6th century, and has a grand ring of eight (14¼ cwt.) with a long draught to trap the unwary. Striking westward to Cockermouth, where the eight are unfortunately not in ringable condition, we can turn aside to the village of Bridekirk with its six (12 cwt.). It is here that those who have travelled from Carlisle via the six at Thursby (7 cwt.) and the eight at Aspatria (14 cwt.) will join the route, which now travels south between the hills and the sea. This coastal trip is a great contrast, presenting industry old and new—coal and iron ore mining and the Windscale atomic factory—the busy coastal towns of Workington and Whitehaven, and the rich, peaceful countryside around the coastal lakes.

Our first tower is St. Michael's, Workington (8, 11¼ cwt.), with a largely self-taught band of young ringers, and on to Hensingham (8, 13½ cwt.), passing above the port of Whitehaven. The old Priory of St. Bees, with the well-known school opposite, presents a quaint picture as we wind our way through the narrow streets. Here the recently rehung eight (13½ cwt.) are a joy to listen to from the spacious ringing chamber. We leave the village by the hill and the coast road, making for the township of Egremont, where there is a pleasant ring of eight (13½ cwt.) hung in the red brick tower of St. Mary's Church. On our way south we turn aside at the village of Holmrook to the isolated Church of St. Paul, Irton. Here the eight (16 cwt.) are ringable again, and the setting of the church, with its glorious view up the Wasdale valley, is one of unsurpassed peace and beauty. At the tip of the coastal strip we visit the six (13 cwt.) at St. George's, Millom, before making our exit through the more industrial area of the Furness district of Lancashire.

On the way we should visit Broughton, with another recently rehung eight (10 cwt.); St. James', Barrow (8, 15¾ cwt.); the second ring of ten at Dalton (21¼ cwt.); the pleasant six at Ulverston (10 cwt.), with its spotless ringing room; and finally the two six-bell towers of Cartmel Priory (15 cwt.), and Flookburgh (17 cwt.).

So our route has encircled the glorious countryside, making, here and there, inroads into the majestic hills, winding peacefully alongside the quiet lakes, with the bells pealing out over town and country village, city and hamlet: all telling the message of the glory of the Creator of the surrounding beauty. If I have inspired some to pay us a visit, be it long or short, I shall be satisfied—knowing that having once tasted of the fruit they will return for more. A. R. AGG.

Further information and assistance may be obtained from A. R. Agg, Greengarth Hall, Holmrook, Cumberland.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5280 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	7
JAMES FERNLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN A. POTTS	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
The first peal of Maximus in the method. The conductor's 60th peal of Surprise Maximus.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
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Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

WALTER GODDARD	*Treble*	GEORGE THOMPSON	5
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ARTHUR HOODLESS	4	ARTHUR CROWDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

DAVID C. BROWN	*Treble*	ALLEN TWYMAN	5
STELLA P. WAIN	2	*JEAN C. BROWN	6
ANNE P. BROWN	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS	7
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* 50th peal.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
*RALPH ELKINGTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
HARRY G. WAYNE	4	FREDK. T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 8). Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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On Mon., May 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
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Tenor 12 cwt.

*LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
*DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
*PETER COXALL	3	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

MRS. H. G. LILLINGTON	*Treble*	HANBURY F. CARTER	4
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	3	KEITH CONSTABLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*ROBIN TREBILCOCK	*Treble*	TONY OTTER	4
MALCOLM STONE	2	ROGER COLES	5
DAVID SIMMS	3	TOM SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM SMITH.
* First peal.
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A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PATRICIA E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	*PETER WILSHER	4
*P. ANNE ROYSTON	2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	5
†MARY DOWSETT	3	‡HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.
* First peal 'inside.' † 10th peal (age 15 years). ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*N. WARD	*Treble*	A. A. LIVINGS	4
†F. WRIGHT	2	B. G. BURTON	5
B. PIKE	3	*J. FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. BURTON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 120 each of Old Doubles, Norfolk and Kennington, three each of Hurdibras, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, four of Plain Bob, and ten 120's and eight 240's (Morris's arrangement) of Grandsire. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JOHN HOLMDEN	*Treble*	ERIC EDGINTON	4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	†JOHN R. JOYNER	5
JOHN H. JOYNER	3	E. HAROLD NORMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
* First peal away from the tenor. † 25th peal for the Society.

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(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

RONALD HALL	*Treble*	RONALD BIRCH	4
IAN M. HOLLAND	2	GEORGE R. HINER	5
WILLIAM HOLLAND	3	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

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MISS M. A. TOMLIN	*Treble*	*HAROLD HOWSON	4
PETER E. PARRY	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
I. MALCOLM PARRY	3	ERNEST J. ROWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. ROWE.
* First peal on tower bells

TEYNHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

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ALFRED MOOR	2	WILLIAM NYE	5
WILFRED DALTON	3	*WILFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.
* First peal.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, two of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	WILFRED RILEY	4
GLYN E. HOLDGATE	2	DOREEN ARMSTRONG	5
GEORGE E. HANCOCK	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROLAND REED	*Treble*	WALTER HAMMOND	4
*RONALD G. RUSSELL	2	JOHN E. FOX	5
ROY SPENCER	3	HARRY FOLLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.
* First peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Being seven 720's (six different callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

A. EDWARD DOBB	*Treble*	ARNOLD HILL	4
DORIS MARSHALL	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

WIDCOMBE, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*COLIN CONWAY	*Treble*	*PETER BATE	4
*PEGGY NEWMAN	2	HARRY NEWMAN	5
†AUDREY STEPHENS	3	*GEOFFREY CREIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY NEWMAN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 12 cwt.

*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	LESLIE C. SMITH	4
PHYLLIS LOWES	2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON	5
EDWARD S. RUCK	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID KENT (15)	*Treble*	JOHN WALTON	4
THOMAS MOGG	2	WILFRED KENT	5
CECIL CLARKE	3	*NELSON SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED KENT.
* First peal. First peal on the bells, augmented to six in 1953.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BARRY E. GIBBONS	*Treble*	HARRY J. MILLATT	4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	2	A. EDWARD LEGGETT	5
†PAULINE A. NICE	3	JAMES H. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower.'

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven variations or extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

G. E. LARNER	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	4
ALEX. NURSE	2	RONALD THAXTER	5
FRED RIX	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, Netherseale, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	*PETER J. CAME	4
*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
†ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, S.E.1.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

BROOKE K. LUNN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	GEORGE W. CECIL	8
MRS. PAT LEWINGTON	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	10
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	11
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6	JAMES PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
A non-society peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	8
JOHN A. ACRES	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
BRYAN S. COPE	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal on the bells and first of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	JOHN R. SMITH	9
*J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 150th peal on these bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	†REGINALD WORRALL	6
ERIC HORNBY	2	HAROLD WORRALL	7
*VICTOR NEAL	3	†JOHN SCOTT	8
HENRY PARKER	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	9
†DAVID SMITH	5	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
A. RYAN PRICE	2	DAVID J. KING	6
*JEAN POWELL	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	4	†ROBERT E. COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Betty Jean Prosser, daughter of a churchwarden of this parish, and John Wingate Bowdler, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

WREN WHITEHEAD, M.A.	*Treble*	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	5
*J. MONICA WHITEHEAD	2	ARTHUR CATTELL	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	COLIN P. WALKER	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal of Treble Bob
Rung for the collation and induction of the Venerable C. L. Mathews to the living of All Saints' Church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	*WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., May 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5152 SHIRLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

VINCENT A. HEMMING	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method. (Tipler's D.54/1.)

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., May 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*CLIVE M. SMITH	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
JOHN E. CANNELL	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
RALPH BIRD	4	WALTER J. LEMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
Arranged and rung on the 55th anniversary of Mr. E. Barnett's first peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
JOHN E. COOK	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Father J. R. Collins, on his installation as Honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET, QUEEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ANNE WILSON	*Treble*	KEVIN S. HOHL	5
†JOHN T. MEDHURST	2	†LUTHER J. HONESS	6
LEWIS NEWMAN	3	EDWARD EADE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. Mr. Edward Eade has now 'completed the circle.'

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,536 Rutland, 768 London and Ealing, 576 Bristol, and 384 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	*HARRY J. MILLATT	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal of Spliced in eight methods and first peal of Spliced on the bells.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

EDWARD J. JENNER	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	PETER N. BOND	6
HILDA OAKSHETT	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
First peal in the method by all the band except the 4th ringer.
Rung in honour of the 27th Jubilee of the Rochester Diocese, 604 A.D.-1954 A.D.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising: 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Superlative and 1,248 Bristol, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*RICHARD E. PRICE	*Treble*	†JOHN D. ROCK	5
†BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
‡ROBERT G. LAY	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
ANNE B. SPEED	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 150th peal and has now 'circled the tower' to peals of Surprise.
† First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. ‡ First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 ELLESMERE LITTLE COURT MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
WILLIAM A. FARMER	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (C.C.C. D. Norwich No. 43 Adapted).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 82).
A birthday peal for F. Hector Bennett and Robert Griffiths, son of the conductor.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	BARRY SULLIVAN	5
JEFFERY P. COOPER	2	ARTHUR C. WALSH	6
GEOFFREY DIXON	3	ALLAN WEAR	7
PERCY WHITAKER	4	WILLIAM DIXON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALLAN WEAR.
First peal as conductor.

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STRETTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN BREEZE	*Treble*	HAROLD MONKS	4
JAMES PETERS	2	*CHARLES LENOARD	5
CLIFFORD SHAW	3	HAROLD WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*YVONNE DREWE	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	JOHN WEST	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal. The ringer of the 3rd has now 'circled the tower.'

HORBURY, NR. WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sat., May 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Primrose, Tulip, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES W. BUXTON	*Treble*	HERMAN RUSBY	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	NOEL F. MOXON	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung to honour Mr. H. Rowley, who has completed 65 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at this tower. This peal is a repeat performance of Mr. Rowley's first peal, which he rang and conducted at Horbury on January 7th, 1894. Both peals were rung in exactly the same time.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

A. RAYMOND TONKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
E. CHARLES TURNER	2	ROLAND BENISTON	5
IVY M. JORDAN	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss E. Iris Rowley (daughter of the conductor) to Mr. J. A. Lewis.

QUINTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PETER DAVIES	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS BOSLEY	4
DOUGLAS JORDAN	2	WILLIAM CORDEROY	5
DAVID LAWSON	3	WILLIAM GILKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS JORDAN.

* First peal 'inside.'

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Mon., May 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALAN E. PEDLAR	*Treble*	DAVID J. MARSHALL	4
†TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	ENID L. ROBERTS	5
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	KEITH B. KEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ENID L. ROBERTS.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung on the 7th anniversary of the Society's first peal.

WESTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL ORME	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	3
*†ANGELA WILLES	2	JOHN CHURCH	4
		DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all and on the bells.

Birthday compliments to Mrs. I. M. Jones, Mrs. C. Orme and Miss C. Orme.

CADOXTON, NR. NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDWARD PHILLIPS	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	4
DAVID J. LEWIS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN WILLIAMS.

First peal as conductor.

UPPER GRAVENHURST, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in seven methods, all possible different callings employed: 960 St. Simon's, 960 St. Martin's, 480 each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALAN J. TUTTLE (14)	*Treble*	MICHAEL ORME	3
†ANGELA WILLES	2	PHILIP MEHEW	4
		DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in more than one Doubles method. The first peal on the bells.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
BARRY E. SAUNDERS	2	LEWIS E. WOOTTON	5
WILLIAM A. YATES	3	GEORGE SHELLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Sulgrave (the Rev. Canon W. S. Pakenham-Walsh), who has completed 60 years in the Ministry.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Rung on the front six.

*JOHN ASHCROFT	*Treble*	FRANCIS ELLISON	4
JOHN AUSTIN	2	ERIC ROUGHLEY	5
HARRY BLACKBURN	3	CHARLES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of William Johnson, a ringer at this church for 26 years, who was buried the previous day.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (four callings). Tenor 4¼ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	*FREDERICK G. HOOPER	3
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
		*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild.

Rung for Ascension Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 26, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHARLWOOD, BRIDGE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

MRS. A. R. PRICE .. .. 1—2 | JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 3—4
A. RYAN PRICE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

50th peal for the Association as conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1—2 | GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 5—6
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 3—4 | JACK BRAY .. .. .. 7—8
*PHILIP BARNES .. .. 9—10

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT 164, VICTORIA STREET, HARTSHILL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 1—2 | FREDK. W. GROCOTT.. .. 5—6
*ALAN LAMBERT .. .. 3—4 | CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 68, WARWICK AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS .. 1—2 | FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 5—6
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 3—4 | HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 7—8
ERNEST SIBLEY .. .. 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 1—2 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 5—6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 3—4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7—8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Michael Best has now rung each pair to a peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 23, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 30 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING CHAMBER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings).
Tenor size 14 in D.

ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4
RICHARD H. SMITH .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in more than one method by all the band. Compliments to Richard H. Smith and Josiah D. Harris on their 16th and 82nd birthdays respectively.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. John A. Acres, of Leicester, rang his 100th peal in the past 12 months on May 23rd. He extends his thanks to Mr. Harold J. Poole and members of the Leicester Cathedral band for advancing his proficiency in Surprise ringing and allowing him to take part in so many peals.

The University of Bristol Society commemorated the seventh anniversary of its first peal by a peal at St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without, Bristol. It was the Society's 25th peal.

It was five and not four of the band who rang at St. Peter's, Mancroft, and also rang at King's Lynn. Our apologies to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow for the omission.

Mr. Harry J. Millatt will remember May 15th. He shepherded four ringers through their first peal at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester.

'Ringing World' representatives:—Mr. G. W. Seaman, 5, Richmond Drive, Watford, Watford District Representative; Mr. Cecil Ebberson, Snettisham, King's Lynn, Western Branch, Norwich Diocesan Association.

At Bowdon, Cheshire, a peal on the day of the Queen's return could not be arranged, so at the Vicar's request it was rung on May 18th. The day coincided with Miss Ruth Jackson's birthday, and the peal enabled Mr. C. K. Lewis to 'circle' the tower.

A fortnight ago we reported how the Barnsley District honoured Mr. H. Rowley's completion of 65 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at Horbury. Mr. Rowley's first peal, which was rung on January 7th, 1894, was repeated in its entirety and took exactly the same time to perform. Of this peal (Treble Bob Minor in seven methods), which Mr. Rowley called, the only other survivor is Mr. Alfred Yelland.

Since the publication of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's article on 'The Bells of Bedfordshire,' a peal has been rung on one of the peal-less towers. This was at Upper Gravenhurst. The conductor reports that the bells 'go' well but are not often rung. They do not seem to be tuned to the major scale, though the third (a Chandler bell) is not quite flat enough to qualify for a genuine minor five.

The peal at Allensmore, Herefordshire, was the first by the resident Sunday service band since 1939.

The peal at Kelvedon, Essex, was by the Sunday service band, and that at Thorverton, Devon, the first by an all-local band.

By ringing the treble to the peal of Minor at Ibstock, Mr. A. R Tonks has now completed the circle at this tower.

Miss B. Wright, who rang her first peal at Coseley on May 15th, is the youngest ringer to score a peal on these bells. She recently passed her 16th birthday.

Mr. Charles Sanders, who has been a Sunday service ringer at Syston, Leics, for 40 years, rang his first peal on May 15th. It was also his 28th wedding anniversary.

A suggestion is made that the bells at Foots Cray, where a peal has just been rung, are the lightest five in the world, as the tenor weighs 3 cwt. 1 qr. and the treble 1 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. Mr. Peter Bond reports that the bells, which were rehung and restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1951, now go very well, although ringing is not easy, as the bells are rung from the middle of the nave, some of the ringers having to stand in the pews to ring. The small wooden bell-turret, supported on great oak posts inside the nave, has also been restored and strengthened, and tower movement is now practically negligible.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

RESPONSIBILITY OF ADVANCED PEAL RINGERS TO LEARNERS — PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

THE annual general meeting, held, as usual, at Leicester, on April 24th, was well attended, the number present being over the average. Following the afternoon's ringing on the eight, ten and two twelves available, a service conducted by the Succentor, the Rev. A. A. Lander, was held in the Cathedral. The lesson was read by the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, and the address, much appreciated, was given by Assistant Bishop the Rt. Rev. H. A. Maxwell.

Tea in the Little Theatre having been suitably dealt with, the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, introduced the clergy present, expressing the pleasure of the Guild in meeting them. The Lord Bishop had regretted that owing to a previous engagement he had been unable to be present, but hoped to attend future meetings. Mr. Poole thanked the Assistant Bishop for his delightful sermon, to which the Bishop suitably responded.

The Ven. W. C. Lyon, until recently Archdeacon of Loughborough, spoke of his great affection for the church bells and for the ringers.

ARCHDEACON PRAISES RINGERS

The new Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Ven. R. B. Cole, also spoke of ringers and church towers. He knew of the enthusiasm of ringers and their readiness to report anything amiss with bells or towers. He thought that ringers carried out this part of their duties in a most efficient manner—if one could judge by the number of towers to be seen 'in splints.'

The Succentor also spoke, remarking how well the service had been attended.

For the business the chair was taken by the president, who was supported by the general officers of the Guild. In his opening remarks Mr. Poole spoke of the very gratifying support he and the other officers had received and, thanks to all—officers and members— the past year had been successful and quite up to previous years. The Coronation had given ringers the opportunity of expressing their loyalty and, he felt, the Guild ringers had made their presence felt both in city and county.

The news that the bells of St. John-the-Divine, in Leicester, had been saved was most welcome. They had been perilously near to losing both church and bells but, fortunately, the new Lord Bishop, as one of his first acts, had ruled against the proposal, at least for a time. It was hoped that the proposal to demolish would be postponed indefinitely. They should be very grateful to the Bishop for his action.

HELP LEARNERS

Mr. Poole suggested that some District meetings could be better attended. It was very discouraging for the District officers to arrange these meetings and the service, which was part of the meeting, and then find attendance poor. It was quite wrong for ringers who had attained the ability to ring the higher methods to refrain from ringing the humbler methods, and so denying to learners the opportunity to improve their ringing. Mr. Poole appealed to all ringers to support their own District meetings.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. There were no matters arising.

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, presented the year's accounts. He compared the result with previous years saying that, generally, the state of affairs was favourable, the final balance showing £332 17s. 8d. in hand. Mr. Rowley said that as only about one-third of the badges had been sold, he much wanted the sales to be increased and so reduce the amount of capital locked up in this item. He moved the adoption of the accounts, Mr. Wykes seconded, and the adoption was carried together with thanks to Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Mr. S. Burton, hon. peal secretary, in his report, said 196 peals had been rung in 1953, of which 179 were on tower bells and 17 on handbells. This total was ten fewer than last year, when 206 peals were rung.

£37 FROM PEAL FEES

The peal fee of sixpence per ringer, instituted in 1953 for the first time, to help towards the cost of printing the report, had brought in a total of £37 12s. 6d. New methods rung for the first time were:—Metropolis Surprise Maximus, Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods and Aylestone Surprise Major.

Peals had been called by 36 different conductors, and among individual performances were 29 who had rung their first peal and 233 their first in the method. There had been two first as conductors and 13 first as conductors in the method. The president, Mr. H. J. Poole, had rung his 1,000th peal and also his 750th as conductor.

Mr. Burton having been thanked for his report and services, the hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, then gave his report for 1953.

Meetings in each of the six Districts this year varied in number from eight to thirteen. The average attendance at these meetings also varied from 12 to 35 with an overall average of 30.

The festival dinner at Melton was attended by just over 100 and a good time was enjoyed by all. By holding this function in the Districts an opportunity was afforded many to meet the other members of the Guild and to take part in the Guild's activities, who would otherwise be unable to do so.

The Coronation provided an opportunity for bringing to the notice of the public the activities of the Guild by means of the organised ringing that took place in towns and villages. As a result of the ringing in the city of Leicester and in appreciation of that ringing the Guild received a cheque from the city authorities. This is to be used to assist some church fund in the city.

Grants during the year were made to the bell repair funds of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Asfordby.

There had been joint meetings held with the M.C.G., the Notts Guild and the Rutland ringers. Dinners and other social functions, as distinct from the festival, had been held in the Melton, Syston and Hinckley Districts. The attendance at the Hinckley dinner was just over 100. Several outings had also been arranged.

MEMBERSHIP

Eighty-seven new members were made during the year and also 17 non-resident members were elected. They had now 14 honorary life members. The total membership was just over 850. Since the formation of the Guild 1,006 new ringing and non-resident members had been elected. Add this number to the number of those transferred from the old Midland Counties Association and they would realise the very large wastage. The General Committee had given this matter much thought and they recommended that a possible remedy would be to try to increase the Guild spirit by various means. It was essential to the life and working of the Guild to stop this drifting away of so many.

The report was received with thanks to Mr. Wood.

THE OFFICERS

The election of general officers was opened by Mr. E. C. Turner, who said that for the first office to be filled, that of president, they could not do better than re-elect Mr. H. J. Poole, who was, without doubt, the best man for the job. The meeting, by acclamation, agreed, and Mr. Poole was declared duly elected.

The president, in returning thanks, said he would do his best for the Guild.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley), the hon peal secretary (Mr. S. Barton) and the hon. general secretary (Mr. W. A. Wood) were all re-elected.

Ballot papers were distributed for the election of two vice-presidents, there being four nominations. The result was declared to be the re-election of Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner. Mr. Taylor expressed the thanks of Mr. Turner and of himself.

The election of 19 new resident ringing members and of six non-resident members was duly confirmed.

It was announced that, in addition to towers already mentioned, Great Bowden had been given a grant from the Bell Repair Fund, and that Mr. H. G. Fretwell, of Castle Donnington, had been made an honorary life member.

A proposal to make the date of the annual general meeting for the first Saturday after Easter each year was carried.

A proposal to delete peal fees was withdrawn by the proposer asking leave of the meeting to do so. This met with unanimous approval.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

A long discussion on a letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett on the subject of 'The Ringing World' followed. It was agreed that each District should appoint as their 'Ringing World' representative who would be enthusiastic enough to get around the District contacting towers and urging the sale of the paper. At the same time he would collect and remit local information and matters of interest to a general officer, who, in turn, would be appointed to co-ordinate all efforts and act as correspondent to 'The Ringing World.' It was agreed that Mr. T. G. S. Ellwood should be appointed for this purpose. Mr. Ellwood having signified his willingness to undertake these duties, all District secretaries were asked to communicate the names of those appointed in each District to the hon. general secretary and to Mr. Ellwood.

The Festival was fixed for October 23rd at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Reference was made to the last visit to Leicester of the Central Council in 1912, and that the Council would be invited to visit Leicester, if possible, next year.

On the conclusion of the business meeting a move was made to the Victoria Hotel, where the usual room, equipped as usual with the means of obtaining 'ringers' nectar,' was available until a late hour. Games, dancing, handbell ringing and happy social intercourse made the time go quickly. W. A. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District at Sketty

Despite the rail strike, some 50 ringers enjoyed that 'friendly welcome and generous gossip' that accompanied the quarterly meeting of the South Wales District at Sketty, Swansea, on May 22nd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Harry Williams), and the tea provided by the Sketty ringers and their friends. Appreciation on behalf of the visitors was expressed by Mr. Ted Coles; Miss Dilys Hulbert (vice-president) thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome, and Miss Jacqueline Evans the gentlemen for their 'supporting presence.'

The following new members were elected, bringing the total membership to 66: Mrs. Thomas and the Misses E. Thomas, M. Thomas and A. Loxton, all of Llangynwyd; Miss A. Mogford, Aberavon; the Misses M. French, C. Davies, Carole Davies, B. Jones and J. Lovat, all of Pentre.

Abergavenny was chosen as the place of the next meeting, with Ebbw Vale as an alternative.

THE MINISTRY GOES WEST AGAIN

By The Rev. GILBERT THURLOW

THIS is not a French newspaper headline, but the record of how the Clerical Guild went west again on April 26th, this time to hold their annual 'week' in South Wales—a district abounding in charm, scenery, people, churches and bells.

The King's Head, Newport, Mon, was the headquarters. On arrival at the first tower, the undersigned found Malcolm Melville preaching to himself in the three-decker pulpit at Nash, a nice little six, which made a pleasant start. Then, after getting settled at the King's Head, we met the kind and friendly band at All Saints', Newport, who were having practice night on their nice eight (tenor 15 cwt.), rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1946; here you can spy weddings directly beneath you through a tiny glass window in the floor.

On the 27th we began with Holy Communion, celebrated by Canon Cox, the president, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. Then to Penhow, a nice six, with a grand fortified manor house (mediæval and Georgian) nearby. At Shirenewton (St. Thomas of Canterbury) the six are not so easy to ring as the sallies hardly rise at handstroke. We arrived at Chepstow in time to ring Stedman and Kent on the fine eight for a wedding—in a once magnificent Norman church.

TEMPTATION!

Lunch was by the ruins of Tintern Abbey, where I think a local paper said we rang. (Henry VIII. stole the bells, and anyhow Cistercian abbeys were not supposed to have towers though some of them transgressed this rule.) Probably we rang change from the local publican; we were also tempted to (w)ring the necks of the tamest hens I have ever met, who shared our picnic lunch, by the Wye. Then to St. Briavel's (8, tenor 12 cwt.), a tower visible for miles as it stands proudly above the Wye: a picturesque castle, now a youth hostel, nearby. Then to the glorious six at Newland (tenor 16 cwt.), 'The Cathedral of the Forest of Dean,' a splendid church with many fine monuments including a mediæval brass of a 'Free Miner' with apron and pick. 'Free Miners' continue to-day, they work an area allocated them from the Queen's land, and they are the only miners not nationalised in this country. Then to Staunton for Cambridge, etc., on a light six in a central tower.

Tea at the Angel, Monmouth, followed by Double Norwich, etc., on the fine eight at St. Mary's, Monmouth; these are all by Rudhall, 1706 (tenor 18¼ cwt.), rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, 1953; Edwin Barnett called the first peal here, 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours and 59 minutes, on July 1st, 1886. They are supposed to be the bells (recast) which rang in derision as Henry V. sailed from Calais, causing him to turn back and nick them. The day ended with a delightful ring at St. Woolos' Cathedral on the grand twelve (tenor 21 cwt.), the Dean of Monmouth being present; Stedman Caters, Clerical Grandsire, Cinques, etc., went nicely. Thus the planned day finished, but certain clerics in the King's Head cocktail bar stirred such interest that we had to go and ring handbells there, not forgetting to sell a book or so to educate the patrons further.

ROMAN WALES

On the 28th we began with Superlative, etc., at St. Cadoc's, Caerleon, a place of great antiquity, with many traces of the Roman town, including an amphitheatre. This was the headquarters of the Second Legion. Two early Christians who were murdered in the amphitheatre, Saints Julius and Aaron, are pictured in the church's east window, as is St. Gwynllyw, founder of St. Woolos'. Then to St. Cybi's, Llangibby, where Cambridge, etc., were rung on a nice eight; this church has some wall paintings. Then to the fine Priory Church of Usk, with a good Norman tower, formerly central but now 'easterly' with the fall of the choir, containing a grand eight; the organ here came from Llandaff Cathedral.

Lunch at Raglan Castle, one-time home of the fabulously rich Somersets, who gave (or lent?) Charles I. the sum of £900,000 face value **in those days!** The ruins of their strongroom is in the keep. Then to the grand ten (tenor 25 cwt. in D) at Abergavenny for Bob Royal, etc. On to Ebbw Vale with a really splendid eight (tenor 25 cwt.) for Double Norwich, etc. The unique feature here is the tenor counter fixed up by Brian Price, which electrically records every blow struck by the tenor. On our arrival it registered 0778000 exactly; we worked it up to 0778609—this includes not only changes of course, but every blow, including those by anyone who can't set it. After being photographed in the churchyard, we shared a splendid tea most kindly provided by the ladies of the parish in their hall. Then past the steelworks, etc., to Blaenavon, where Double Norwich, etc., were rung on a nice eight (tenor 9¼ cwt.)

THE ANNUAL MEETING

After dinner, when the Archdeacon of Newport, himself a ringer, dined with us, the annual meeting was held. At this, Canon Cox was unanimously re-elected president, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews hon. secretary, and, Rule 4 having been altered to permit more than one vice-president, Prebendary Cox was unanimously elected a vice-president in gratitude for his former work as hon. secretary. New members elected included the Archdeacon of Newport and the Dean of St. David's. Prebendary Cox, thanking the Guild for their gift when he relinquished the secretaryship, said that with it he had bought a super wheelbarrow. It was agreed, subject to the hon secretary finding it practicable, to hold the 1955 week at Lynton, April 18th to 23rd, and perhaps to go to Matlock in 1956. Universal gratitude to the Rev. I. J. Richards for his help over this tour.

On the 29th the first tower was Bassaleg, where Cambridge, etc., was rung on six steel bells (tenor 12 cwt.) in St. Basil's Church These resemble the normal bell in appearance but their tone is poor. Then to St. Michael's, Machen. Here the tenor man planted himself against a blackboard for Stedman Triples (8, tenor 15 cwt.) at the conclusion of which he had the last two rows of original Doubles in reverse on his trousers. At Marshfield, where we rang Cambridge Major, the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. L. Jones), a new member, rang with us; here there are a fine Early English door and chancel arch. At Peterstone Wentlogg was another fine church with decorated pillars and arches; a nice eight here. Lunch in a nice pub of considerable antiquity; the Severn flows past a few hundred yards away.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

Then one of the great moments of the tour—Llandaff Cathedral. Here the desolation wrought by a large bomb in 1941 is being gradually and triumphantly overcome. The nave is still without a proper floor or glass in its windows, but first things come first. Worship goes on in the Lady Chapel, where we sang Evensong together, and the bells have been rung during the last five months, the keen beginners being taught by the St. John's town band—how grand to put the bells before the windows, thus demonstrating that Christian triumph means more than physical comfort! Here we rang Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major on the fine ten and then had tea nearby in the hall.

The Dean, who took tea with us, told us of some of the vicissitudes through which Llandaff Cathedral has passed. Between 1690 and 1850 it was in ruins. No choral services were held in it between 1690 and 1861. Much of the time there were no Dean or Canons, and one Bishop lived in the Lake District. The splendid restoration of 1857 had its results swept away by the bomb of 1941, but now the feeling of triumph is in the air. The nave, already grandly roofed, will, it is hoped, be re-opened in 1955 and completed by 1957 or 1958. New statues in the nave by Epstein ('Our Lord in glory') and Stanley Spencer ('The Resurrection') will result in the Cathedral possessing works of art from every period in its life. A fine choir school—despite the financial robbery of the Welsh Church by Lloyd George—means that the praise of God will continue here when the aforesaid gentleman is forgotten. A bell from the ruined campanile nearby is now Great Peter, at Exeter. The Dean added that the Archbishop of Wales, who, he said, is a ringer, was to have come to tea but was prevented. Then to St. John's, Cardiff, a famous peal-ringing tower, whose grand ten added another memorable name to our list. The evening finished with Llanfrechfa, a pleasant eight in a charming church, and afterwards four members adjourned for a peal attempt on handbells, but after a bit decided to 'call it a day,' being too late at night. This was the only peal attempt on the tour, the rest of the time being spent on the delightful visits above described.

THE RED LIGHT

Clerical weeks must end on Fridays, so on the 30th we began moving east. Four towers in this direction in the morning before we dispersed. A fine central tower at Caldicot, where a tower peal attempt was discussed but not begun owing to time, etc. (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.). Then to Mathern with a nice six, followed by Tidenham, with another nice six, where the ringers stand round an ancient lead font of typical shape. Finally Lydney, St. Mary's, where Bob Major etc., on a fine eight concluded our activities. Here a red light in the ringing chamber indicates that someone is among the bells. If it goes out it means either that he has left the bell chamber or that the light has failed. So we dispersed, full of gratitude to all those many brother ringers, steeplekeepers, belfry captains and others who had co-operated so splendidly with our hon. secretary and with the Rev. I. J. Richards in making the tour so delightful and successful.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held on May 8th at Newcastle Church, Bridgend. Fine weather ensured that a good attendance to this meeting could be expected. Fifty-two ringers took the opportunity of ringing on this excellent eight, which were set going early in the afternoon. The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Jones, B.A.), who gave an interesting address on the various uses of bells.

A bounteous tea, which had been provided by the Mothers' Union and the Young Wives' Group, followed in the nearby Church Hall. A vote of thanks in appreciation was given by the Branch Master, Mr. F. Bailey. During the business meeting a letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett, appealing for greater support of 'The Ringing World' was read. It resulted in two towers informing the meeting that they would immediately become postal subscribers instead of obtaining their copies through a newsagent. More support to this can be expected from other members.

Ringing was enjoyed under the capable handling of Mr. D. King, General Master. R. E. C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS ONLY ADVOCATED

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett seems to suggest that losses incurred by 'The Ringing World' were responsible for Mr. Goldsmith's financial difficulties. There is no doubt that 'The Ringing World' never did produce a reward sufficient for the effort put into it, but Mr. Goldsmith's difficulties were more likely due to his personal expenditure exceeding his income, especially towards the end of his life. That 'The Ringing World' was making a profit is indicated by the fact that for several years after his death, when the paper was edited by J. A. Trollope, substantial profits were made.

Reference to the past, however, will not help towards present difficulties and drastic action may be essential before long. A sixpenny paper will not solve the problem if the bulk of the extra 2d. is claimed by middlemen who work on a percentage basis. Postal subscribers are already paying over 5d. per copy and are at present subsidising those who buy from a newsagent. If 'The Ringing World' were supplied only through the post the price might be reduced to £1 per annum and the paper still show a profit. There would, I agree, be a drop in circulation, but before such a course is adopted steps could be taken through the various affiliated societies to ascertain what the effect would be. If ringers want 'The Ringing World,' they will buy it.

Too much reliance should not be placed on the accuracy of the financial results quoted, especially those for 1952 and 1953, before they have been audited, and a comparison between these two years may at this stage be misleading. The Central Council has never yet been presented with audited accounts of 'The Ringing World' for the previous financial year. Is it too much to expect that accounts for the year ended December 31st should be audited in time for the Central Council meeting five months later?—Yours, ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

Stanmore, Middlesex.

BOB DOUBLES FOR THE WINCHESTER GUILD

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Doubles rung at Owslebury on May 8th and claimed as first for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was not, in fact, so. The first in this method for the Guild was rung on handbells six days earlier. May I, therefore, correct the footnote to 'First on tower bells for Guild' and add that the average age of the band was 16½ years, as was the handbell peals average.—Yours truly,

Winchester. J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

POSITION OF CLERICAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Your comment that the clerical ringers of to-day cannot equal the performances of their kind forty years ago is, unfortunately, true. There are, however, good reasons not necessarily connected with ringing ability. Owing to the decline in numbers of clergy, the average parson to-day is shouldering, often single-handed, a heavier burden than was formerly the case. Enough vital priestly work has to go undone through simple lack of time or strength, that it is no wonder that many pleasant time-absorbing interests such as ringing can receive little attention. Furthermore, it is astonishing how many of us seem to land up in parishes where there are no bells. In my own case, having succeeded in coming to a parish possessing a ring of eight, I find myself in charge of a smaller church with only one.

I am sure the innate ability to equal the achievements of those of former years is not lacking in the clerical ringers of to-day, but simply the time for practice and peal ringing, without which no one can expect his full powers as a ringer to come to fulfilment.—Yours faithfully, (Rev.) P. T. ROBBINS.

Swinton, Manchester.

CHURCH SPIRES

Dear Sir,—It is probable that, among ringers, there are some who are very familiar with their church spires.

If so, and they know of a case where the architect has slung a heavy weight down within the spire, from the apex-stone or otherwise, I shall be much obliged if they will kindly inform me.

I only know of one example—the late J. L. Pearson's (i.e., St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Kent), where the architect continued the iron of the weather-vane 6ft. to suspend a heavy block of concrete below the apex-stone.—Yours very faithfully, E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Elstree Hill, Bromley, Kent.

WEST HERTS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—The Western District of the Hertford County Association have responded to the request for a correspondent in the District and I have been appointed to promote postal sales of 'The Ringing World' and to forward items of interest for publication.

Our District meetings are usually very placid occasions and we are not accustomed to the moving speeches which we heard when 'The Ringing World' was under discussion. Mr. J. Banfield, who rang for many years at St. Mary's, Apsley End, spoke of the great pleasure which 'The Ringing World' brought to him in his retirement, and he was of the opinion that the future well-being of the Exercise was directly related to the continuing prosperity of 'The Ringing World.' A similar point of view came from Mr. Wolstencroft, a visitor from Bucks, who said that he was content to read the names of ringers of peals and quarters because this enabled him to recall many happy occasions in the company of peal ringers. Mr. Fred Plummer, of Apsley End, expressed the opinion that there is little in 'The Ringing World' to interest the younger members of the Exercise and he felt that more space could be given to articles for the benefit of the less experienced ringers if the news items and letters which are published were restricted to items of real interest.

It may well be that more interest will be taken when news items are received regularly from all parts of the country. The Western District of Hereford are optimistic and we are determined to lend our full support to the new campaign.—Yours faithfully,

King's Langley. B. M. BARKER.

THIRTEEN-FEET CLOCK PENDULUMS

Dear Sir,—May I ask, through the kindness of your paper, that bellringers who know of turret clocks with 13 feet pendulums (or thereabouts) will kindly let me know? I am trying to list these rather rare clocks

Once I asked for information about one-hand clocks and the response was magnificent. Hence I am encouraged to come to you again. If the maker's name can also be supplied at the same time that is better still.

I was recently visiting Talland Church, near Looe, in Cornwall, and was charmed with the accomplished way in which the friendly team of ringers rang for the morning service, and then, at 11 a.m., streamed into their places in church.

In talking to them I introduced to them the subject of more ringers subscribing to 'The Ringing World,' and every band of ringers being responsible for at least one copy, so as to ensure its continued circulation. I think they were typical of others who have not yet come to feel the necessity of such support because they are not acquainted with the paper. If taken regularly for a little while I am sure any reader would be loth to see it dropped.—Yours sincerely,

Northill Rectory, A. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Biggleswade, Beds.

RINGING FOR A VICAR'S WEDDING

Wadhurst Bells to be Retuned

When the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp was inducted to the living of Wadhurst, Sussex, in September, 1951, he had the greatest difficulty in getting the treble bell to speak, and it was thought at once, 'Here is another one who knows nothing about bells.'

But it was soon learned that, while not a ringer, Mr. Roscamp did know quite a bit about bells, and the ringers were asked to give account of themselves if there was any bad striking during service ringing.

On several occasions the times of ringing for special secular rejoicings have been altered so that the Vicar could be within hearing, and it is mainly through his interest that as soon as the faculty is granted, Wadhurst bells will be retuned and rehung in a new frame.

A peal attempt was planned before the bells were to be taken away, but at Easter the Vicar suddenly announced that he was getting married on May 4th, so, of course, here was the chance for that peal. At first it was to be rung after the wedding, but then, knowing the Vicar's love of the bells, the attempt was made on the wedding eve.

The bride was introduced to the ringers before the start of the peal, and all went well till nearly the end of the third 720, when there was a sudden clatter upstairs and the voice of the fifth was missing. Upon inspection it was found that the clapper had snapped between the ball and the shaft, a difficult repair job, and it was then that someone said, 'What about the wedding to-morrow?' However, thanks to the co-operation of the local blacksmith, the clapper was replaced, still warm, in the bell, while the guests assembled in church.

When the Vicar and his bride (Mrs. A. J. Scoular) left the church the bells were 'fired' and rung to Doubles by a mixed band.

It was a great disappointment that the peal failed, for, had it been a success, one young man would have had his first peal of Minor, another member would have 'circled the tower' and the conductor would have rung his 100th peal, this being the sixth attempt for it.

For the peal attempt, the ringers stood: M. Latter 1, C. Pilbeam 2, S. G. Ponting 3, W. A. Kitchenside 4, L. W. Giles 5, C. A. Bassett (conductor) 6; and for the wedding: M. W. Watts, Ann Bassett, S. G. Ponting, W. A. Kitchenside, C. A. Bassett and A. Relfe.

Southwell Diocesan Guild

Thirty ringers from nine towers attended the Newark District meeting held at Elston on May 22nd. At 2.45 the bells were raised in peal and ringing continued in various methods until 4.30, when the Rector conducted a service.

The bells are a light six (tenor 9¼ cwt.) hung on plain bearings. They go well and the tone is pleasant, so some good striking was heard. Mrs. Astin kindly provided an enormous tea, after which a short business meeting was held. Four new members were elected, and Mr. W. L. Exton was elected 'The Ringing World' representative. Methods rung ranged from Cambridge Surprise to rounds.

A Tour in Gloucestershire

On May 1st the Checkendon ringers had a most enjoyable and interesting tour in Gloucestershire, visiting Barnwood (8), St. Mary-de-Lode (6), Sandhurst (8) and Quedgeley (8).

During a break in the afternoon the opportunity was taken to inspect Gloucester Cathedral. The success of the outing was largely due to the organisation of Mr. Ronald Russ.

The hospitality of the captain of the Barnwood ringers at the close of the day was much appreciated, and if his, or other teams, would like to visit Checkendon and district, a pleasant tour can be arranged.

THE BOURNEMOUTH RALLY

George Williams Commemoration Dinner

THE eighth annual rally and fifth George Williams Commemoration Dinner was held at the Wick Ferry Restaurant, Christchurch, on May 8th. Seventy-five ringers and friends gathered together, and in an ideal setting on the banks of the River Stour did full justice to an excellent meal. Canon R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch, presided and the Bishop of Southampton was the guest of honour.

The company included Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Miss P. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dykes, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor-Grieve, Mr. and Mrs. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger, Mr. David Reed and Miss W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Young, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, the Misses N. Leahy, Nice, Barnes, P. Barnett, D. Battersby, D. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, K. Fletcher, S. Kitchenside, S. Parker, Sparshott, J. Waters, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. M. Bazeley, E. Booth, M. J. E. Best, M. Butler, W. E. Cheater, J. Coles, J. E. Daniels, M. Daniels, S. Harrison, B. Haynes, J. King, A. F. Martin Stewart, D. T. Matkin, P. Matkin, H. A. Mitchell, R. Peckham, G. Preston, H. Reed, R. Pike, R. O. Street, A. H. Ward and S. White.

THE FELLOWSHIP

The Bishop of Southampton, in proposing the toast of 'The Bells and Bell Ringers,' said he was delighted to have the privilege of attending. His interest in bells extended nearly 30 years. His calling required him to dedicate many church bells, and he had often been struck by the lively sense of good fellowship which prevailed among bell ringers. He had spent a number of years abroad, and when he heard the sound of bells coming through the evening air, there was something about them which gripped the heart, and it never failed to bring back memories of the homeland.

In former days bells played a much greater part in men's lives than they did to-day, and he could not help feeling that it was only right that all great occasions should be celebrated by the ringing of the bells. It should not be forgotten, however, that the chief call of the bells was to the worship of God. He added finally, 'It is a great privilege to be asked to propose this toast to the bells and bell ringers.'

Mr. C. H. Kippin, responding to the toast, commented, 'It does not matter where you go if you enter a belfry and make yourself known, you are sure to be admitted into their circle. There is nothing like bell ringing as a means of getting yourself known in another part of the country. It does not matter whether you have a hyphenated name or not, or whether you are an admiral or, like myself, a civil servant, one can ring with them all.' He thanked the Bishop for the very able way he had proposed the toast and the company for the way they had received it.

LADIES AND RINGING

Mr. G. Pullinger proposed 'The Memory of George Williams,' and gave a brief outline of his ringing career, quoting various happenings of his ringing life, some of them very amusing, especially where the ladies were concerned. He used to say, 'They are all right in their proper place,' but all the same his wife was the first lady to ring a handbell peal with her husband. Besides being a great peal ringer, George Williams was also a good churchman, always attending service, whether at home or away, at least once every Sunday. He set a wonderful example, both as a ringer and a churchman, and they would all do well to follow his path. Mr. Pullinger concluded by saying, 'My memories of the old man are indeed very happy ones.'

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' said it was a great pleasure to see so many visitors at this gathering. They came from Birmingham, Derby, Kettering, Isleworth, Beaconsfield, Winchester, Eastleigh, Southampton, Ringwood and Oxford. He expressed thanks to the organisers of the gathering, and also to those who had originated the idea of holding these rallies, which did so much to bring ringers together and also to help keep alive the memory of such a great ringer and churchman as George Williams. He also thanked Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart for the floral decorations, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford and Mr. H. Johnson for entertaining the assembly.

Mr. Albert Walker replied to the toast. He said nothing gave him more pleasure than to come to these gatherings at Bournemouth. On behalf of all the visitors there, he would like to say 'Thank you' for a most delightful evening.

At the conclusion of the evening, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the way he had presided over the gathering. This was received by the company with much applause.

It was regretted that Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding, from Birmingham, were unable to be present due to illness. It was the wish of everyone that they would soon be fit and well again.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford gave songs and duets accompanied by Mr. H. Johnson. The St. John's (Surrey Road) tune ringing band also entertained with a collection of popular tunes. The change ringing consisted of a good touch of Spliced Plain Royal in four methods by J. E. Daniels, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, D. T. Matkin, M. J. E. Best and Miss K. Fletcher.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The spring meeting of the Society took place at Cannock on May 22nd. Despite the proximity of the 'Chase' coalmines, Cannock still retains a country town atmosphere, with the fine Parish Church of St. Luke and its pleasant surrounding churchyard right in the centre of the town. The ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.) is easy to handle and is pleasing to the ear. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. K. Robertson, Vicar of Cannock and newly-appointed Rural Dean. The Parish Church organist (Mr. A. M. York) was at the organ. In his address Mr. Robertson said that during the war years the bells were intended to sound an alarm. Now that the war was over the bells still sounded an alarm, but of a different nature—to remind all and sundry that Jesus Christ was in our midst to-day, as always.

An excellent tea was kindly provided by the Cannock ringers and church workers. The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary, duly expressed thanks and appreciation to the Rev. D. K. Robertson, the organist, lady helpers, Mr. T. Benton and the Cannock ringers for all they had done to make the meeting so successful. The attendance was 76.

In a discussion after tea on 'The Ringing World' finances, it was decided to instruct Mr. B. G. Key to mention at the forthcoming Central Council meeting the suggestion that all Guilds and Associations up and down the country should increase the amounts of their annual subscriptions by one shilling per member, such increase to be paid over to the funds of 'The Ringing World.'

The next meeting of the Society will be the annual at Lichfield on June 19th. F. C. A. B.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION AT EDINBURGH

Annual Meeting

The weather was glorious in Edinburgh on May 8th for the 22nd annual meeting of the Scottish Association.

The ringing began in the morning at 11 o'clock at St. James', Leith. Edinburgh ringers were well represented and a number had managed to get there from Dundee, St. Andrew's and Glasgow. These eight bells were rehung at the end of 1952, and although this has greatly improved them, they still require a great deal of handling. Notwithstanding this, the bells were kept going for an hour and a half, and Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Plain Bob and a course of Double Norwich were brought round.

The party split up for lunch and reassembled along with additional reinforcements at St. Mary's Cathedral at 2 p.m. Here the fine 10 bells were available till the service at 4 p.m. and there was only one short pause in the ringing throughout the afternoon, and this was caused by a broken rope, which, however, was quickly replaced.

The Association's service was conducted in the Cathedral by the Vice-Provost, Canon Getty. The Provost, the Very Rev. H. B. Gooderham, in his address, after welcoming all the ringers to the Cathedral, spoke of advertising in commercial life and showed how the advertising of the Church was in great measure achieved by the work of ringers.

At the conclusion of the service the meeting adjourned to the Walpole Hall in the Cathedral precincts, where the party was entertained to a fine meal by the Cathedral band. The clergy then withdrew and the business meeting followed, with the president of the Association, Mr. W. H. Pickett, in the chair.

The Ringing Master, Mr. Charles R. Raine, gave a brief review of the activities of the past year, of the meetings which had been held at Glasgow, Dunblane and Alloa, of the quarter peals that had been rung and of the peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the occasion of the State visit to the capital of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The secretary reported on the circulars that he had received from the Central Council and stated that the percentage in Scotland of the numbers of postal copies of 'The Ringing World' ordered as against the number of towers was in the region of 82 per cent., whereas only three English counties even passed the 50 per cent. mark. Scotland and Canada seemed to tie for top place. He was later taken to task by Mr. Lloyd for suggesting that there was room for complacency, and Mr. Lloyd felt that still more copies could be ordered in Scotland.

The election of the non-resident members, Miss Julia Preston and Messrs. Jack N. Brown, Thomas C. Larkey and John E. Spice, who had rung in the peal at Edinburgh in June, 1953, was confirmed. The election of Messrs. H. O. Baker, George Fearn, B. Jones, R. B. Meadows and A. A. Potts, who had rung in a peal on May 1st, 1954, was agreed to conditionally on the secretary obtaining further details as to the elections. The Misses Marion Capey and Imogen Durnell-Watters and Messrs. John Killick, A. W. Lloyd, John Moss and Charles Sargent were elected ringing members.

The President, Ringing Master and Secretary and Treasurer were each reappointed for a further year. The secretary was elected as the representative on the Central Council.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Paisley and other meetings at Dunblane and Alloa if these towers were available. In conclusion, the President proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Kate Branson, the secretary of the Cathedral band, for all her work in making the local arrangements for the meeting.

Queen's Homecoming

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. King 1, A. Everett (cond.) 2, R. Bentley 3, K. Joslin 4, R. Joslin 5, J. Sheppard 6, A. Edwards 7, P. Childs 8.

BRAY, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Rolls 1, B. McCleary 2, R. Lidbury 3, Audrey Smallbone 4, Diane Spice 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, P. Aslett 7, J. Norsworth 8. Rung by the local band.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wise 1, J. Taylor 2, J. N. Money (cond.) 3, G. Garlick 4, T. Palmer 5, H. Eccott 6.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): H. Morgan 1, L. Hopwood 2, S. Jones, sen., 3, W. Pugh 4, H. Thomas 5, G. Pugh 6, J. W. Clarke (cond.) 7, W. Ince 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob): D. Hughes (first of Minor) 1, J. Cannell 2, Mary Fuller 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. A. Gooding (first quarter) 1, M. W. Carter (first 'inside') 2, H. J. F. Muncey 3, Marie K. Roberts (first as cond.) 4, H. C. Foster 5, D. Sadler 6. First quarter by a local band

NANTWICH, CHES.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Lloyd (first in method) 1, T. S. Astbury 2, A. Merrill (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Boffey 4, F. Barnard 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Stubbs 8.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Irene Reading (first quarter) 1, Ruth Sanders (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. P. Holmes 3, Rev. F. A. Sanders (first quarter) 4, B. Garrett (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

RAMPTON, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. A. Gooding 1, M. W. Carter 2, V. Chamberlain 3, Marie K. Roberts 4, H. J. F. Muncey (first as cond.) 5.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Simpson 1, D. G. Dobbie 2, B. Chittenden 3, G. Eastman 4, J. Grensted 5, G. Kenward 6, S. B. Dobbie (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. Warner 4, N. D. Lane 5, E. C. Shepherd (comp. and cond.) 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. Bragg 9, T. Abbotts 10.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On May 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: B. K. Lunn 1, J. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, James Phillips 4, J. Waters 5, J. B. Sansom 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, R. F. Deal 3, J. S. Mason 10. J. Phillips (cond.) 11, C. J. Watts 12. Also on May 16th, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 3, G. F. Bryant 4, B. G. Moore 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock 8.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Shattock 1, J. Mathews 2, J. Brewer 3, H. Thorn 4, A. H. Reed 5, B. Besley 6.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons (cond.) 2, H. Paddison 3, W. Thyng (81) 4, W. Allwood (78) 5, R. E. Moon 6, F. A. Adams 7, W. Dickinson 8.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. H. Rose 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, R. G. Pearce 3, A. G. Moore 4, L. G. Cave (cond.) 5, C. E. Jordan 6.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parsons 1, E. Hart (first quarter) 2, D. Inkpen 3, C. F. Wills (cond.) 4, W. Hart 5, C. Gay 6.

STURRY, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 of Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Miss B. Brockman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. G. French 2, T. Young 3, W. H. Thompson 4, H. R. French 5, R. G. French (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Toombs 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, G. C. Cookson 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hicks 1 Lois M. Bown 2, R. Pearce 3, J. Sangwin 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, R. Hill 6, C. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey 8.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard, sen., 1, B. Saunders 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, L. Wooton 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On May 15th, 720 Oxford, 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Peck 1, D. Reeve 2, W. Bowers 3, S. Atkins 4, H. Fuller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6, H. Ivings 7.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Wm. Bott 1, P. F. Pawley 2, J. J. Pawley 3, R. Ellwood (first quarter) 4, H. L. Wykes (cond.) 5, G. Voss 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On May 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob: D. Sheffield 1, E. Baldwin 2, G. B. Dickinson 3, T. Turner 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6. Rung on the evening of the dedication of the war memorial.

ALFORD, LINCS.—On May 21st: L. Slack 1, Mrs. Ivor Smith 2, Miss J. Utting (first quarter 'inside') 3, S. H. Sutton 4, I. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Unwin (first quarter) 6.

BARTON-IN-THE-CLAY, BEDS.—On May 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Tuttle (14, first on eight bells) 1, Miss A. Wilies 2, D. Broyd 3, D. Jones (first of Bob Major as cond.) 4, M. Collings 5, J. Sinfield 6, M. Orme 7, P. Mehew 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Cox (first of Kent) 1, J. L. Morris 2, Miss D. M. Ward (first of Kent) 3, Miss J. Elliott 4, P. P. Brown 5, Miss M. Andrews 6, A. Hall 7, Miss B. A. Thomson (first of Kent as cond.) 8.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. R. Taylor 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, J. Long 3, S. Foskett 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, P. J. Shipton 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Skipp (first quarter) 1, P. Jones 2, H. Harding 3, M. Orme 4, S. Wallis 5, C. Smith 6, B. Sims (cond.) 7, P. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Reginald Olney, a ringer at this tower, 1912-1938, and captain for 20 years.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On May 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Walter 1, A. Butler 2, Miss E. Wyles 3, S. White 4, J. W. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, D. Chatfield 7, P. Small 8, T. H. Holmes (first of Royal as cond.) 9, B. J. Luck 10. First of Royal 2 and 3.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. G. Roast 1, P. J. Came 2, C. W. Jose 3, A. H. Eplett 4, E. W. Roast 5, G. W. Taysom 6, Rev. A. S. Roberts 7, A. Carveth (cond.) 8 For the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Fogg (first of Triples) 1, S. Osborne 2, Miss P. Hart 3, T. Lanaghan (cond.) 4, E. Baughan 5, E. Busby (first quarter 'inside') 6, H. Osborne 7, L. Taylor (first quarter) 8.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Callwood 1, A. Worth 2, R Barratt 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, A. Street 5, J. P. Jackson 6. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Callwood 1, A. Worth 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, A. Campbell 4, A. Street 5, G. Barber 6.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Samler 1, D. Lawson 2, W. Gilks 3, P. Davies 4, W. Corderoy (cond.) 5, A. Samler (first quarter) 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne A. Stokes 1, Eileen M. Ricketts 2, G. M. Thrush 3, D. Fowles 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. E. Ricketts 6. A birthday compliment to 1 and 2.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Bond 1, E. Barnett 2, W. J. Lemon 3, P. Beresford 4, D. Beresford 5, J. W. Eden 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, A. Daw 8. Rung for the 1,350th anniversary of the foundation of the Rochester Diocese.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 College Exercise and 720 Cambridge Surprise): Anne Royston 1, Mary Dowsett 2, E. W. Roast 3, Mary Shadrack 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. George Saunders, and also for St. George's Day.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—On May 20th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: V. Bairstow (cond.) 1, Anne Laycock 2, G. Ingham (first quarter) 3, R. Mann 4, B. Sullivan 5, H. B. Schofield 6.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Drew 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, T. J. Locke 3, G. Gaylard (first as cond.) 4, C. Savage 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, A. Philpott (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stephanie Bedborough (aged 13, first quarter) 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey 3, Betty Nolder (aged 13, first quarter 'inside') 4, Mary E. Shadrack 5, G. M. Harvey 6, P. A. Carter 7, T. F. Victor Neil 8. Rung for the dedication of the new fittings and memorial tablets in the Chapel of St. Luke and All Saints.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, F. Richardson 2, E. B. Crowder 3, J. Hurrell 4, Miss M. Hunt 5, W. Prockson 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. Also on May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, G. Daynes 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6, W. Prockson 7, E. Long 8. A birthday compliment to E. Long.

GLASGOW.—On May 18th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,320 Doubles (660 Stedman and 720 Grandsire): W. Wainwright 1, H. F. Sargent (cond.) 2, T. C. Winderim 3, E. A. Stafford 4, E. Boumphrey 5, J. J. Blowers (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles for all except 3rd. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sear.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Hawkins 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, J. Penfold 3, A. C. Rye 4, F. A. Rye (cond.) 5, Ann Vine 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet Wells and Mr. Frederick W. Lawrence, both members of the local company.

GRITTLETON, WILTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Billings 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, B. Southwood 3, H. Heath 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, G. R. Eyles 6. A farewell to C. A. Tester (R.A.F., Hullavington) on the eve of his 'demob.' Owing to a recent operation he was unable to take part.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Goldsmith (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Unstead (first quarter 'inside') 2, G. Gadd (cond.) 3, E. Breed 4, W. Stepney 5, E. Hobden 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Cleaver (first quarter) 1, Valerie Blake (first quarter) 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, M. Saunders 4, B. Saunders 5, H. Cleaver (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Yates 1, C. Haynes 2, B. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, M. Saunders 5, J. Seckington (first quarter) 6.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Boyce (first quarter) 1, H. W. Pearce 2, R. P. Salway (first as cond.) 3, W. H. Poole 4, A. W. Dyer 5, W. G. Turk 6.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On May 9th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Richardson 1, D. Roebuck 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, P. Aspinall 4, D. Kaye 5, H. H. Smith 6, D. Sharples 7, A. Rothery 8. First of Bob Major 1, 2 and 5.

MARSTON, OXON.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Holloway 1, Miss C. Woodward 2, Miss M. Gould 3, R. Jones 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5. First quarter for all except conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 17th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Knight (first of Triples) 1, H. J. Hunt 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, F. S. Slatford (cond.) 4, A. Knight (first of Triples) 5, P. W. J. Harding 6, C. Barber 7, J. Case 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to C. Barber.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On May 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Balderstone 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Casterton 1, F. Pritchard 2, K. Abbott 3, I. W. Taylor 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, E. Avery 2, J. H. Edwards 3, F. J. Lambert 4, G. King 5, A. Hoad 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. A welcome to the Rev. E. W. Rudge after his induction as Vicar. Also a 70th birthday compliment to the 3rd.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On May 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Sheila Revell (first of Treble Bob) 1, F. Cooper 2, W. J. Parker 3, L. W. Paice 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Paice (cond.) 6. Rung for Miss S. Revell (14), who has gained her Girl Guides' ringers badge.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Jarman (first quarter) 1, C. J. Barker 2, A. Saunders 3, Hilda M. Snowden 4, A. R. Syder 5, Hilda G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jean Stevens 1, Mrs. D. Bellamy 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 4, W. Moore 5, C. F. Joyce 6.

UPTON PYNE, EXETER.—On May 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's): J. Andrews 1, J. Quick 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, F. Wreford 4, J. L. S. Glanvill 5, B. Pidgeon 6.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Baker 1, G. C. J. Wakefield 2, O. T. Northwood 3, Miss G. Lunnon 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Bowles 6. First quarter on the bells. First quarter peal by all, who are members of the Sunday service band and choir and Servers' Guild.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Mayne (cond.) 1, Miss M. Chapple (first quarter) 2, A. Dix 3, E. Durrant 4, W. Wenban 5, S. Hoare 6, J. Rootes 7, R. King 8.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On May 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Brown (first of Major) 1, Miss E. D. Overend 2, B. Blaydon 3, T. B. Holloway 4, S. Evans 5, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 6, G. W. Massey 7, Enid L. Roberts 8.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Allum (first quarter) 1, Lucy Slade 2, W. D. Short 3, H. Winfield 4, G. J. Hearns (cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ray 1, E. Anstey 2, W. R Hendy 3, E. Thomas 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, S. Hawker (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Curtis, tower captain, 1927-53.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Compositions of All Peals to New Peal Secretary

BEDFORD was again the meeting place for members of the Bedfordshire Association attending the annual meeting on Easter Monday and it was encouraging for the committee to find an increased attendance. This year the committee experimented by reverting to the old custom of holding the business meeting in the morning, and this move resulted in an attendance of 43 members, a 20 per cent. increase on last year's figures.

The president, Miss E. Steel, opened the meeting by explaining she was suffering from a cold and, consequently, she would ask Mr. A. E. Sharman, vice-president, to take the chair. Apologies were then read from Canon A. Rust, Mr. A. King, Mr. E. Herbert and Mr. H. D. Harris. Copies of the annual report for 1953 had been in the hands of members for several weeks, and the minutes of the previous annual meeting, the statement of accounts and the committee's report (all of which were printed in the report) were taken as read and quickly adopted.

The officers of the Association were all re-elected, as follows:—President, Miss E. Steel; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, E. Herbert, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, W. Stapleton, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters and P. Inskip; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. M. Stephens; auditor, Mr. G. H. Mason; librarian, Mr. S. Foskett; assistant librarian, Mr. D. Thompson.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Consternation was expressed by the meeting when the two retiring Central Council representatives, Messrs. A. C. Sinfield and C. H. Harding, announced their decision to decline renomination to the Council. This drew much discussion from members. Eventually Mr. S. Foskett and the general secretary agreed to attend the Newcastle meeting, and at the same time the meeting agreed to the payment of the representatives' third-class railway fares to all future meetings of the Central Council.

Bedford was proposed for the place of the 1955 annual meeting. Luton was put forward as an amendment, and the ensuing vote resulted in overwhelming support for the original proposal. It was agreed that the summer festival should be held on June 26th at the two eight-bell towers of Kempston and Bromham, with the tea arrangements at Kempston.

Previous notice of a proposition to make an addition to Rule 3 had been given by Mr. C. E. Jeffries. This was the insertion of 'Hon. Peal Secretary' to the list of Officers, and after an explanation of the post and duties entailed, Mr. Jeffries asked the meeting to install Mr. D. Knox in this office. Mr. H. Harding seconded the proposition and this was carried by the meeting. As a result of this election, composers of new compositions are invited to send Mr. Knox their figures for him to check, and conductors are asked to note that in future the compositions of all peals rung for the Association must be sent to the peal secretary.

The meeting unanimously agreed to hold another Association dinner in the autumn, when it was hoped that the accommodation would be sufficient to extend invitations to members' ringing friends in other Associations and Guilds. The general secretary and the three District secretaries were instructed to proceed with the arrangements.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. H. B. Whitney to the chairman.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Thomas 1, N. Sprackling 2, Miss A. Turner 3, Miss P. Sprackling 4, H. Steed 5, J. Cole (cond.) 6, E. Leach 7, A. Halling 8. With 1 and 2 leading.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Skinner 1, Miss J. Horton 2, Miss H. Skinner 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6.

FORTY YEARS AGO

REVOLUTIONARY DISCOVERIES

Extract from 'The Ringing World' June 12th, 1914

It was agreed on all hands after the Central Council meeting at Winchester last week that the one thing that lifted the proceedings out of mediocrity was the speech by Mr. E. H. Lewis on the question of the stresses and strains on towers caused by the ringing of bells. Really the subject is a highly technical one . . . but those who had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Lewis had the whole subject made as plain as daylight to them by a dissertation which treated a most abstruse subject in a way which enabled everyone to grasp its meaning. But the importance of it lay [in] that the speech made public for the first time certain principles which, as the result of research and investigation, will, we are told by no less authority than Sir Arthur Heywood, absolutely revolutionise bellhanging. Hitherto the generally accepted principles have been those laid down by Lord Grimthorpe, but the problems which Mr. Lewis has successfully solved have completely knocked the bottom out of many preconceived notions as to the relation of the bells to the frame and tower. In this matter valuable information, hitherto unknown, is now at the disposal of both architects and bellhangers.

[A correspondent commented: 'It is significant that the three members of the Council who are also members of leading bellhanging firms (Messrs. John W. Taylor, Cyril F. Johnston and Arthur Hughes) expressed themselves as deeply impressed by Mr. Lewis' statements.']

NOTICES

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BIRTH

THOMPSETT.—At St. Woolos' Hospital, Newport, Mon., on May 30th, 1954, to Vivien, wife of William Thompsett, twin daughters. 4531

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

AUGUST 14th–28th. Wanted to rent furnished bungalow or similar accommodation for family of five (children, boy and girls, 14 and 10, 6) and two other adults. Near sea with good bathing. Room for two cars. Terms and particulars of accommodation and equipment provided, to W. O. Haythorne, 416, Victoria Road, Ruislip, Middlesex. 4558

WANTED

SET OF 8 HANDBELLS, tenor 15 in C or smaller.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, Devon. 4556

PUBLICATIONS

'CHESHIRE BELLS,' Part III.—Contains details of past and present bells at Eccleston and the carillon at Eaton Hall. Price 2s. from J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester. 4511

MISCELLANEOUS

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CANCELLATIONS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—There will be no meeting on July 17th owing to outings, etc., of the Northern Branch.—J. L. G. H.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — The monthly practices for June 19th and July 17th have been cancelled. 4547

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 12th. Edensor (6), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Baslow (6), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, District Secs. 4517

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Crediton (8, 27¼ cwt.), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Kirton Cafe, 5. More ringing after meeting. 4450

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, Tanfield (St. Margaret's). Tea arranged.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4525

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), June 12th. Names to Mr. W. Morland, Court Lodge, in whose garden tea will be served. Look up London Surprise. — C. A. Bassett. 4500

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambs and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 4519

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—H. A. Pratt. 4459

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4508

GRAMMAR AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, Derbyshire, June 12th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m.-8 p.m. All welcome.—P. I. Skinner. 4529

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice 6-9 p.m. at Bentley (6), Saturday, June 12th.—G. S. G. Joyce, Dis. Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4499

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Annual meeting to be held at Coleshill on June 12th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Audrey A. Timms, 28, Westminster Road, Coventry. 4505

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. George's, Barkingside, two minutes' Gants Hill Station, 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting, St. Mary's, Woodford, South Woodford Station, 6 p.m. and further ringing.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 4509

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 4487

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, High Ercall, June 12th. Usual arrangements, but no tea available unless you have already advised W. A. Farmer. 4545

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Windsor (Berks) Parish Church, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 followed by tea and business meeting. Slough bells (10) available 6.30-8 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 4483

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope (8) on Saturday, June 12th at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements; cafe near church. Further ringing after tea. 4507

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Nutfield, June 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. 4464

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Micheldever, June 12th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 4461

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Andover, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafe.—G. K. Dodd. 4510

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Wednesday, June 16th, practice meeting at Loders (6) and Bradpole (8). Bells available 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome. — Barrett, Beaminster. 4541

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Nether Stowey (just rehung), June 19th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4557

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Butcombe, June 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4538

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Wilmslow, June 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise, before June 15th, Mr. S. Sage, 71, Oak Lane, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis. 4534

DEVON GUILD.—Joint meeting at Chudleigh, Saturday, June 19th. Usual arrangements. —A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 4555

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4561

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—North Cerney (6), June 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and Business 5. Names essential by June 16th. Rendcomb (6) in evening. — Ralph Wenban, Williamstrip, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 4528

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton (6) on Saturday, June 19th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by June 16th. 4548

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn, June 19th, 3-4 p.m. **only,** and Kimpton 4-4.45 and in evening. Tea at Kimpton. Special methods: Single Court and Single Norwich.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4530

LADIES' GUILD (North Eastern District) and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Meeting at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Saturday, June 19th. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. 4513

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting, Waterfoot, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcomed.—J. Porter. 4559

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, by 16th.—R. Benson. 4543

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5, moderate charge. Business 6.—J. Thornley, Sec. 4539

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting, Gilmorton, on June 19th (Wigston Magna not available). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in schoolrooms at 5. ESSENTIAL that names reach George Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, Rugby, by Tuesday, June 15th. 4542

LAVENHAM.—143rd Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 2 p.m. Cafe opposite church. Everyone welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 4524

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Peckleton, June 19th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Please notify by June 16th Mr. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, Leicester. 4554

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Llangibby, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by June 14th, please.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 4481

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Lutton (6), June 19th. Usual arrangements and times. Names to Mr. G. R. G. Butler, Lutton, Spalding, by June 12th. 4523

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Hoar Cross, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify T. G. Pott, Hoar Cross, Burton-on-Trent. 4552

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Gresford, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Business and tea to follow. Names for tea, please, by June 16th to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4553

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the South Norfolk Branch and Suffolk Guild will be held at Thetford on Saturday, June 19th. St. Peter's (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Service St. Peter's 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, Norfolk. Elveden, Suffolk (8 bells) after tea.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 4506

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Watlington, Saturday, June 19th. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by June 15th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Telephone Thame 193. 4502

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Cranborne on June 19th. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, by Wednesday, June 16th. Wimborne St. Giles in the evening. Everybody welcome. 4548

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Next meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 19th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 4546

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 19th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.15 and 6.15-7 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 2.30. Service St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.15. Tickets for tea, accompanied by a deposit of 1s., from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. No applications accepted after Tuesday, June 15th. No ticket—no tea. 4504

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at Carmarthen on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 4531

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Croydon on June 19th to elect a Master and revise rules. Bells available: St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Baptist (12) 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45. Notifications for tea to W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon. 4533

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service. Please notify for tea (5 p.m.), by June 16th, to: C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4526

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold (8) on June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. S. Payne, Southwold. 4496

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), BARNSLEY, DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Annual joint meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, June 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Thursday, June 17th. 4520

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Skipton. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea should reach Mr. C. S. Scott, 2, Prospect Place, Skipton, not later than Thursday, June 17th. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports for 1953 available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4498

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Summer Festival meeting will be held at Kempston on June 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. Names to J. M. Stephens, General Secretary. 4551

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Elland, June 26th. For teas apply, by June 19th, F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 4514

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8), June 26th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea MUST reach Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by Tuesday, June 22nd. — W. P. G. 4544

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Singleton postponed to June 26th. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd.—J. H. Foster. 4550

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Courteenhall, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by June 21st, to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 4527

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss E. M. Peckett. 4540

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Annual Festival, Brecon, June 26th. Service in the Cathedral 3 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. St. Mary's bells (8) available 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; St. David's, Brecon (6), and St. Margaret's, Llanfeigan (8), also available if required.—J. A. Hoare, Gen. Sec. 4491

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. —Saturday, June 26th. Ringing at Staines, St. Mary's (8), Wraysbury (8) and Egham (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Egham Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing from 6 p.m. at Egham, Staines, St. Peter's (8) and Old Windsor (8). Names for tea to D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, by June 23rd. 4549

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4537

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Bridlington, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church 4.15. Meat tea (4s. each) at 5. Names to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. Business meeting for election of officers, etc. — H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4535

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WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Minor (360 St. Clement's, 900 Plain Bob): A. Bridges 1, P. Gagen 2, E. Barker 3, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 4, Cyril Cousins 5, C. Cousins 6.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT NEWCASTLE

THE wettest Whitsun for fifty years did not prevent members of the Council from having a most enjoyable time during their stay at Newcastle, and those whose first visit to that city it was must have come away very favourably impressed both with the city itself and the surrounding countryside.

As this was the first session of a new Council, much of the actual meeting was taken up by elections and re-elections. The decision of Mr. Lewis to stand again for the presidency was warmly approved, although he hinted that this must be for the last time. To find a worthy successor will be no easy matter, and much thought will no doubt be given to this problem during the next three years.

Two well-known names were added to the honorary members, Messrs. J. T. Dyke and C. W. Roberts, both of whom had ceased to be representative members and whose services the Council did not wish to lose. Miss P. J. Ayris was also added in recognition of her services in undertaking the sale of publications. Three new names appear on the Standing Committee, where Mr. W. B. Cartwright replaces Mr. Gilbert Debenham as a representative of the legal profession, and Messrs. John Freeman and Fred E. Dukes come in for Alderman Paddon Smith and Mr. Albert Walker. The retiring members deserve the thanks of the Exercise for their many years of valuable service to the Council. The relief of the secretary and his assistant that no ballot was necessary for this committee did not escape notice!

Of the other changes, the main one was the setting up of a separate Broadcasting and Television Committee, which, consisting as it does of four members who already have active contact with one or other of the B.B.C.'s regions, leads one to hope that this may usher in a period of youthful co-operation with that body. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who with Alderman Paddon Smith had been a member of the Literature and Press Committee for thirty years, and who had, one noticed by chance, suggested this splitting up of the committee at the 1933 meeting, presented his report for the last time, and he and his colleagues—Mr. Walker being the other—received the thanks of the members for all they have done. Mr. Edgar Shepherd is an admirable choice to succeed him as convener of the committee, and Mr. Fred Dukes, editor of 'The Irish Bell News,' is well qualified to assist him.

Naturally, the meeting was not without controversy; but no worth-while meeting is. After Mr. Harold Poole, in the regretted absence of Mr. J. F. Smallwood for domestic reasons, had presented with his customary efficiency the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee, together with a number of further recommendations (the main one being that the price should remain unchanged for the time being, until the outcome of the present drive for additional postal subscribers can be properly judged), a lively discussion followed on the motion regarding anonymous letters. Eventually an amendment by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, acceptable to both sides, was carried without opposition, the outcome being that it will be left to the Editor to consult the committee when in doubt.

The result of the debate on the report of the Analysis Committee was less satisfactory. The committee could point to the fact that Bob Triples has been officially considered irregular for fifty years, and several members, including Mr. Percy Johnson, who spoke with his usual forcefulness, urged that the decision should be enforced, however belatedly. Against this, however, was the view that to do so without warning, as on a previous occasion, would cause considerable resentment, and eventually the particular section of the report was shelved; but notice was given on behalf of the Standing Committee that in future all peals not conforming to the Council's decisions would be excluded from the Analysis, although—and this is the main point—they will be published in this journal. By this means it is hoped that a grievance felt by a number of ringers will be removed. As has often been said, the Council does not dictate what shall be rung, but does decide what it will recognise.

And so to the close, with the President recalling that he had given the first report of the Towers and Belfries Committee (which had earlier been paid a well-deserved tribute by Mr. J. H. Crampion) at Newcastle forty-one years previously. He asked others present on that occasion to stand up, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards with Messrs. A. A. Hughes and P. J. Johnson responded. There were many new faces at the meeting, but many old friends were missing. May the newcomers render to the art of ringing the same service as many of those whom they replaced. They could not do better than keep before them the example of the four whose membership of the Council goes back more than four decades.

E. A. B.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt.

SIDNEY PROCTOR	*Treble*	GEORGE W. CREASEY	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	CLARENCE R. STEED	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	HAROLD HUXLEY	8
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	4	CHARLES J. CAMM	9
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	5	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W PERRENS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND	*Treble*	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6
ROYDON DAVIES	2	ALBERT J. ADAMS	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	9
WILFRED WILLIAMS	5	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
The first half of this peal was rung in the tittums.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	JAMES BLACKBURN	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	7
THOMAS BARKER	3	*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	8
*SYDNEY J. PHILBRICK	4	ARTHUR HATCH	9
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE	5	*JAMES E. BURLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* First peal of Stedman. The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuits C.X. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*BERNARD G. MOORE	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM BUTLER	6
ALAN F. THIRST	2	§SQUIRE CROFT	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
MRS. O. L. ROGERS	4	VICTOR GRIFFIN	9
†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5	§HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. § 50th peal together. 100th peal for Mrs. O. L. Rogers.
Rung for Ascensiontide and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. W. Rogers, the conductor's mother.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	DAVID G. YEO	6
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	7
MRS. H. L. PARFREY	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	4	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	9
HAROLD L. PARFREY	5	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.
Rung in honour of the christening of Teresa Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	*GERALD FARRER	6
BAZIL JONES	2	JOHN WORTH	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	*HARRY FARRER	8
NEIL D. LOMAS	4	*HEDLEY WOOD	9
ANNE WORTH	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gayse. Mr. Gayse is the leader of the Christ Church company.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 FELSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
This is the first peal in the method by the Association, and by all the band.

BENHILTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM PARROTT	*Treble*	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER	2	FREDERICK A. CATTELL	6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER	3	RALPH BIRD	7
STEWART F. W. KIMBER	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by YORKE GREEN (C.C.C. 169). Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Major.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

ROBERT B. BLOND	*Treble*	ERNEST G. GARRARD	5
*HARRY W. BADGER	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
FREDERICK S. SMITH	3	*FRANK ABSOLOM	7
JACK O. BERRY	4	JAMES P. BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Rev. H. G. Lancaster, Vicar of Dorchester.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

*NANCIE E. SWANN	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
*EDWARD W. COLLEY	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	6
PHILIP H. TOCOCK	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
HAROLD P. REED	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

FRANK E. WALKER	*Treble*	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	RALPH G. BIRD	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

MARGOT B. THOMPSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	JOHN W. BLYTH	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. First in the method for the Guild.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

NANCY E. MARKLEW	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
*JEAN C. BROWN	2	PETER COXALL	6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	7
REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORD.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
HAROLD HUXLEY	2	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	5
MARGOT R. THOMPSON	2	E. JACK THURLOW	6
REGINALD J. DARCH	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4	*JOE PARLING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band.
A 16th birthday compliment to Dennis Gibson, son of the ringer of the 5th.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in 42 methods. Containing 192 changes each of Framley, Wembley, Lindum, Radlett, Derwent, Rutland, Eastcote, Lessness, Lindoff's London, Claybrooke and London, and 96 changes each of Tring, Hitchin, Barnsbury, Hanbury, Trowbridge, Watford, Lincolnshire, Falmouth, Aldenham, Uxbridge, Painswick, Shoreditch, Langley, Superlative, Warwickshire, Ramsey, Pudsey, Apsley, Yorkshire, Cherwell, Bristol, Pyrford, Stockport, Jersey, Cray, Cambridge, Dublin, New Gloucester, Deben, Minsmere and Maulden. 158 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Umpire: JOHN SEGAR.
The greatest number of Surprise Major methods rung to a peal.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	5
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	2	†PERCY D. BALDOCK	6
WALTER WESTON	3	BERNARD H. DALTON	7
*P.C. H. REGINALD WOODS	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 25th peal. † 75th peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Hugh Langland, a local ringer, and Miss Marion Sentance, whose wedding was solemnised previous to the peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 ICKLETON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

MARION GRAIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
PHILIP A. F. CHALK	2	CYRIL A. HURST	6
MARGARET SWANN	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
F. ERIC ROBERTS	4	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 50th peal for the Association. The first peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

SAMSON WALKLATE	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
ALBERT E. THOMSON	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	6
W. RODNEY HARRISON	3	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
WALTER G. SOAR	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* 350th peal.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	*†HARRY NICHOLS	5
*CHARLES C. RAWDING	2	AUBREY D. MILLS	6
*HAROLD BARSLEY	3	*C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
GEORGE R. BUTLER	4	HORACE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Joyce Chenery and Mr. T. Harold Harding, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles C. Rawding.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

*MICHAEL MASEY	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
†PATRICIA A. GAUNT	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
NANCIE E. SWANN	3	HAROLD P. REED	7
THOMAS H. TOCOCK	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, No. 99.
Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal on eight. † First peal. 100th peal as conductor.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST F. SALMONS	*Treble*	*BRIAN J. LUFF	5
TOWER R. TAYLOR	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
*ROBIN G. LEALE	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*ROGER BALDWIN	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Rutland. First peal of Rutland on the bells.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,536 of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

WILFRED W. RING	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	5
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in three Spliced Surprise Major methods.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. LAKER	5
JOHN DEARLOVE	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
ALBERT W. BOND	3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	GEORGE JENNINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY (C.C.C. 110).
Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. COOKE	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
A birthday compliment to the composer.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(Officers' Peal.)
On Wed., June 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BENJAMIN G. BURTON, Master, N.W. Division	*Treble*
EDWARD W. ROAST, Master, S.E. Division	2
ROBERT C. HEAZEL, Master	3
HILDA G. SNOWDEN, Master, N. Division	4
FRANK V. GANT, General Secretary	5
HARRY TURNER, Deputy Master	6
HARRY J. MILLATT, Master, N.E. Division	7
JOHN H. CRAMPION, Master, S.W. Division	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Essex Association. Founded at Writtle on June 2nd, 1879.

BLETCHLEY. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*JOHN F. BROOKS	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE	5
HARRY SEAR	2	†DONALD J. MEAGER	6
WILLIAM A. YATES	3	ROGER CADAMY	7
FREDERICK J. STONTON	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the North Bucks Branch.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	5
*ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	2	T. EDWARD HARROLD	6
KENNETH A. ROE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
*SAMUEL J. HAINES	4	COLIN P. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by COLIN P. WALKER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung in honour of the marriage of David Curtis Clements and Marjorie Hobbs, which took place at St. Anne's Church earlier in the day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR A. CHAPLIN	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	4
GEORGE N. ORMAN	2	FELIX H. ERITH	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	GEORGE A. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
* First peal.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
RONALD J. HILL	2	*ROBIN J. WORSDALL	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Plain Bob.
Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. John Cooper and Miss Jean E. Barrand, who were married this day at Sleaford Parish Church. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods, viz.: (i) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (ii) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (iii) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (iv) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (v) Fulbeck and Double Bob, (vi) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (vii) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4
PETER J. CAMB	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in 19 methods by all the bands and on the bells.

Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Bradley, life member of the Essex Association and a ringer at Fryerning.

STAUNTON, NR. COLEFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*MRS. K. SMITH	*Treble*	EDWIN J. C. DAVIS	4
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS	2	JOHN J. WEBB	5
*MRS. D. STAFFORD	3	*ERNEST J. MALSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

* First peal.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents with 4 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*TERENCE OWEN	*Treble*	ALAN LAMBERT	4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
*SHELAGH K. SEERY	3	WILLIAM H. WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*CHARLES W. LININGTON	*Treble*	*EDNA M. EVEREST	3
CHARLES H. WICKENS	2	†SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON	4
		*KENNETH C. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. WICKENS.

* First peal. † First peal in method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for Ascension Day and a birthday compliment to Miss P. M. Reeves, of York.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MERVYN LATTER	*Treble*	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4
CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	‡CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.

* First peal of Minor. † 75th peal of Minor to complete 'circle.' ‡ 100th peal. The first peal in the method by all and on the bells.

Rung to welcome home the Vicar and his bride from their honeymoon.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Old Bob and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROGER E. HOLLAND	*Treble*	DONALD S. PAYNE	4
†RHONA C. A. PEBODY	2	RICHARD S. HOLLAND	5
MICHAEL F. AMOS	3	*PETER L. WESTERMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard S. Holland.

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ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of April Day, eight of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*D. Russell Edwards	*Treble*	Joseph P. Griffiths	4
Lewis S. Griffiths	2	Andrew J. Salisbury	5
L. John Evans	3	Stanley Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Lewis S. Griffiths.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal in three methods on the bells.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Ipswich Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

William F. Smith	*Treble*	Arthur A. Ling	4
Jack Pilgrim	2	Norman R. Bailey	5
Raymond Peck	3	*Leonard Woollard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman R. Bailey.

* First peal in seven methods on a working bell.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Dennis Beresford	*Treble*	†Mary Andrews	4
*D. Mary Ward	2	Dennis Hall	5
*Beverley A. Thompson	3	†Peter P. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter P. Brown.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four 120's each of Old, Norfolk, and April Day, ten 120's of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob (14 callings).
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Ann R. Tanner (18)	*Treble*	Benjamin Stepney	4
*Laura M. Beeney (14)	2	Frank H. Hicks	5
George Beeney	3	Albert Ellis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal.

Rung by past and present members of the local band to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. F. E. Goddard, a ringer at this church for over 40 years and captain for 30, and Mrs. Goddard.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Geoffrey W. Seaman	*Treble*	D. Kay Adkins	4
*Madeleine Chapple	2	*Brian M. Barker	5
Kenneth R. Dunstan	3	Derek E. Latchford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Seaman.

* First peal 'inside' and of Minor.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Tues., June 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz., Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

James M. Pemberton	*Treble*	Alexander J. Martin	4
*Terry Owen	2	Charles B. Pemberton	5
Stanley D. Sutton	3	Frank T. Parry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pemberton, parents of ringers of treble and 5th.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	John Warner	4
Lewis W. Wiffen	2	Walter Arnold	5
Alan R. Syder	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.

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

Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, June 2nd, 1953; and for the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Essex Association of Change-ringers, June 2nd, 1879.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At 120, Wilton Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1—2	Charles H. Kippin	5—6
Daniel T. Matkin	3—4	*Maurice J. Butler	7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
Umpire: Reg. Reed.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal as conductor on handbells. Believed to be the first handbell peal in Southampton.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F.

Peter J. Staniforth	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Harold J. Poole	3—4	Ernest Morris	7—8
Ronald H. Bullen	9—10		

Arranged by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by John A. Acres.

HUCKNALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 27, 1954, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
At 44, Nottingham Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's (five callings). Tenor size 14 in E flat.

*S. Patricia M. Lewin	1—2	Peter Nix	3—4
Frederick A. Salter	5—6		

Conducted by Peter Nix.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal in method as conductor. First peal to be rung in the parish of Hucknall.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At 164, Victoria Street, Hartshill.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Shelagh R. Collins	1—2	Fredk. E. Wilshaw	5—6
Fredk. W. Grocott	3—4	Charles H. Page	7—8

Composed by Morris J. Morris. Conducted by Fredk. W. Grocott.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1—2	†David Hoare	5—6
*Daniel T. Matkin	3—4	Kathleen E. Fletcher	7—8

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

* 350th peal together. † First peal on eight bells 'in hand.'

SOUTHBOURNE, BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
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Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1—2	*David Hoare	5—6
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Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

Stonham Aspal, Suffolk

Canon J. J. Raven, in his 'Church Bells of Suffolk' (1890), records that 'the first ten 'ever to he heard in Suffolk were Stonham Aspal's, about six miles east of Stowmarket.

For the last 20 or 30 years the eighth of this fine ring at the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Lambert has been cracked. Now yet another restoration in Suffolk has taken place.

For a long time Mr. William J. Button, captain of the tower, had been seriously considering launching a restoration fund appeal, but it was not until May 24th, 1952, following another prompting from his ringer friend of 30 years—Mr. Cecil W. Pipe (secretary, Suffolk Guild)—that things were really set going.

Sufficient money came in from dances, jumble sales, competitions, socials and a collection in the parish as well as a general appeal so that, by the end of 1953, the work was put into the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston (Croydon). The eighth was recast and, with the help of a few pieces of silver thrown into the boiler by Mr. Button and the Rector, it is now a fine-toned splice, born again.

The other nine have been retuned and generally renovated, one new headstock has been installed and all are now on ball bearings.

The dedication service was held on May 22nd. The church was filled for the service in spite of a dull, cold, rainy day

The Rector (the Rev. J. W. H. K. Greenway) conducted the service, and Mr. Malcolm Fisk, a lay reader, led the procession of clergy from neighbouring parishes. One lesson was read by Miss Muriel Pipe, a local ringer, and the other by Mr. Michael Howard, a director of the contractors. Mr. Button handed the rope of the recast eighth to Mr. S. P. Turner, people's warden and he, in turn, handed it to Canon L. Babington, Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, who dedicated the bell. At the request of the Rector's warden, Mr. C. Tydeman, Canon Babington then rededicated the other nine bells and later gave the address, taking 'Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory' as his text.

He congratulated the Rector and the parishioners on the work they had done in raising all but £60 of the total cost (£742). The undertaking was a great one, coming so soon as it did after much effort by the church and parish had been spent on the work which had been done to the church school—it showed the vitality of church life there.

After a few touches by the local ringers, everyone went to the nearby Village Hall for tea. To a crowded assembly the Vicar expressed thanks for all their work and support. He was happy to be able to announce that the collection just taken in church had brought the deficit down from £60 to £40, and this was later in the day reduced to £20.

Mr. Button said that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had made a splendid job of the restoration and their two employees, Mr. Dyer and Mr. Gifford, had worked in the chamber from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. to get the work sufficiently advanced for the bells to be rung on the day of the Queen's return from her Commonwealth tour on May 15th.

Mr. C. W. Pipe said that this was the 27th restoration in Suffolk since the war. It seemed as if restoration in the county was a little contagious and he hoped it would get more so—there was a lot to be done. 'But if we go on like this, we shall have bells second to no other county.' He thanked Mr. Button and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parker (local ringers) and all others who had helped. He noted that Mr. Richard Deal, from St. Paul's Cathedral, and other ringers from Essex and Norfolk were present with so many Suffolk ringers. These visits made for good relations.

Mrs. Deal, Mr. John Crampion (Woodford), Mr. David W. Beard (also from Essex) and Mr. Charles J. Sedgley (from Ipswich, Suffolk Guild Ringing Master) were amongst the company of ringers, estimated to be well on for 100, who gathered during the afternoon and evening.

DEDICATIONS

Beckford, Glos.

After being silent since October, 1952, the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Beckford, are once more pealing their music from the ancient tower of the beautiful old church. On May 27th, during evening service conducted by the Rev. W. W. Baker, late Vicar of the parish, the three new bells and the new frame were dedicated by the Vicar of the adjoining parish of Alderton.

Following the service the bells were rung to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Surprise by visiting ringers from the surrounding district. Some 50 ringers were present representing 20 different towers.

The work of recasting the bells and installing the new frame was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they are to be congratulated on an excellent job; the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

Ringers will recall reading in 'The Ringing World' some 19 months ago the report of the fire which destroyed the old wooden frame and cracked two of the bells. E. T. N.

A new idea is being introduced at Marden, Kent, to bring ringing more into the public eye. This will take the form of a ringers' service to be held annually, the first of which will take place on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends are invited.

John Taylor & Co.

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Miss B. E. Nation, of Wickwar, who was recently married at Portishead, spent her honeymoon in the Orkney Isles. On the journey north she rang at York Minster.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Miss Patricia Bourn for ringing the 18-cwt. tenor at Clitheroe on May 15th and calling the peal. The five ladies in the band have all been taught by Ernie Gower and Victor Wood (now in New Zealand). How proud they must feel that their efforts have borne fruit. Unfortunately for Clitheroe, Miss Bourn is going to Bristol University in the autumn, whist Jean Dawson goes to Nottingham University. Perhaps we shall see Pat turning in the tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe to Cambridge Maximus. Who knows?

In connection with the Central Council's visit to Newcastle there were six peal attempts, of which four were successful.

Mr. Frank Ainsley, of 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland, offers back numbers of 'The Ringing World' from December 5th, 1941, to December 30th, 1949, free of charge. Few copies missing.

A silver pencil with the initials H. C. S. on cap was lost in Rothbury tower during Central Council visit. Will finder please communicate with H. Stalham, 30, Hamilton Road, Brighton.

Mr. John Ashcroft, of 7, Barn Lane, Golborne, near Warrington, has been appointed 'Ringing World' representative of the Wigan Branch.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Read, of Blackmoor, Hants. Both are bellringers and Mr. Read was captain of the local tower until he lost his left leg in an accident in 1950.

To the Thames-side welcome to the Queen, probably the first was St. Mary's, Woolwich. The Royal Yacht passed within 200 yards of the tower and Queens and Tittums were rung by the young band which is being formed from the Youth Fellowship.

Eight ringers from the Preston area journeyed north to Dalton on May 29th to join two locals in ringing a peal of Stedman Caters. The visitors would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to give special thanks to Mr. Tom Metcalfe, the veteran local captain, for having the bells up and all in readiness.

Past and present members of Rye Grammar School rang a quarter peal of Doubles on May 30th. This is the first quarter peal on the bells since 1938.

Mr. C. H. Wickens, rector's warden of Twineham, who lives at 7, Blackstone Rise, Woodmancote, Henfield, is anxious to arrange a churchwardens' peal.

When Mr. Arthur Bullock, of Swineshead, Lincs, was returning home after taking part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on his birthday he fell from his cycle and broke his leg. The first thing he said to his wife when she arrived on the scene was, 'We got the quarter peal rung, anyway.'

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gayes at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on May 31st, was also a landmark for Messrs. W. Stevenson and J. Worth, both having rung their first peal 25 years ago for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gayes.

Present and former pupils rang for the annual founder's day service of Nantwich and Acton Grammar School on May 26th at Nantwich Parish Church. Seven were pupils of the School, viz: J. Brough (Nantwich), B. Dolphin (Wistaston), B. Porter (Wistaston), F. Hayes (Wrenbury), P. Bebbington (Wrenbury), M. Owen (Crewe) and A. Cranford (Tarporley). The ringing was supervised by Mr. J. Brough, the tower captain.

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NEWCASTLE'S GREAT WELCOME TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

LOYAL GREETINGS TO THE QUEEN — HON. SECRETARY'S CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS — ROLL OF HONOUR APPROACHING FINALITY

THE warmth of the welcome to the Central Council to Newcastle after an absence of 41 years could not have been surpassed. A large number of towers were placed at the disposal of visiting ringers, and at the conclusion of the meeting a civic reception was given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in the beautiful Laing Art Gallery.

The 27th Council (57th annual meeting) was held on Whit Tuesday in the Cathedral Library and proceedings were opened by a welcome from the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of Newcastle (the Right Rev. N. B. Hudson). They were received by Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Council, and with them were the Provost (the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby) and the president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Mr. R. A. Gofton).

The Lord Mayor said he had come to the conclusion that the art of change ringing was a very complicated one and one which he himself would not endeavour to try to learn. During the war the bells were silent and he knew they had a lot of hard work to get their teams together and start the bells once again. To-day they had a great difficulty in getting teams together, partly because the young men started off and then had to go on National Service and then start again. He hoped they would all enjoy their stay.

The Lord Bishop, in his welcome, said it was a great occasion for their Association because they had not visited Newcastle for 40 years. For 15 years he had been patron of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and, so far as he could recollect, that was the first time he had done anything as patron.

For his information their secretary sent him particulars of the Council meeting and from it he was impressed by two facts: the determination of all concerned to keep high the art of campanology (if that was the correct word), and that behind it there was a determination to do their best to the glory of God. 'I am convinced that once this art or any other art is divorced from the spiritual life of the Church it degenerates.' He would like to pay a humble tribute to that work and the motive behind it.

The second point was that those who offered this service were worshipping church workers and not people outside the Church.

The President thanked the Lord Mayor for his civic welcome and the Lord Bishop for his ecclesiastical welcome. 'We always feel,' said Mr. Lewis, 'that we are connected with both Church and State and workers for both.'

As regarded the word 'campanology,' it was often used, to their regret. They liked purity in all things: they did not like words that were a mixture of Latin and Greek.

It was 41 years since he attended the last Central Council meeting at Newcastle. It was the coldest Whitsun that he could remember.

There was one interesting thing about meeting there. The earliest mention in English literature of bells was made by the Venerable Bede, who lived just across the river. It was mentioned in connection with St. Hilda at Whitby.

He thanked the Provost for allowing them to meet in the Cathedral Library and for conducting the service that morning.

The Provost then opened the conference with prayer.

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Life members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor.

Ancient Society of College Youths. — Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association. — Mr. J. M. Stephens, Mr. S. Foskett.

Cambridge University Guild. — Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. R. G. Corby, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. W. Longman.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. A. Mould, Mr. W. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild. — Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. Boreham, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. J. R. Worrall.

Hereford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. E. Edmondson.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association. — Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society. — Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. E. Nobles, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild. — Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. F. Precey, Mr. W. C. West.

Scottish Association.—Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

Sheffield and District.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. C. Glenn, Mr. J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway, Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Sussex County Association. — Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. Burnett, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following were received: P. N. Bond, P. Border, S. G. Coles, G. H. Cross, Miss S. E. Colgate, P. A. F. Chalk, G. W. Cecil, W. Cathrall, F. H. Dallaway, G. E. Debenham, T. H. Francis, J. A. Freeman, J. P. Fidler, R. O. Fry, N. Golden, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Hewitt, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, D. Hughes, G. J. Lewis, Miss M. Lidgey, J. E. Lilley, W. Longman, T. G. Myers, G. E. Oliver, W. A. Osborn, B. D. Price, A. J. Pitman, F. W. Rogers, Rev. A. S. Roberts, L. Stilwell, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds, J. F. Smallwood, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Mrs. J. Staniforth, E. C. S. Turner, T. H. Taffender, W. H. Viggers, A. Walker, C. W. Woolley, C. Wallater, J. Willis, J. J. Webb, E. A. Young, A. L. Barry, E. W. Biffen, G. H. Harding, S. T. Holt, F. Precey.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented to the President:—

Mrs. O. Barnett (hon. member), J. M. Stephens, S. Foskett (Bedfordshire), B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University), R. G. Corby (Chester), W. Robinson (Derbyshire), the Rev. J. G. M. Scott (Devonshire), H. J. Shuck (Dudley and District), H. S. Peacock (Ely), J. H. Crampion (Essex), T. Boreham (Gloucester), J. R. Worrall (Guildford), E. Edmondson (Hertford), T. Cullingworth (Kent), A. Tomlinson (Lancashire), S. Burton, P. A. Corby (Leicester), Miss J. S. Evans (Llandaff), R. F. B. Speed (Middlesex), N. V. Harding (Norwich), F. A. H. Wilkins (Oxford Society), Miss K. Higgins (Oxford University), P. I. Chapman, E. Nobles (Peterborough), G. E. Fearn (St. Martin's), R. St. C. Wilson (Scottish), C. Glenn (Southwell), B. G. Key (Stafford Archdeaconry), W. F. Oatway, H. N. Pitstow (Surrey), H. Stalham (Sussex), D. Burnett (Truro).

MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN

The President announced that the following telegram had been sent to the Queen:—

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in annual conference assembled at the Cathedral Library, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, desire to offer your Majesty their loyal congratulations on the happy completion of your royal progress through the British Dominions, which it was the privilege of the ringers to celebrate on the occasion of your Majesty's return.

The following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

Chairman, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, Cathedral Library, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—The Queen sincerely thanks all assembled at the Annual Conference of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for their kind message of loyal congratulations

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

and for the way in which they helped to celebrate Her Majesty's return to this country.—Private Secretary.

The President stated that Mr. Alexander Young had just entered his 90th birthday and he proposed that the following telegram be sent to him: 'Central Council meeting, Newcastle. All members send kind regards and best wishes.'

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed the re-election of Mr. E. H. Lewis as president. 'We all know the wonderful work he has done for this Council for so many years,' he said.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded and the resolution was carried with hearty applause.

Thanking the Council for the confidence placed in him for another year, Mr. Lewis said: 'I had very seriously thought of saying that I would not stand again, but as we had recently got a new secretary I thought it was my duty for the sake of continuity to carry on. You must seriously think of a successor next time. In the meantime I will do my best.'

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

On the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. E. A. Barnett was elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

HON. LIBRARIAN

The President proposed the election of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as librarian. 'Those of us who are in touch with the inside work of the Council know he is doing a tremendous amount of work and we are very grateful that he is carrying on,' he said.

Mr. Barnett seconded and the resolution was carried.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The following retiring honorary members were re-elected: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, H. M. Howard, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers and A. Walker.

The Standing Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. J. T. Dyke and Miss P. J. Ayris, and upon the proposition of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, Mr. C. W. Roberts was also elected an honorary member.

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens were re-elected hon. auditors, on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The Council stood while the names of the following were read:—

H. R. Butcher, Sussex Association, 1919-20 and 1938-39; D. D. Cooper, Surrey Association, 1933-53; W. H. J. Hooton, Midland Counties 1936-38, honorary member 1939-50, life member 1951-53; T. Law, Central Northampton Association 1921-23, Peterborough Diocesan Guild 1930-1932; G. R. Newton, Lancashire Association 1930-50, hon. member 1951-53; W. Perkins, Central Northants Association 1915-20; J. H. W. White, Warwickshire Association 1932-35.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Council meeting, published in 'The Ringing World' of April 30th, which had been circulated, were taken as read.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY

This is not intended to be a comprehensive review of the past twelve months, but merely to record items of interest which do not fit conveniently into other reports.

Apart from dealing with the usual assortment of queries from members of the public and outside organisations, the secretary has been interviewed by a correspondent of 'The Daily Telegraph,' and had conversations with 'The Times,' 'The Daily Express' and 'The Daily Mirror.' Letters on behalf of the Council appeared in the two first mentioned papers; one to 'The New Yorker' gave rise to considerable correspondence with Canada and the U.S.A. A letter was sent to Mr. Ivor Bulmer-Thomas in support of his motion regarding synthetic bells which was passed by the Church Assembly, and to the Bishop of London to protest against the electronic device at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street. The Publicity Officer of the B.B.C. was again asked whether advance information of ringing before broadcast services could not be supplied to 'The Ringing World'; no reply has yet been received.

The following have ceased to be members of the Council and our thanks are offered to them for their past services:—

E. M. Atkins, Cambridge University, 1921-23, 1927-53; P. E. Baker, Gloucester and Bristol, 1951-53; A. Ballard, Leicester Diocesan, 1945-53; K. Beardsall, Scottish Association, 1951-53; A. Bennett, Devon, 1946-53; F. Bennett, Sussex County, 1906-14, 1951-53; A. P. Cannon, Surrey, 1951-53; H. G. Cashmore, Hertford County, 1939-53; F. Colclough, Dudley District, 1933-53; S. E. Darmon, Cambridge University, 1951-53; G. E. Debenham, hon. member, 1939-54; Miss D. M. Drew, Gloucester and Bristol, 1951-53; W. C. Duffield, Norwich, 1945-53; J. T. Dyke, Bath and Wells, 1927-53; F. V. Gant, Essex, 1948-53; G. L. Grover, Guildford, 1930-53; C. H. Harding, Bedfordshire, 1946-53; J. W. Jones, Llandaff and Monmouth, 1907-53; W. F. Judge, Oxford Society, 1946-53; H. Knight, Stafford Archdeaconry, 1915-53; E. H. Mastin, Ely Diocesan, 1948-53; B. P. Morris, Peterborough, 1951-53; R. C. Noon, Peterborough, 1951-53; Alderman A. Paddon Smith, St. Martin's Guild, 1921-53; C. W. Roberts, Middlesex, 1933-41, 1950-53; Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Truro, 1948-53; C. Sharples, Lancashire, 1951-53; A. C. Sinfield, Bedfordshire, 1946-53; D. Smith, Chester Diocesan, 1951-53; G. H. Spice, Kent County, 1939-53; Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Truro, 1932-35, 1951-53; E. C. Turner, Leicester Diocesan, 1951-53; L. J. Williams, Lancashire, 1937-38, 1951-53; Rev. C. E. Wigg, Oxford University, 1935-53; J. Worth, Chester Diocesan, 1951-53; B. D. Price, hon. member, 1951-54.

Finally, the secretary's thanks are expressed to all who have assisted in any way during the year. Mention must be made of the kindness of Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves in again undertaking the typing and duplicating of the attached papers.

Moving the report, the hon. secretary called attention to the loss to the Council caused by the retirement of Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, who had been a member for 46 years. At the meeting of the Standing Committee it was decided to send him a message of good wishes.

This was agreed to and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

At our meeting last Whitsun I was appointed librarian, and the Rev. E. S. Tarrant agreed to house the library in Launton Rectory. We are greatly indebted to him. Miss Ayris agreed to continue to run the sales section of the library for me, and had it not been for kindness in relieving me of so much work, I could not have accepted office. The indexing of the books and manuscripts is proceeding slowly: I am in urgent need of files and bookcases, but am reluctant to ask the Council for them in view of the financial situation.

The borrowing of books of reference appears to be limited to a few who are engaged in research. In regard to sales, 'Village Bells' is the best seller, with 'Hints to Beginners' a good second. Sales of 'Change Ringing on Handbells' and 'Doubles and Minor Methods' are also very good.

'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters.' 'Collection of Peals, Section II.,' and 'Variation and Transposition' are sold out, and a decision on reprinting them is required. A decision on the reprinting of 'Doubles and Minor Methods' is also needed as stocks are almost exhausted. Stocks of 'Preservation and Repair of Bells' are very low and, as convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee, I am able to report that the committee recommends it be reprinted, subject to minor revisions.

The fact that the library is expected to pay £20 for advertisements in 'The Ringing World' has made the balance sheet look unhealthy; and to offset it I recommend that the prices of the undermentioned publications be increased as follows: 'Major Compositions,' from 2s. 9d. to 3s.; 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' from 2s. to 2s. 6d.; 'Preservation and Repair of Bells,' from 1s. 2d. to 2s.; 'Cambridge' Method sheets from 4d. to 6d.; 'Bristol' Method sheets from 4d. to 6d.; 'Plain Major Methods,' from 3s to 3s. 6d.

I also recommend that no discount be allowed on quantities of 'Village Bells.'

A grateful acknowledgment is made of the gift by the relatives of the late Mr. A. J. Corrigan of his publications on change ringing, a limited number of which are available for sale. Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, has once again rebound several copies of 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' and in some instances has inserted copies where the originals were defective or missing. Our sincere thanks are tendered for this valuable work.

During the year the library has received the following gifts: Copies of 'The Irish Bell News' from Mr. F. E. Dukes; 'St. Martin's Youths' from the author, Mr. E. C. Shepherd; 'Notes for Beginners' from the author, Mr. W. G. Wilson; and I have placed in the library a copy of volume IV. of my 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire.'

The report showed that 949 publications were sold for £313 7s. 7d. Best sales were: 'Village Bells' 223, 'Hints for Beginners' 164, 'Handbells' 116, 'Doubles and Minor' 82, 'Preservation of Bells' 57.

The hon. secretary reported that the Standing Committee recommended that 'Preservation of Bells' and 'The Minor Collection,' with amendment, be reprinted, and that 'Double Norwich Bob Caters,' 'Collection of Peals, Section II.,' be not printed.

Mr. F. Sharpe, in moving the adoption of the report, paid tribute to the work of Miss Ayris.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconding, said in reprinting 'Minor Methods' it was suggested that some doubtful methods be removed.

Mr. J. Seager regretted that they had no publication dealing with Spliced Triples. He was the compiler of the Four Ways Tables and he hoped that in the reprinting of 'Minor Methods' there would be a rearrangement. He regretted that the sales of the Four Ways Tables were disappointing. He was prepared to put down a lump sum so that a copy of the Table could be sent free with the remaining 66 books of Minor.

Mr. Felstead promised to consult Mr. Seager when the book was revised. The report was adopted.

THE ACCOUNTS

Presenting the accounts, Mr. E. A. Barnett said there was an excess of expenditure over income of £53 on the general account which was largely due to a donation of £50 to the Canon Coleridge Memorial Fund. The affiliation fees of £37 10s. would be doubled next year, which would give a margin on the right side. The publication account showed a loss of £3 15s. 7d., which was due to the payment of £20 to 'The Ringing World' fund for advertisement.

Mr. F. E. Dukes questioned whether some of the £1,486 cash at bank and in hand could not be invested. He noticed that £800 had been invested in 3 per cent. Defence Bonds.

Mr. Barnett replied that the money for the investment came out of 'The Ringing World' account. The cash at bank and in hand was always higher at the beginning of the year.

The accounts were adopted.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes presented the report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine, and said at the demonstration on Whit Saturday the machine worked very well and there was an attendance of 46. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report.

In reply to other questions, Mr. Hughes said arrangements were being made for another demonstration in September.

COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK

The secretary reported that the sub-committee appointed to consider the Council's Handbook had not submitted a written report. Dr. Hatcher had resigned owing to pressure of other business and he had the MSS. The Standing Committee had appointed Mr. C. K. Lewis and himself to take over the work. This was agreed to.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Mr. H. Miles said that in 1949 at York he was asked to compile the Roll of Honour; it was now 1954 and was approaching finality. There were 32 pages in the first Roll of Honour and 23 in the second, and the photostat copies would cost 6s. per page, making a total of £16 10s. The binding of the photostat copy would be about £3 10s. The site of the Roll of Honour had been agreed. It would be near the library in St. Paul's Cathedral and passed by thousands of people on their way to the Whispering Gallery. A card at the foot of the staircase would give an indication of where to go. All he needed now was to go ahead with the construction of the case. Forty-three associations had to date contributed £21 10s.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in seconding, thanked Mr. Miles for his work.

The Secretary said the recommendation of the Standing Committee was that the report be adopted, the construction of the case be proceeded with and the matter of the photostat copies be put in hand.—This was agreed to.

(To be continued)

VICAR AND CURATE IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re the peal at Llanfrechfa (page 360) many years ago the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge), and his curate (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson) rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques in that tower.—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST H. LEWIS.

Lochgilphead, Argyll.

A Sussex Golden Wedding

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Goddard, of Hellingly, Sussex, was marked by a peal of Doubles at the Parish Church on May 29th.

The day had been 'earmarked' in six diaries for about five months, but when the band met at the church for the attempt only five turned up. Apparently the sixth member thought the peal was to start at 6 p.m. instead of 3 p.m.!

Fortunately, Laura Beeney (aged 14 years) came with her father to 'help pull up,' and was persuaded to stand in the peal. Both she and Ann Tanner, who is Mr. and Mrs. Goddard's granddaughter, rang splendidly throughout.

After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mrs. Goddard, who, in her usual manner, had prepared an excellent 'spread.' A two-tier cake was at the head of the table and the health of the happy couple was toasted with champagne.

A dinner gong in the shape of a bell was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Goddard by Mr. Ben Stepney, the present captain. In his quiet, unassuming way, Mr. Goddard thanked the ringers for their gift and stated how touched he was with Ann ringing the treble. F. H. H.

LETTERS

CLERGY AND PEAL-RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see my friend, the Rev. R. J. St. J. Smith's reply to your 'Forty Years Ago' comment. When I read the latter I thought on exactly the same lines as he did—our lack of opportunity to-day as compared with our predecessors' 40 years ago. I forget the exact figures, but roughly, whilst the population has increased from some 35 to 45 million since 1914, the number of clergy has decreased from about 19,000 to under 15,000. Comparisons are certainly odious in this case. I suppose I live in an area which gives me a greater chance of peal ringing than any of my brother clergy ringers, but it has taken me nearly 10 years to ring my 50 peals, simply because my time is so occupied that I cannot stand in peal attempts except the occasional one at my own church. (I have to limit them because we are in the middle of a town.) I know the other clergy similarly lack opportunities.

After reading your comment, I actually had a quick count of clerical peal ringers last year and found that 19 of us rang 55 peals between us. I noticed only one peal where two clerics were in the band, thus we stood in 54 peals. The 145 peals of 1913 must be reduced in number quite a lot, for on many occasions there was more than one parson in the attempt. I haven't had time to go through the lists except to notice that in the Cambridge University ringing week up to six clerics took part in any individual peal. Actually, too, the proportion of peals conducted by a parson was greater last year than in 1913 (the Rev. A. S. Roberts heading the list).

I don't know how many ringing parsons there were in 1913, but the Clerical Guild has now nearly 70 members and there are very many parsons whom I know personally who can ring a bit but are not members. With the changed circumstances, I don't think the position is as bad as your comment suggests. It is interesting to note that one name appears on the peal list in both years—the Rev (now Canon) C. C. Cox, the president of the Guild. Two others, the Rev. (now Prebendary) E. V. Cox and the Rev. R. P. Farrow, were present during our recent ringing week. The Exercise owes a great debt of gratitude to them, and other members, for their long service.

Finally, may I say that Mr. Smith is too modest in his final statement, for it was he who conducted, so admirably, the peal of Cambridge in 1949. May I add, too, that we had hoped to ring the first peal of London by eight parsons last year, but Mr. Smith's valiant efforts to find a suitable time when we could all muster to make the attempt failed. I don't say it couldn't have been done 40 years ago, but it certainly wasn't.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,

Southampton.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMNS

Dear Sir,—'Letters to the Editor' in 'The Ringing World' are always a source of interest to me, as are many items published. The recent crop of letters published shows that I am not alone in this respect, but what has struck me particularly of late is the fact that such righteous indignation has been aroused by the violent treatment for this 'financially sick paper' prescribed by Mr. T. V. Lister. Yet this same author supplied a very interesting article on Tewkesbury bells which passed without comment. Yes, the correspondence columns are very interesting. Best wishes.—Yours sincerely,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I. of W.

FORTY-TWO SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS TO A PEAL

'Correct in Every Detail,' Says Umpire

As briefly announced in a recent issue, a new record has been established in Spliced Surprise Major ringing by the first peal in 42 methods. This was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on May 29th, by the same band that established the record of the peal in 36 methods on February 13th.

To umpire the peal Mr. J. Segar, of Retford, broke his holiday at Skegness. His report is as follows:—

'I confirm that I sat in Handsworth Church to-day throughout the peal, and at each of the 159 leads I heard the name of the next method called correctly in accordance with a checking sheet prepared by me for my use as umpire. I also checked the calling of the 90 bobs.

'As the belfry is very small and I did not wish to cause the slightest distraction, I sat in the church, but as the belfry is open to the church and could be called a ringers' gallery, there was no disadvantage. I was able to check by ear the accuracy of the figures of every lead of the peal. As it is impossible to ring a bad peal so complicated as this, it is hardly necessary to say that it was a good peal and correct in every detail.'

THE METHOD

5,088 in 42 methods

2345678 Framley
4263857 Tring
2357486—Wembley
4523678—Lindum
2465837 Hitchin
5347286 Barnsbury
2453678—Hanbury
5264837 Trowbridge
4327586 Radlett
5243678—Watford
4562837 Lincolnshire
5237486—Falmouth
4352678—Derwent
5463827 Aldenham
3247586 Rutland
5432678—Uxbridge
3564827 Painswick
4257386 Eastcote
3542678—Shoreditch
4365827 Langley
3527486—Lessness
4235678—Lindoff's London
6342857—Superlative
2537684 Radlett
6325478—Lindoff's London
2643857 Warwickshire
3567284 Claybrooke
2635478—Ramsey
3246857 Pudsey
6527384 Eastcote
3265478—London
4632857—Apsley
6257483—Lessness
5642378 Framley
4536827 Yorkshire
5627483—Wembley
4256378—Lindum
3542867—Cherwell
2657384 Rutland
3526478—Derwent
4235867—Bristol
3425867—Pyrford
5647382 Claybrooke
3456278—Stockport
5324867 Jersey
3467582—Cray
5623847 Cambridge
6347582—Dublin
4637582—London
5346278—New Gloucester
4536278—Deben
2345867—Minsmere
5637284 Maulden
2356478—

Twice repeated.

QUEEN MOTHER AT ROCHESTER

For the twenty-seventh jubilee celebrations of Rochester Cathedral, which started on May 16th, there was much special ringing. When the Queen Mother visited Rochester on May 18th the bells were 'fired' to a Royal Salute, and Queens rung. On May 17th 1,264 Plain Bob Major was rung by D. Norris 1, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 2, H. Springate 3, F. Cheal 4, T. Beaumont 5, R. E. Norris 6, G. Kenward 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. This was the first quarter of Plain Bob on the bells since they were recast in 1923.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Easter Tour at Gloucester

A LARGE attendance, glorious weather and a peal of Stedman Caters were notable features of the annual tour of the Oxford University Society, which was held in the Gloucester district at Easter.

About 20 resident members and 10 former members arrived on the evening of Easter Saturday. This provided a transport problem for the organisers, as only two of the five expected cars turned up, together with three motor-cycles. Fortunately several members brought bicycles and offered to use these on some of the journeys, and the position was somewhat eased by hiring a car for three days. Even so, some 'ferrying' had to be done between towers and, where suitable, bus and train services were employed.

On Easter Sunday morning about ten ringers joined the local band at Gloucester Cathedral to ring from 9.15 to 10.30, while the remainder divided their activities between St. Mary de Crypt (Gloucester) and Churcham. In the afternoon a group assisted the local ringers at Churchdown, where evensong was held at 3.30, and afterwards spent a lazy hour admiring the view from the hilltop. Later, members joined the local bands at St. Mary de Crypt, Westbury-on-Severn and Barnwood.

On Monday an inauspicious start was made by breaking a stay at Barnwood. The eight at Upton St. Leonards, which followed, proved a little difficult to handle but a course of London came round. We arrived at Painswick only to find it apparently devoid of food on Easter Monday, and so we made our way to Cranham for sandwiches at the local hostelry before ringing on the very fine twelve at Painswick. We then moved on to the six at Woodchester, where a youthful villager was heard to remark, 'Them bells be all right if only thou'st could do 'em.' The Society obviously 'couldn't do 'em,' handbell ringing seeming more popular. After tea we were joined by our president at Stroud, where unsuccessful attempts at Cambridge Royal produced scathing comments from a distinguished member not taking part. The last tower of the day was Quedgeley, and was followed by a tedious journey through Gloucester among the Bank Holiday traffic.

Tuesday's ringing began at Leckhampton, where the eight are rung from in front of the altar. A course of Spliced Surprise was rung before we moved on to Charlton Kings, which provided a sterner test for our bell-handling. Lunch in Cheltenham was followed by ringing on the twelve at St. Mary's. Here Cambridge Royal was more successful than at Stroud, and several resident members welcomed the opportunity of practising Stedman Cinques. After a short ring at Prestbury ten members set off for Tewkesbury, where a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the Abbey. This was Peter Border's first peal of Caters as conductor, and was the first peal of Stedman Caters for five of the band. Since the peal was not begun until after 5.30, and the bells had to be down by 9 o'clock, a good pace had to be set, and the peal was completed in 3 hours and 15 minutes, the bells being lowered with five minutes to spare. The striking was good throughout, although the course ends provoked some adverse comment over the supper table. While the peal was being rung the remainder visited Bishop's Cleeve and Badgeworth.

On Wednesday the president unfortunately had to leave us, and transport arrangements were further complicated by the hired car blowing an oil seal. However, everyone was able to complete the day's programme, which was the most extensive of the tour. During the morning we visited Sandhurst, where a course of Bristol was completed, and the beautiful Saxon church at Deerhurst, where the tower is separated into two compartments, the ropes of the five smaller bells falling on one side of the partition and the tenor on the other. The hired car rejoined us at Upton-on-Severn, where, after a sandwich lunch, we were greeted by Mr. Charles Camm, who joined us in a course of Cambridge. There followed an enjoyable hour's ringing at Malvern Priory, and after tea we visited the detached tower at Ledbury. Here a course of Yorkshire was rung but the long draught proved troublesome for the beginners. The day's ringing was concluded at Ross-on-Wye, where the eight were so popular that we exceeded our time by half an hour.

An attempt at a peal of Stedman at Ruardean on Thursday morning was lost after about 50 minutes, and was followed by a quarter peal of Kent Major, conducted by Rodney Meadows, whose efforts were rewarded by the omission of his name from the local Press report. Meanwhile the remainder visited Minsterworth and Westbury-on-Severn, where it took two members ten minutes to get the tenor up right. The two parties met again at Newnham-on-Severn, where several members seemed reluctant to leave the comfortable chairs in the lounge after lunch at the Victoria Hotel, and it came as rather a relief to hear that we would not after all be able to ring there, as one of the bells had slipped from its bearings on Easter Sunday. Having admired the beautiful view of the Severn from Newnham churchyard, we moved on to Littledean. Here they obviously have some very small ringers, the sally on the second being so low that one member rang it on his knees and others sat in a chair. After an excellent tea we visited the sixes at Longhope, Blaisdon and Huntley.

Some members departed on Thursday evening but the remainder stayed until Friday morning, when a peal of Spliced Major (Plain Bob, Double Bob, Little Bob and Gainsborough) was rung on handbells, with Wilfrid Moreton as conductor. The tour closed with four members ringing handbells while returning to Oxford by bus from Cheltenham.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the vicars and tower captains for their ready co-operation in making the tour a success, and in particular to Mr. Leslie Barry for his invaluable assistance. D. H. N., P. J. H.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' June 19th, 1914

LONDON

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 11th, 1914, in 2 hours and 47 minutes

At the Church of St. John, Deptford

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES
5,040 CHANGES

Thurstans' 4-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
William Weatherstone	Treble
Alfred G. Bennington	2
Thomas A. Easterby	3
Thomas Groombridge, sen. ..	4
William A. Martin	5
George Durling	6
William J. Jeffries	7
Frederick W. Richardson ..	Tenor

Conducted by William J. Jeffries

Rung on the 39th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

[This was the last peal by the treble ringer, a well-known 'character' among the London ringers of his day. A staunch Nonconformist, he was a seat-holder at Spurgeon's Tabernacle, and would never ring on Sundays. Nor, for some reason, would he ever work on Mondays.]

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A Telegram of Greetings to the Queen

Approximately 150 members attended the annual general meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held in the Assembly Rooms, Salisbury on May 22nd. The Master (Canon C. C. Cox) presided, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. C. West), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (vice-president) and Mr. F. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary).

The chairman opened the meeting with prayer. An apology was received from Lord Shaftesbury (president of the Guild).

In his report the hon. secretary stated the membership as being 1,070. Twenty-eight peals were rung, including four for the Coronation. The losses by death since the last annual meeting totalled twelve, including Mr. E. F. White (vice-president). Messrs. G. W. England, O. Claridge, T. Bailey, C. S. House, J. Salter, L. A. Perrett, J. Tomkin (both fifty years as ringers), E. C. Mills, Canon Clare and Miss Markby, the meeting standing in silence as a tribute to their memory.

The statement of accounts was read, and showed a balance of £194 6s. This was considered satisfactory and together with the report was unanimously adopted.

In his remarks the chairman stated he had sent, on behalf of the Guild, a telegram of congratulation and welcome to Her Majesty the Queen, worded as follows:—The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, assembled for their annual festival in Salisbury, offer their heartfelt congratulations to your most gracious Majesty upon the happy completion of the tour of the Commonwealth, and extend their loyal welcome home to your Majesty, for whom the church bells throughout the Diocese were rung in celebration of your Majesty's safe return.'

This reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—'Please convey to all members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal greetings.'

Canon Cox continued with a forceful appeal for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' and suggested that at least two members from each Branch should work hard to persuade those who did not take the paper to do so at once. He did not wish criticism reminding those present the paper was the official organ of the Central Council, to which the Guild belonged.

The election of officers was as follows:—President, Lord Shaftesbury; Master, Canon C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; hon. auditors, Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews; Guild Committee, Mr. A. Macdonald, Mr. G. True, Mr. G. H. Harding and Mr. F. Precey. Grants of £5 5s. each were made to Corfe Mullen and Netherbury for bell restorations. The chairman then thanked the Dean and Chapter for allowing the festival service to be held in the Cathedral, also those who had helped with the arrangements, mentioning Miss Eloie, the Salisbury Branch secretary.

After the meeting the service was held in the Cathedral. Canon Cox officiated and the address was delivered by the Very Rev. the Dean. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells during the service by a band from Lyme Regis.

Tea was served in the Acland Hall Assembly Rooms after the service, to which 150 sat down.

The bells of the city churches were available and, together with 13 towers on the outskirts, were made good use of during the morning and evening.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sexton (first of Minor) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, H. W. Brown 4, G. Lee 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Derek H. Paine.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Alderman 1, J. Smith (first 'inside') 2, Phyllis Norman (first as cond.) 3, Audrey Yarde 4, H. Bristow 5, Florrie Norman 6. For the first anniversary of the Coronation.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Buck 1, L. Hughes (first of Treble Bob) 2, T. Holehouse 3, R. Castledine (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, C. Harwood (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 7, J. Dear 8.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Balfour 1, Miss C. Wilson 2, Miss C. Stewart 3, Miss R. Harris 4, Miss F. Howison 5, J. Brown (cond.) 6. First quarter for all except the conductor.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Durham 1, A. Sayer 2, Miss Solly 3, Mrs. A. Sayer 4, H. Luck 5, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, J. Russell (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Milsted 1, Miss Solly 2, Mrs. A. Sayer 3, H. Luck 4, A. Sayer 5, J. Russell (cond.) 6. Rung for evening service.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.—On May 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Evelyn M. Killington 1, S. W. Copling 2, Margaret A. Lewis 3, C. Bailey 4, J. W. Forder 5, G. G. Walpole 6, F. C. Gunton 7, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 8. Rung for the homecoming of H.M. the Queen.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. T. Hume 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, A. W. Cansdale 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills 5, E. C. Hynard 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, P. G. Hartley 8. Rung by the local band for the Rogationtide procession, and a compliment to P. G. Hartley on his 18th birthday. First in method for all except 6 and 7.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman (first quarter) 1, H. Stebbings 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett 5, G. Rouse (first quarter as cond.) 6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Clarke (first quarter in method) 1, A. H. Beamish 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 5, J. A. L. Thompson 6, J. F. Clarke 7, J. E. Lloyd 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, Miss D. Page (first of Triples) 3, B. Pratley 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung following the wedding of Miss M. Abbott and Mr. S. Pulker, both ringers at this church.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Talbot 1, T. Harris 2, G. Willmott (first quarter as cond.) 3, W. Gulley 4, E. Lambert 5, W. Davis 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On May 15th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Davies 1, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 2, G. H. Humphries 3, Miss P. M. Steere 4, W. F. Oatway 5, R. G. Abbott 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, E. W. Razzell 8. In honour of the silver wedding of the ringer of the sixth. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Hilda E. Oatway 1, Pamela M. Steere 2, E. W. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphreys 6, W. F. Oatway (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Davies 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. E. Lilley 1, R. V. Johnson 2, G. Apps 3, F. Godsmark 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, K. Snelling 6, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Maulden 1, L. G. Brett 2, F. Ruffles 3, C. Beecroft 4, R. G. Parker 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. Miller 7, L. T. Allum (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for Rogation Sunday.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Evelyn M. Killington 1, C. Bailey 2, J. W. Forder 3, G. G. Walpole 4, S. W. Copling 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. Macdonald, who has removed to Norwich.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. E. Perry (first of Minor) 1, F. E. Bamford 2, E. G. Bennett 3, R. A. Cockrane 4, Wm. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, F. Craknell 6. First quarter on the bells after rehanging.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 480 each Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss R. A. Heath 1, B. Hale 2, Miss A. Butler 3, E. J. Heath 4, S. Meadows 5, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 6. Welcome home for H.M. the Queen. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Wells 1, W. Denyer 2, Miss A. Butler 3, E. J. Heath 4, S. Meadows 5, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss R. A. Heath.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Hall 1, E. Lambert 2, G. Webb 3, W. Yates 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Wheeler 1, H. Taylor 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, J. Hutt 4, E. Cadle 5, P. Anger 6, A. R. Pink (cond.) 7, D. Vincent 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. C. H. G. Davey.

FULHAM, S.W.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, B. K. Lunn 3, James Phillips 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, John Phillips 6, J. Chilcott (cond.) 7, J. H. Allsop 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Major: H. Bird 1, V. Tipton 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, L. Cordell 4, S. Clark 5, R. Hayden 6, P. Came 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 6. Rung for morning service.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): C. G. Pitcher 1, Miss M. C. Howe 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, J. M. G. Anthony 4, B. W. Huntley 5, C. W. Simpson 6, R. E. Waters 7, C. E. Slade 8. Rung for Ascension Day.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 Court and 540 Plain): K. Durdy 1, J. Wardle 2, A. Hulley 3, A. Wilson 4, H. Barnes 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6. Rung to mark 50 years' ministry of the Rev. Canon F. d'Arblay Burney at Harworth.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Empire Youth Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Powell 1, L. W. Jarvis 2, A. H. Kemp 3, W. Gorringe 4, R. Tappenden 5, G. Billenness (cond.) 6, J. Brown 7, B. Harris 8.

HINXWORTH, HERTS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Single Court Minor: P. Stacey (14) 1, D. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, M. Orme 4, M. Collings 5, P. Mchew 6. First in method by all

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. V. Hare 1, L. Fidler 2, E. Winters 3, K. Timbury (first of Major) 4, W. Todd 5, J. Church 6, M. Orme 7, D. Jones (first of Kent Major as cond.) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Killamarsh Variation): Miss J. Hills 1, R. W. Stannard 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, L. S. Woods 5, A. J. House 6, J. Baxter 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band. Rung for the Ascension Day service.

HUNTINGDON.—On May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: H. S. Peacock 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, M. J. Dyer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, W. Ransome 6, N. Mallett 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8. Rung before the civic service.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Allum 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, J. Froome 3, R. Rivers (first 'inside') 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. A. Eele 6, C. W. Mortimer 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. A farewell to R. Rivers, who is shortly leaving for service in Korea.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. First in four methods by all except treble. Rung for Empire Day.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Pleasance 1, L. Pierce 2, E. Bishop 3, H. King 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, L. Sharpe 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on May 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Crome 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. Greenacre 3, E. Barker 4, L. Houghton 5, E. Mastin 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Arranged and rung for special civic service.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, J. A. Hales 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, F. W. L. Blewer 6, C. W. Ottley 7, G. L. Bryant 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, R. Keeley 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, G. Whitemore 6, Canon C. C. Cox 7, J. Grant (Leicester) 8. Also on June 2nd, 1,250 Erin Triples: Canon C. C. Cox 1, E. L. Taylor 2, C. W. Powell 3, Mrs. Powell 4, R. Keeley 5, G. Whitemore 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Grant 8. Rung for the first anniversary of the Coronation.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Peal 1, T. Pink (cond.) 2, Miss S. Lloyd-Evans 3, R. Fraser 4, M. Soper 5, J. Lewis 6, C. King 7, W. Langley 8

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Pye 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, H. Reynolds (first in method) 3, A. Ridyard 4, B. Walshaw 5, R. Longden 6, A. Stone 7, A. Ward (first in method as cond.) 8. To mark the Ascension.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Collins 1, W. Dyment 2, M. G. Williams 3, B. Curtis 4, F. Turner 5, E. Curtis 6, H. Reed (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8. First quarter for 1, 4 and 5. First quarter by a local band for 15 years.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 30th, at the Church of Emmanuel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Perkin 1, F. E. Day (first 'inside') 2, H. H. Thomas 3, G. Godard 4, J. Hough 5, A. Burbidge 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas 8. A farewell tribute to Mr. A. Burbidge, who is returning to Chatham.

POPLAR, E.—On May 23rd, at All Saints' Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss S. Barringer 1, C. W. Ottley 2, G. F. Bryant 3, B. A. Moore 4, J. Armstrong 5, E. D. Smith 6, E. E. Holman 7, L. W. Bullock 8, J. Bullock (cond.) 9, J. A. Hales 10. Rung for Evensong.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Lord 1, G. Nicolls 2, Rev. B. Freer Sheppard 3, A. Clements 4, C. Goodyer 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Goddard 1, Miss D. Lodge 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, F. J. Wood 4, D. J. Crouchman 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. A compliment to E. John Baxter and Miss Jean Lincoln, whose marriage was solemnised at St. Paul's Church, Bentley Common, this day.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On June 5th, 780 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Shellard, sen., 1, B. Saunders 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, L. Wootton 5, G. Shellard, jun., 6. A compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 63rd birthday.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Miss R. Brown 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, F. A. Bullock 4, M. A. Randall 5, J. P. Morriss (first of Triples as cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, J. Thorold 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 2, 4, 5 and 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ceasar, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, 27 years a sidesman at this church.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cooper 1, Miss G. Brown 2, M. Maisey 3, Mrs. D. Cooper 4, Miss P. A. Gaunt 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. C. Rivers 8.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of New, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, T. J. Marriott 2, W. G. Soar 3, L. Warren 4, P. Marriott (cond.) 5, W. Noble 6. Rung for the Queen's homecoming.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. P. Cleaves (first quarter) 1, J. D. L. Richards (first quarter) 2, C. E. Willers 3, E. W. Bullman 4, D. P. Stubbings (first quarter) 5, D. J. Woodhams (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung for morning prayer.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Milsom (first quarter) 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, A. Lee (first quarter 3, J. R. Hobbs (first quarter) 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, P. R. Young 6. Rung for the Queen's homecoming.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 30th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Chapman (first quarter) 1, R. Lumsden 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, J. Hales (cond.) 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. A. Hughes 7, B. Collard (first quarter) 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 1st, 1,312 Double Norwich Major: K. Dunstan 1, D. K. Adkins 2, A. Dix 3, E. Durrant 4, F. Elliott 5, S. Hoare 6, W. Wenban 7, J. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 4.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Jill Mackintosh 1, Anne Holmes 2, Mary Fuller 3, R. W. Stephens 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. C. Bailey 1, K. Jones 2, Miss J. Powell 3, R. Price 4, W. Dare 5, F. Bailey (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Bellerby 1, C. Vogt 2, M. Brunton 3, L. Gascoyne 4, P. Collins 5, B. Holland (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 5. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Swanwick, of the above parish.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Howard 1, J. Tomsett 2, J. Chapman 3, Miss J. Clements 4, R. Storey 5, R. Sanders 6, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 7, H. Cox 8. Rung for the annual visit of the Mayor and Corporation of Wimbledon. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Bradley (first quarter) 1, J. Hawkins 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, H. Cox 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Tomsett 6. To commemorate the anniversary of D-Day.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Gooding 1, B. Glanvill 2, D. Gooding 3, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 4, T. Gooding 5, L. K. Dawe 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Sellick 8. First quarter for 2, 5 and 8. Rung on the back six, 1, 2 leading. For the festival of Whitsun and anniversary of D-Day.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE

With deep regret we record the passing of that grand old ringer, Mr. Ernest William Beadsmoore, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. His place will be difficult to fill for he was not only one of those 'ever ready' ringers who could always be relied on for a peal and to attend meetings, but his generosity to his church and all connected with it was unbounded.

His life had been spent in Ashby and the registers there show the family connections for generations back. He was connected with the belfry for over 65 years and joined the old M.C.A. in 1890, ringing his first quarter peal in 1902 and calling his first peal in 1904. In 1910 he conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples by a local service band, and altogether had taken part in some 160 peals.

On the division of the M.C.A. he became a leading light in the Midland Counties Guild and at meetings could always be found in his place. He took part in the only 'Ernest' peal when eight Ernests rang; another acted as umpire, and the composition was by yet another Ernest. His last peal (in which he stood to oblige at a moment's notice) was Double Norwich at Netherseale in December, 1953. It was but a few weeks ago his 81st birthday was commemorated by a peal of Stedman Triples.

The funeral was on June 3rd, and Ashby bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege arrived and left the church. The Vicar (Canon H. D. Hanford) conducted the service and paid a high tribute to his shining example as a true churchman and Christian gentleman, who rang the bells not only as a call to others, but who answered the call himself. Floral tributes were sent, and representatives of the Midland Counties Guild were present from Overseale, Netherseale, Repton, Measham and Ticknall, as well as many church organisations, who have lost a very dear friend.

AN APPRECIATION

As one who rang 84 peals with the late Mr. Ernest W. Beadsmoore and claimed his friendship for 30 years, I should like to pay a last tribute to his memory.

His passing is not only a severe blow to his church but to the Midland Counties Guild, as he was an energetic member who was always in attendance at meetings. His familiar figure and cheery voice will be missed by his many friends —not only in the Burton-on-Trent area, but in Derby and Leicester.

For over 60 years he was regular for service ringing at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church, where he had seen many changes, but somehow he did not change, even with advancing years: he was alert and ready to assist in any peal attempts.

MR. WILLIAM H. WAIN

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. H. Wain, of North Wingfield, Derbyshire, who passed away on May 29th at the age of 65. He had been a member of the North Wingfield band for more than 40 years, including 12 years as captain and steeple-keeper, but owing to ill-health had been unable to ring since 1949.

Although he had rung in, and conducted several peals, being a competent ringer up to Surprise Major methods, it was as a teacher of the art that Mr. Wain excelled. Even after his retirement from active ringing he would keenly criticise the striking of the local band and was always ready to offer help and advice when called for.

Past and present ringers at North Wingfield Church attended the funeral on June 2nd. In the evening a quarter peal of 1,264 Plain Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band:—W. Davis 1, W. Allwood 2, A. Turner 3, Mrs. B. Wheeler 4, E. G. Holdgate 5, B. Wheeler 6, G. E. Hancock (conductor) 7, J. Brewster 8. G. E. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Record Meeting at the 'Cathedral of the Marsh'

The Ashford District held its meeting on May 22nd at Lydd. When members last met there, two years ago, the church was still a mass of wreckage resulting from air raids, and it was pleasant and wonderful to see that this grand old building had been restored sufficiently to enable it to take up its position again as the 'Cathedral of the Marsh.' But Lydd is renowned for its enthusiasm and energy, and this goes for its ringers too.

A strong junior element was present, and they were soon busy in methods to suit their various stages of experience until 4.30, when the service was held. This was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Finch). His wife played the organ and John Cooper read the lesson.

The hospitality of the local ringers, charmingly served by the ladies, was much enjoyed.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. Two letters were read:— (1) From Geoff. Waters, suggesting a series of monthly practice meetings in the western half of the district during the winter, and that there should be one practice meeting each month at Ashford for advanced methods. (2) From Miss Jill Haffenden, asking the ladies of the district to co-operate with her and Miss Doris Colegate in restarting the Ladies' Guild in Kent. (Miss Haffenden is the hon. secretary.) Both suggestions were well received.

The secretary reminded the gathering that it was from Lydd on March 6th, 1926, that the first broadcast of bells from Kent took place, the occasion being the dedication of the present ring. He also reminded members of the campaign by 'The Ringing World' for more postal subscribers from whom the maximum benefit to the funds of the journal is derived. It was worth remembering, he said, that two or three copies were sent for the same postage as one, and that five or more were post free.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks by Mr. Willis to the Vicar, his wife and the local band, to which suitable replies were made by the Vicar and John Cooper.

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LATE NOTICES

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10 bells), Saturday, June 19th. All welcome. — Edward Hudson. Hon. Sec. 4601

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Loxton, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 4602

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. —Quarterly meeting at Dorking, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names to me, please, by June 29th. Ranmore bells (8) in evening. — W. Parrott, 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4603

NOTICES

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BIRTH

ROCK.—On Monday, May 31st, 1954, at Middlesbrough, to Dorothy, wife of E. Peter Rock, a son (Philip Mark). 4564

DEATH

HACKER.—Frederick Arthur, The Beeches, Heddington, Calne, Wilts, on June 11th, 1954, following an operation, at St. Martin's Hospital, Bath. 4600

RETURN THANKS

Mr. H. Wagstaff and family wish to thank all ringing friends for their letters of sympathy during their very sad bereavement. 4598

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The permanent address of DAVID J. R. MARTIN (previously of London, S.W.11) is now 116, Pear Tree Lane, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. Letters will be forwarded from this address. London Telephone (day): IMPerial 2237. 4570

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HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

AUGUST 14th–28th. Wanted to rent furnished bungalow or similar accommodation for family of five (children, boy and girls, 14 and 10, 6) and two other adults. Near sea with good bathing. Room for two cars. Terms and particulars of accommodation and equipment provided, to W. O. Haythorne, 416, Victoria Road, Ruislip, Middlesex. 4558

HANDBELLS WANTED

Will anybody help boys of a dockside parish to form a bell ringing team by selling set of twelve handbells at reasonable price? — Rev. J. C. Hill, 115, Shaw Street, Liverpool 6. 4562

PUBLICATION

'CHESHIRE BELLS,' Part III.—Contains details of past and present bells at Eccleston and the carillon at Eaton Hall. Price 2s. from J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester. 4511

MISCELLANEOUS

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING. — Members taking part please note: Harpole Turn 7.15, Lower Heyford 7.30, Weedon main road 7.40, Daventry 7.50, Byfield 8.5. — F. W. Hancock. 4588

ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—Found at Writtle: pair red kid gloves and yellow scarf. Claim from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4568

CANCELLATIONS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Cancellation Notice.**—There will be no monthly meeting of the Northern Branch on June 19th owing to outings, etc. The next Guild meeting will be at Warwick on July 17th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — The monthly practices for June 19th and July 17th have been cancelled. 4547

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Wilmslow, June 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 4534

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4561

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth (6), June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 4593

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton (6) on Saturday, June 19th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 4548

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn, June 19th, 3-4 p.m. **only,** and Kimpton 4-4.45 and in evening. Tea at Kimpton. Special methods: Single Court and Single Norwich.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4530

LAVENHAM.—143rd Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 2 p.m. Cafe opposite church. Everyone welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 4524

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Hoar Cross, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify T. G. Pott, Hoar Cross, Burton-on-Trent. 4552

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Evening practice, Feltham (8), to-morrow, June 19th, 6-8.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4591

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members please provide own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4571

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Croydon on June 19th to elect a Master and revise rules. Bells available: St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Baptist (12) 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45. Notifications for tea to W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon. 4533

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, June 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service. Please notify for tea (5 p.m.) to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4526

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District). BARNSLEY, DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Annual joint meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, June 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne. 4520

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Summer Festival meeting will be held at Kempston on June 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. Names to J. M. Stephens, General Secretary. 4551

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by June 23rd. — W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4595

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, June 26th. Ringing, Oxton (8), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service at Moreton Parish Church (4) 5 p.m. Tea provided. Please notify by 23rd Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4594

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Alfreton (8) on June 26th, 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mary Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 4589

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Thorne (8), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Several nearby cafes available for tea.—D. E. Smythe. 4592

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Special quarterly meeting in honour of late president, now vice-president, Mr. Wilson Dobb's 79th birthday, Selston, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Soloist, Miss I. Round, of Skegby. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 24th to Mr. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4579

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening practice meeting at Duxford (6) on Saturday, June 26th, at 6.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4581

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Thornbury, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 22nd, to Mr. C. R. Harding, No. 68, Cleeve Hill, Downend, Bristol.—W. F. Scudamore, Branch Sec. 4577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Clearwell, Saturday, June 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 23rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 4586

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Deerhurst, June 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names, please, by 22nd. All welcome.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 4590

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Elland, June 26th. For teas apply, by June 19th, F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 4514

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Barkway, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Little Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4565

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8), June 26th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea MUST reach Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by Tuesday, June 22nd. — W. P. G. 4544

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Idle on June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, by Thursday, June 24th. — I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 4566

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, June 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. NAMES, PLEASE, to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray. 4580

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 331st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Tea available in town.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfield. 4576

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Wool, June 26th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mr. Williams, 47, Spring Street, Wool, Dorset, by June 22nd, please.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4567

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss E. M. Peckett. 4540

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Northiam (6), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Beckley (6) available after tea. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 23rd, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4583

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Annual Festival, Brecon, June 26th. Service in the Cathedral 3 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. St. Mary's bells (8) available 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; St. David's, Brecon (6), and St. Margaret's, Llanfeigan (8), also available if required.—J. A. Hoare, Gen. Sec. 4491

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. —Saturday, June 26th. Ringing at Staines, St. Mary's (8), Wraysbury (8) and Egham (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Egham Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing from 6 p.m. at Egham, Staines, St. Peter's (8) and Old Windsor (8). Names for tea to D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, by June 23rd. 4549

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Yateley (8), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 22nd to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 4582

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4537

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Bridlington, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church 4.15. Meat tea (4s. each) at 5. Names to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. Business meeting for election of officers, etc. — H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4535

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, North Curry (8), July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 4585

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Irton (8) on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Irton Hall. Names for tea and transport from Drigg Station to A. R. Agg, Greengarth Hall, Holmrook, Cumberland, by Tuesday, June 29th.—J. A. Haile. 4597

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, July 3rd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Armstrong, 46, Oval Road South, Dagenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rayfield, 45, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough, by Wednesday, June 30th. — Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 4563

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Marden, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, Vicarage Flat, Marden. 4536

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), July 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5. Names to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville, by 1st. 4573

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Names or numbers by Wednesday, June 30th, to Mr. R. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 4584

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Annual at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 4574

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Rutland Branch. — Meeting at Wing (5) on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Commence 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Market Overton, Rutland.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Summer meeting at Hope (8) 3 p.m., Saturday, July 3rd (the last day of local festivities, Wakes and Well Dressing in connection with St. Peter's Day). Pots of tea or full tea available for all at Bramwell's Cafe, but please also notify me. A hearty welcome to all. — N. Chaddock, Secretary, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. 4599

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Eastwood (8), Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. for those notifying Rev. P. M. Coparn, The Rectory, Eastwood, Notts, by Wednesday, June 30th. 4578

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 3rd, at Harby (6) 2.30–4.30, and South Scarle (6) 6.30 to 9. Tea at Eagle, 5 p.m., for those who inform me by previous Tuesday. Special method, Carter's Principle.—S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark, Notts. 4587

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION, SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD and HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —Ringing Festival at Shrewsbury, July 10th, arranged jointly. Ringing times: Condover (8), Berrington (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Chad's (12) 11.30 to 12.30, 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 3.30, St. Michael's (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.15 to 8.15 p.m. Tea, by invitation of Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of St. Chad's, and Church Council, St. Chad's Parish Room, at 5 p.m. Service, St. Chad's, 6 p.m.; address by Rev. C. H. Barker. Names for tea MUST be notified by July 7th. Lunch reserved at Morris' Cafe, Pride Hill, on receipt of 5s. per head. Bells at Condover or Berrington if required during the afternoon, or sixes at Cound and Bicton available. All communications to W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, Tel. 3846. 4596

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THE NORTHERN LAND

IT was Sunday morning in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the sun shone upon the Westgate Road to greet the Whitsun Day with a promise it failed to fulfil. Towards the hour of noon there stood at the junction with Elswick Road three of the men of that place. They may have been merely enjoying the morning sun or they may have been awaiting the striking of the hour of twelve when (as H. G. Wells says) 'the shooting of bolts and the turning of keys had ended the British Ramadan, that weekly interlude of drought our law imposes.' Whatever their ultimate motives they were at that moment noisy, argumentative, somewhat uncouth and uninviting. Suddenly, in a break in the flow of cars and buses, there pranced into the road a tiny tabby kitten, chasing in ecstacy a scrap of paper that was clearly luring it to destruction. The group on the pavement turned and one man detached himself, darted into the highway and gathered the creature from under the approaching wheels of a fresh gush of traffic. He returned to the footpath, set down his tiny burden and urged it along a straight and narrow path that led to safety. The noisy argument was then resumed.

It was a kindly act, unpremeditated and, to the onlooker, unexpected, and it seemed to hold within it the parable of this northern land where so much is dour and perhaps at first sight repellent covers so much unexpected beauty and kindliness.

One approaches Newcastle from the South through country where the industries of Yorkshire reluctantly give way to much wooded upland beauty, and where this, in its turn, is suddenly succeeded once more by grimness: flats where the machines of man, to use Auden's simile, stand about like giant chessmen, and where into the loveliness of woods and dells there intrudes the sinister pyramid of a pit bank stealing along in greyness behind distant folds and coppices. The grandeur of Durham Cathedral is seen through the monstrous railway viaduct that straddles the city like a great long-legged caterpillar, and roads towards Gateshead, not perhaps without natural attractions, bear warnings of road subsidence.

And so the Tyne is reached, and as one comes across the high land and gazes over the valley, the steep heights rise gloomily from the industrial fog of the Scotswood Road, the great single-span bridge humps itself grotesquely, and the dark castle seems to frown at the visitor. One crosses the dark river with, perhaps, some lowering of spirits and a longing for something brighter and more attractive.

But surprise is in store, for in this place there is a wealth of kindliness, good nature and spiritual beauty, and these things are, like the natural beauties, revealed at unexpected times and in unexpected places. The man in the street, whom you perhaps hesitate to approach, is most helpful in directing you, even to the point of conducting you; the hotels feed generously, and even in the common inn or tavern there is a rugged friendliness and a feeling of welcome.

One cannot escape the consciousness of a growing attraction to this city and an increased liking for its people. The great Coast Road, running mile after mile as straight as a ruler across vast and desolate flats, broken only by the great Wills factory and the colossal Wallsend mine, slips suddenly into the entrancing beauty of Jesmond, Dene, and lo! the dreary wastes are forgotten. Above Newburn the wooded slopes of the valley are seen as through a glass darkly, but, on occasion, a gleam of sunshine smites the hillside, picking out farm or copse and throwing it into a tiny picture of exquisite beauty. The dark tower of Christ Church, North Shields, with its strange round windows and its ominous cracks, opens up to reveal a charming ringing chamber, a delightful ring of bells, and the kindliest of welcomes from the tower-keeper.

Thus, as the great thunderstorm, which crashed its way on Tuesday evening from Hexham to the sea, gave place to the first pale shaft of light falling strangely upon the peak of Grey's Monument and succeeded to a great evening calm, so there may come to us with recollection in tranquillity our own pictures suitable for vacant or pensive mood. To one who was privileged to revisit this city at a memorable week-end there will be, together with the kitten on Westgate Road and the lovely vision of the little black girl behind the flowers in St. John's ringing chamber, one more tiny vignette. It will be the memory of the little boy asleep on his father's knee in a corner of a crowded milk bar in the Haymarket. His day at Cullercoats had been cut short; outside the rain swept down relentlessly, and the room was hot and noisy. But he slumbered on, clutching a sand-smeared bucket, and he brought to this unattractive eating house a certain beauty, and inspired thoughts that lay too deep for expression. E. C. S.

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Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

FRED E. DUKES	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
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On Wed., June 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	‡ANTHONY AGER	7
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	LEONARD TREVOR	8
†MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* 300th peal together. † 300th peal. ‡ 100th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	*RALPH ELKINGTON	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	*BRIAN MARTIN	8
TERENCE A. THORNBER	4	JOHN A. ACRES	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	2	REGINALD W. REX	7
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	8
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	4	REGINALD A. REED	9
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

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On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	MAURICE G. TURNER	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	DAVID BEACHAM	7
SYDNEY T. HOLT	3	JOHN LLOYD	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	GEORGE DEAN	*Tenor*

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AT THE BELL TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

*†WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*†VINCENT A. HEMMING	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	*GERALD C. HEMMING	8
R. GEORGE MORRIS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	‡JOHN J. STANIER	*Tenor*

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On Mon., May 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
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A PEAL OF 5088 OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

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EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JACK A. C. KING	*Treble*	REGINALD A. REED	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
The first peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*HELEN SKINNER	*Treble*	HAROLD WOOD	5
†MARIAN SKINNER	2	W. LESLIE WELLER	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	BRIAN BUSWELL	5
*JOAN HOODLESS	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
*ALLAN SIMPSON	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Stedman.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSIAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

CLIVE MI SMITH	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*JEFFREY B. WEBB	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb.

JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Treble*	*J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* 100th peal for the Association.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
ELSIE K. FULTON	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
SYDNEY A. WARWICK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of the 6th and the tenor.
A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5024 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal in the method by all except the conductor and for the Association.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Ernest W. Beadsmoore, ringer at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church for 60 years, who passed away May 31st, 1954.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC HORNBY	*Treble*	DAVID SMITH	5
VICTOR NEAL	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
A. GORDON LAWRENCE	3	HENRY PARKER	7
REGINALD W. WORRALL	4	*JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* 100th peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
†WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HARRY POYNER	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	†BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.
Rung to mark the first visit to the parish of the new Bishop of Leicester (Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams).

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

DEREK G. BROYD	*Treble*	R. JOHN SCOTT	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
FREDERICK J. RUMMER	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
The first peal on the bells since augmentation to eight.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. E. C. BARTON	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	6
*TERENCE BARTON	3	WILFRID S. PALIN	7
EILEEN S. WYLES	4	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of Major.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Barton.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

GORDON K. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	BARRY HOLLAND	5
IAIN M. HOLLAND	2	HARRY MORTEMORE	6
RONALD BIRCH	3	DENNIS HOLLAND	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD	4	GEORGE R. HINER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ALBERT DUNK	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
RALPH BIRD	2	JOHN CANNELL	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	AUGUSTUS J. HEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal on eight bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

JUDITH K. E. HARRIS	*Treble*	DAVID S. HARRIS	5
*JEANETTE M. SIMPSON	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	*ALBAN DISNEY	7
RALPH ELKINGTON	4	*GORDON H. ARGUILE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.
Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Mr. David S. Harris and Mr. Gordon H. Arguile have now 'circled the tower.'
Rung on the eve of the 48th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of eight.

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., June 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BRIAN GRINTER	*Treble*	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
The first peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and 7th.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5024 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	PETER BORDER	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FBARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's B29/1).

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Containing 840 changes each of Grandsire and Double Court, 420 each of Double Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, St. Clement's, College, Court and Oxford, 280 each of London, Hereward and Double Oxford, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
FREDERICK JUKES	2	BERNARD LAWTON	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
ARTHUR PEAKMAN	4	STEPHEN MALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
This is the first peal ever rung containing all the eleven pure Triples methods.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. T. N. Crowther-Green and to commemorate his 25 years in the Ministry.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	*†E. JOHN WELLS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
*C. ERNEST SMITH	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
*HAROLD A. MAY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method † 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the official birthday of H.M. the Queen and the 33rd birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*PETER J. SKINNER	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
†JOAN BERESFORD	2	‡ALAN TAYLOR	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	†GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Hunt. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Philip H. Whitaker to Miss Audrey E. Thackray, which took place this day at the Church of the Holy Cross, Gilling East, York.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
PAUL A. WILLIAMSON	3	*JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
LEONARD TREVOR	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*ALAN JACKSON	*Treble*	WALTER BROWN	5
GEORGE JOHNSON	2	*ALFRED C. HARRIS	6
†MARION JACKSON	3	GEORGE CHERRY	7
DAVID L. GULLICK	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent and three extents of Plain Bob Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ETHEL CLEAR .. .. ..*Treble*	ALFRED H. WINCH 4
MRS. H. A. TULLETT .. 2	EDWARD E. COWARD .. 5
MARGARET BROWN .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Oliver Toogood, of the local band, and Miss Peggy Brunning.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..*Treble*	LOUIS WILDERS 4
*GWEN I. RUSBY 2	GEOFFREY PAUL 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. *Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor.
A birthday compliment to William R. Parker.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob, two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

E. M. BRADLEY .. .. ..*Treble*	*A. HARTLEY 4
MISS D. M. HAWLEY .. 2	S. STEEL 5
G. F. TERRY 3	A. SHEPPARD .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. TERRY.
* First peal in three methods.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: Two each of Norwich and Annable's London, one of Netherseale, and two of Cambridge.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

MAURICE COLLINGS .. ..*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD 4
JOHN CHURCH 2	PHILIP MEHEW 5
*C. MICHAEL ORME .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR ..*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's Coronation and the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MARK LONG .. .. ..*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 4
WILLIAM H. TARR 2	ROBERT W. SHIRE 5
STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung for the first anniversary of the Coronation.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*ADRIAN P. BECK (10)	*Treble*	†ERNEST E. BRAY	4
*ROBERT E. BECK (13)	2	A. GEORGE CLARE	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	VICTOR SAVAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

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

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*FREDA ROBINSON	*Treble*	†HAROLD DENMAN	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal in this tower.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John H. Brothwell, a non-resident life member, which occurred on June 2nd.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	LEONARD A. TIDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* 50th peal together.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) London, (2) Ipswich, (3) Cambridge, (4) Double Court, (5) Oxford, (6) Kent, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS R. GODDARD	*Treble*	LAURENCE H. TURNER	4
*ALBERT PRYKE	2	HARRY TURNER	5
*ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	JOHN H. SITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. J. Baxter and Miss J. Lincoln, married at St. Paul's, Bentley, on May 29th, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. Pryke on the 29th anniversary of their wedding.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., June 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

GLYN F. JENKINS (Keble)	*Treble*	GEOFFREY HARPER (Hertford)	4
WILLIAM H. JACKSON (Christ Church)	2	R. JAMES COOK (University)	5
DAVID A. EDWARDS (Corpus Christi)	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT (Pembroke)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis J. Holborn.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD C. BARTON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	JOHN CANNELL	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JOHN V. BLACKLIDGE	*Treble*	†WALTER MANSLEY	4
*BRIAN G. HENRY	2	HARRY CALDERBANK	5
J. RICHARD JENKINSON	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in method. First peal by a Sunday service band since 1910.

Rung in connection with the celebrations to mark the 90th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

*PETER JOHNSON	*Treble*	ROGER G. W. SOARS	4
ROYSTON WILMORE	2	HUGH MATTHEWMAN	5
F. KEVON THOMPSON	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

F. GEORGE SUGG	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	4
A. GEORGE CLARE	2	ERIC NAYLOR	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN BARKER	*Treble*	MAURICE BAILEY	4
JOHN S. HARRISON	2	W. RODNEY HARRISON	5
JAMES MOULD	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the treble ringer.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in E.

*THOMAS G. GOODWIN	*Treble*	*THOMAS O. GREASLEY	4
JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
*J. DAVID CLARKE	3	BRIAN BUSWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

* First peal.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Colomb, Southrepps Pleasure, Norfolk, April Day, Old, Kennington and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*ANTHONY G. OSBORNE (14)	*Treble*	†C. SANDOW SWANNELL (15)	3
IVOR J. DICKIN	2	‡ALAN C. COZENS	4
KENNETH D. PERKINS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

* First peal. † First peal in ten methods. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung as a farewell to Ivor J. Dickin, who is going into H.M. Forces.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM

The young ringers of the Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund, Erdington, had their first outing on May 22nd. with an accent on ringing rather than tower-grabbing.

Towers visited were:—Stowe-by-Chartley (6), St. Peter's, Marchington (6), St. Giles', Cheadle (6), St. Giles' R.C., Cheadle (8) and St. Werburgh's, Kingsley (6).

Ringing included a touch of Cambridge Minor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT

The West Riding of Yorkshire was visited by Sutton-on-Trent ringers on May 29th. Ringing took place at St. Mary's, Tickhill, St. Giles', Pontefract, Ripon Cathedral, All Saints', Kirk Deighton, and St. Mary's, Tadcaster. A visit was paid to Fountains Abbey. Thanks are due to the Misses K. and G. Burchnall for organising such an enjoyable day, and to the Vicar, who participated in the outing.

ROMFORD, ESSEX

Surrey was visited by a party of 36 from St. Edward's, Romford, on May 22nd. The first call was Redhill and afterwards came Crawley, Dorking, Old Woking, Walton and Kingston.

At tea, at Old Woking, the Rev. F. R. Wright presided. The warm welcome at each tower and the good companionship combined to make the tour a great success.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON

An early start, with Twyford as the first tower at 9 a.m., was made by St. Peter's, Croydon, on May 22nd. Then followed Newbury, a fine ten, and, after lunch, Whitchurch, with its dumpy tower and tall spire, Petersfield, a good eight rehung by Taylors in 1934, and finally Chiddingfold. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Blow.

OUTINGS

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK

Stonham Aspal selected Kent for their annual outing on May 29th, leaving home at 6 a.m. and crossing the Thames by the Tilbury ferry. First ringing was at Chatham, then followed the long run to Bexhill, where unforeseen circumstances did not permit ringing.

After lunch at Bexhill the return journey started with an hour's ringing at Hawkhurst; later came the noble ring at Goudhurst and the bells at Frittenden. Home was reached soon after midnight. 'Participant' extends on behalf of the party their best thanks to Bill Button, the organiser.

SWANAGE

The ringers of St. Mary's tower, Swanage, held their annual outing on Whit Monday. Arrangements were made to ring at five towers, stopping at Salisbury for dinner; to visit Longleat House in the afternoon and have tea at Mere. Before reaching Ringwood, the captain (Mr. C. Turner) had the happy idea of stopping at Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart's house and asking him to join the party for the day. The coach drew up and he was persuaded to come, thus greatly adding to the day's interest and enjoyment.

The towers visited were SS. Peter and Paul's, Ringwood; St. Paul's, Salisbury; St. Michael Archangel, Mere; SS. Peter and Paul's Blandford; St. John-the-Baptist's, Bere Regis—thus ringing in three counties. At Salisbury a wedding was taking place when the ringers arrived, and they were able to give unexpected pleasure to the wedding party by ringing as the bride and bridegroom left the church

Thanks are due especially to Mr. W. Brown, who made the arrangements.

FARNHAM

Farnham bellringers had a jolly outing into Kent and Sussex. Ringing took place at Reigate, where some of the party had their first experience of ten-bell ringing, and afterwards at Westerham, Sevenoaks, Penshurst, Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead and Crawley.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

In two cars, twelve ringers of Loughborough Parish Church had a free and easy 'busman's' outing on May 29th. Ringing took place at Asfordby, Edenham, near Bourne, Lincs, Grantham (where ham and eggs were disposed of and the ringing was not quite up to Loughborough standard), Bottesford (where the party were locked in the church and the chiming of the service bell eventually brought a half-shaved verger to the church) and Stathern.

PILTON, SOMERSET

Pilton ringers spent a very pleasant day on May 22nd ringing in Devonshire. The towers visited were Rockwell Green (six bells, and still in Somerset), Cadeleigh (6), Twerton (8), Bow (6), Hatherleigh (8) and Exbourne (6).

Especially noticeable on the outing was the fact that at all six towers the bells were so obviously well looked after and used regularly. Equally pleasing was that at each tower a local ringer met the party, and at Rockwell Green the Vicar was present and said a prayer before the day's ringing began.

Two words of warning! Ringers used to heavy bells which set rather far back may find the light bells with a very long draught and which set fine, somewhat disconcerting; make sure beforehand that the Devonshire lanes are suitable for 'luxury' coaches.

Mr. E. Lambert (captain) and Mr. T. Harris (vice-captain) were responsible for the arrangements.

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LATE NEWS

The Yorkshire pacemakers have done it again! Last Friday a peal of 48 Spliced Surprise Major methods was rung at Conisbrough. Congratulations to Mr. W. Eric Critchley and his band on a wonderful performance.

BELFRY

When the Central Council ringers visited Morpeth Watch Tower on Whit Sunday, ringing was interrupted for the 8 o'clock curfew to be rung. Mr. Harry Miles was asked by Miss J. Armstrong to ring the bell 100 times. As he proceeded, the wit of the party asked him if he was tolling his age.

Mr. Fred Savage, who for the past two years has been ringing at Christchurch, New Zealand, has left for Australia. He sails for England in August.

We have received a number of congratulatory letters regarding the broadcast of Stedman Caters from St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on May 30th. The ringers should know that their efforts were appreciated.

Miss J. Monica Whitehead, aged 11, who rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Leicester on May 10th, is probably the youngest ringer to score a Surprise peal. She rang a peal of Stedman Triples last year for the Coronation.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, hit the headlines in 'The Western Evening Herald' when he visited Plymouth for the annual meeting of the Devon Guild. He rang at the four local churches and thanks especially Mr. 'Daddy' Myers, now 83, for enabling him to have a pull at St. Andrew's, and also Mr. T. G. Myers.

When the bells of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, were recorded for broadcasting purposes in connection with the Queen's visit, the volume of sound was the second strongest the recording instruments had ever been called upon to handle in New Zealand. The strongest was the noise made by one of the large geothermal steam bores at Wairakei. There are nine learners at Christchurch Cathedral, who are showing great keenness.

GOSSIP

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung at Farnham Royal, Bucks, on Whit Monday as a compliment to the Central Council and 'in case the method should come under the axe the following day.'

By ringing the 2nd to the peal of Plain Bob Major at Measham on June 5th, Mr. W. F. Woodward 'completed the circle' at this tower.

The peal rung at Stamford Hill, London, on May 15th, was conducted by John L. Morris and not E. J. Rowe as stated.

Mr. R. D. Edge, of Heaton, Bolton, leaves for Australia in a week's time. He will be at the School of Research Physics, Australian National University, Canberra.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Wolverhampton on May 29th was by coincidence the 300th peal together of Mr. G. E. Fearn and Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, and Miss Muriel Reay's 300th peal.

A band composed mainly of members of the Society of Roving Ringers rang in the peal of Stedman Caters at Wrington (recorded last week) in honour of the christening of Teresa Jane, daughter of Billy and Hilda Kingcott. The christening took place on Sunday afternoon, the god-parents being Miss Evelyn Kingcott, Mrs. Gillian Parsons and Mr. R. O. Fry.

As Tavistock ringers were competing in the Devon Association (call changes) festival, ringers mainly from Plymouth (Emmanuel) and Plympton St. Maurice, who were attending a neighbouring meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, rang for a wedding at Tavistock. Some good Grandsire Triples and a 'fall' were rung, and it was agreed that the fees should be divided between 'The Ringing World,' the S.W. District of the Devon Guild and the local church funds.

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'THE RINGING WORLD' DISCUSSED BY CENTRAL COUNCIL

HOPES FROM POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS' DRIVE — THE GREAT CHRISTIAN VIRTUE OF CHARITY — ANONYMOUS LETTERS: A COMPROMISE — A PARSON AND HIS SPICED ALE

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE REPORT

During the past year your committee have continued their efforts to keep the paper solvent. Every possible economy has been effected, but without the generous support which has been given by the Exercise in donations and voluntary levies we should have ended the year with an adverse balance.

Subject to audit, we have finished the year with a small balance on the right side. The great increase of peal and quarter peal ringing due to the Coronation made it necessary to produce larger 20-page papers, and practically the whole cost of this was defrayed by donations from well-wishers.

Your committee recently launched another drive to obtain the necessary number of postal subscribers needed to place the paper on a sound self-supporting basis. Previous efforts to this end have been most disappointing and your committee regret that they have not received the support they had expected. If this last effort is unsuccessful, a serious position will arise. Although we have repeatedly stressed that the key to the solution of financial difficulties is increased postal circulation, sufficient appreciation of this fact would appear to be lacking. We look to every member of the Council to support the latest drive for postal subscribers. It would be unwise to expect that the donations, voluntary levies, etc., will continue indefinitely—and whilst gratefully admitting that these have saved the paper, we cannot reasonably continue to depend upon them. We feel confident that, with sufficient effort all round, our goal can be reached and some easement can be accorded to those who are making frequent donations.

Whilst we are unanimously of the opinion that it would do more harm than good to raise the price of the paper, we must bow to the ruling of the Council on the matter.

During the year we have co-opted Mr. R. S. Anderson to serve on this committee and have found his ideas and interest most helpful.

Your committee unanimously decided to instruct the Editor not to accept anonymous letters and, whilst there have been a small number of protests at this action, they feel they were interpreting the general wishes of the Exercise. We should be grateful if the Council will either endorse or reject this decision.

Once again we would express, on behalf of the Council, our most grateful thanks to all who have helped in the continuance and production of 'The Ringing World.' To Mr. White, the Editor, for his capable and conscientious work and interest, to Mr. Jeater, to all literary contributors and to the many generous subscribers who have helped us through a most difficult period we accord our warmest thanks.

A REVIEW

In the absence of Mr. Smallwood, Mr. H. J. Poole presented the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee.' He said when the committee was appointed three years ago they were in dire distress. The price of paper had increased by £8 an issue, and it was a job to know what to do for the best. The committee made various decisions and had kept the ship afloat. Three years was a long time with a sinking ship, but it was still afloat. They had tried all along to avoid increasing the cost of the paper.

He would like to say how much the committee appreciated the donations that had been received, but they felt that they ought not to rest on that support. They did not want to increase the price. At the present time they were in the midst of their second drive for postal subscribers, which was being backed up

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by each association. He hoped the meeting would support the recommendation that they carry on as they were at the moment and see the effect of the new scheme.

Now in regard to anonymous letters in 'The Ringing World' the committee were asking the Council either to endorse or reject that decision. That matter would be discussed when the motion was received. The committee were there to carry out the wishes of the Council and they hoped the Council had sufficient confidence in them to confirm what they were doing.

In connection with 'The Ringing World,' a lot of work was done behind the scenes, and in that direction he would like to refer to the work of Mr. Smallwood. He thought it was only right that the Council should show their appreciation (applause). So far as the Editor was concerned, the relations between him and the committee were very cordial. In their efforts to cut their expenditure Mr. White accepted a reduction of £1 a week in his salary. That cut had now been restored. Mr. Jeater was now also receiving £2 a week for his work

A WEEK FOR A BIG EFFORT

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and the committee did appreciate very much what he was doing. Mr. Hughes had been appointed hon. treasurer to 'The Ringing World,' and his experience and knowledge had been most helpful. The secretary (Mr. Barnett) had worked hard as the link between the Council and the Exercise.

Mr. A. B. Peck seconded the adoption of the report.

In reply to questions by Mr. N. Chaddock, the General Secretary said the accounts for 1952 had been revised and the profit was £62 and not £136. These figures had been certified by their professional auditors.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said the late Mr. Goldsmith had no illusion about the difficulties of 'The Ringing World.' Of about 40,000 ringers approximately 36,000 were only interested in their Sunday ringing and did not care a hang about ringing in general. Personally he would not pay 4d. for a paper dealing with football (laughter).

In answer to another question from Mr. Chaddock, Mr. Poole said the drive for new postal subscribers had produced to date 140 from 49 associations.

LEVY OF 1s. A MEMBER

Mr. B. G. Key said the secretary of the Archdeaconry of Stafford had written suggesting a levy of 1s. per year from each member of every Guild or Association. That revenue would make 'The Ringing World' solvent.

Mr. P. J. Johnson criticised such a suggestion as impossible. The secretaries had a hard job to get in the subscriptions.

Mr. Key: It was carried unanimously by the meeting.

Mr. H. Miles: How would you do it in Cornwall where we don't have individual subscriptions?

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow asked the committee not to worry too much on having to depend on charity. He would remind them of what St. Paul said about charity—the most valuable of all gifts. It was on charity that the Christian Church depended and it was on this charity that they kept their bells going. He would like £3,000 from anyone who felt charitably disposed for the restoration of the bells of St. Andrew's, Norwich. They would only get those bells by charity and they would also only keep 'The Ringing World' going by that means—and it was a grand thing to exercise this charity in this uncharitable age of 1954.

Mr. C. K. Lewis suggested sending a letter to all parish priests in Crockford calling attention to 'The Ringing World.' They would get the parsons asking their ringers if they took 'The Ringing World.' It was surprising what gentlemen in the dog collar could do.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said Mr. Thurlow spoke of charity seriously. 'The Ringing World' was a business and not a charity. Mr. Thurlow, however, did not exercise charity when he asked him for a contribution towards the £150 required for his own bells.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow: But I did offer him a contribution on condition (laughter).

Mr. F. E. Dukes asked how many members of the Council were supporting 'The Ringing World' by becoming postal subscribers.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: Last September 120 members took 'The Ringing World' by post and 52 did not.

The report was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

'The Ringing World' accounts for the year showed a total revenue of £4,721 3s. 6d., made up as follows: Rolls Publishing Co., £1,799 10s. 11d.; postal subscribers, £1,765 8s. 9d.; donations, £310 14s. 2d.; sundry sales, £15 13s. 8d.; notices, £383 3s.; advertisements, £421 4s. 6d.; blocks, £5 8s. 6d.; general fund advertisement, £20.

Expenses. — Printing and blocks, £3,441 3s. 6d.; despatch of copies, £131 15s.; postage and wrappers, £547 19s. 6d. Editorial Office — Editor's fees and expenses, £258 6s.; clerical assistance, £115 13s. 8d.; postage, stationery, £19 12s. 9d. Accounts Department—Clerical assistance, £104: postage, £20 0s. 6d.; stationery and telephone, £9 15s. 9d.; audit fees, £21; sundry, £5 1s. 7d. Excess of income over expenditure, £46 15s. 3d.

Introducing 'The Ringing World' accounts, Mr. Barnett said the Editor's cut was restored in July, 1953, and the additional sum had been counterbalanced by £20 received from the Council's publications account. They had also to pay £21 for professional auditors' fees. The sum of £800 had been invested and that would bring in £28 a year for the next eight or 10 years. The investment was made last November. He had received the auditors' official report on the 1951–52 accounts.

The accounts were adopted.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Mr. J. R. Worrall submitted the following motion:—

'That this Council disapproves of the ban on the publication in "The Ringing World" of letters signed with a pen name and instructs the Editorial Committee to rescind it forthwith; furthermore, that this Council expresses its complete confidence in the ability of the Editor of "The Ringing World" to select only such letters as he considers suitable for publication.'

He said the Editorial Committee gave no reason for the imposition of the ban. He thought that the matter arose from the letter signed 'Cumberland' and there was very little

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in that letter at which to take offence. It criticised the Ancient Society of College Youths, but apart from that he saw no reason why it should have occasioned the ban. These letters were not really anonymous, as the Editor knew the name and address of the sender. No Editor would accept correspondence unless it was so signed.

He felt that this ban was imposed because it was a matter dealing with the College Youths. He felt that had it been criticism of a lesser Society it might have passed unnoticed.

He would like to put forward two points against the ban. First of all it enabled a writer to submit a critical letter without the fear of any possible recriminations. He himself was a member of the College Youths, and in consequence of that motion he was afraid he would be very unpopular at the annual dinners. They had an example in a letter at the comment that was aroused when an individual said he was a College Youth and that was taken as the official view. That was clearly stated in the letter as the view of the individual and not the College Youths.

If the president or general secretary wished to write a letter and his name appeared at the bottom of it that letter would be taken as coming from the Council. Under a nom-de-plume those individuals could express their personal opinions without it being interpreted as the official view. He submitted that there were more reasons in favour of the ban being removed than against it.

Miss Jacqueline Evans seconded.

Mr. Anderson said the argument advanced for a nom-de-plume in a national journal could not be advanced for 'The Ringing World,' which was purely a domestic and parochial journal. In the past there had been numerous letters in 'The Ringing World' of a very controversial nature and very scathing remarks had been made. In a number of cases the originator of the criticism had been directed to the wrong person. 'The Ringing World' Committee felt that if anyone had anything to say of a constructive nature he should not be afraid to hide his light under a bushel. The committee considered that this motion was the equivalent of a vote of no confidence in them.

NO PISTOL THREAT

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said his first Council meeting was at Norwich, and they all knew some of the unfortunate things that happened about 'The Ringing World' there. It was then a case of a pistol being held at the representatives' heads and a threat to resign if they did not agree with the Editor. Surely they could express an opinion that day without it being interpreted as a vote of no confidence and it being accompanied by a threat to resign.

Mr. H. J. Poole assured Mr. Felstead and the Council that there was no pistol threat about the report of the committee. There was no suggestion that if they passed the resolution the committee would retire. He would say that the motion was very badly worded in instructing the committee to rescind the ban. It was suggesting that they had every confidence in the Editor and no confidence in the committee. The relationship of the Editor with the committee was most cordial.

Mr. Worrall explained that he intended no such thing. He thought the Editorial Committee was elected by the Council and that the Council was the only body that could instruct the committee.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that anonymous letters were a constant source of trouble and stirred up trouble up and down the country. If they permitted such letters they would have a lot of dirty linen washed in public. He hoped the day was far distant when they would give carte blanche authority to insert such letters.

Mr. R. G. Blackman asked the Standing Committee if he offered a contribution of £300 to 'The Ringing World' would they insist on his name being published. There were often very good reasons why a man's name should not be published.

'SPICED ALE'

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards hoped 'The Ringing World' Committee would reconsider the ban. There were uses to anonymous correspondence. In regard to 'The Ringing World,' all the letters he had written had appeared under his own name. A short time ago he had occasion to use a nom-de-plume. 'The Western Gazette' published extracts each week of 100 and 200 years ago, and one of these reports gave an account of a celebration with spiced ale. He thought it would be an interesting to know what were the ingredients of this beverage. He could not as a parson ask the question under his own name — there would have been protests from temperance societies and other bodies. The result was that many interesting letters were received.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said in regard to the possible anonymous donor of £300 he had only to write a postcard to the Editor and it would be published in Belfry Gossip. To officials who were afraid that their views in a letter might be taken as an official expression: they could disclaim it in the letter. The president could write: 'This is not connected with Cambridge, cement or the Central Council.'

Mr. P. A. Corby said he thought it was most unfortunate that in this discussion personalities should be allowed to creep in. It was entirely wrong to assume that because a letter was written anonymously it was necessarily pernicious. Some years ago a certain ringer of his acquaintance was tackled by the Editor to write a series of articles on a technical subject. The ringer concerned said, 'I can do it, but I think a lot of people can do it a lot better, but I will do if you keep my name out.' The result was that the articles were written under a nom-de-plume selected by the Editor, but eventually recognised. As far as 'The Ringing World' Committee was concerned, they had taken a steam hammer to crack a walnut. There was no reason why this question of anonymity should not be left to the Editor. He asked the proposer and seconder if they were prepared to amend their motion slightly to that effect.

Mr. A. A. Hughes recalled the anonymous letters in the old 'Bell News,' which caused a frightful lot of ill-feeling.

SIGNATURE A YARD STICK

Mr. F. E. Haynes said a letter signed gave a yard stick by which it could be judged. Many regular correspondents to 'The Ringing World' would find it useful if they could send their letters in anonymously. He would like to plead for the maintenance of the present practice.

Mr. Bernard Ashford commented that matters frequently raised in anonymous letters were local which should be thrashed out at branch or annual meetings. That was a point they should bear in mind.

Mr. N. Chaddock said the late Editor wrote anonymous letters to stimulate correspondence.

Mr. A. B. Peck asked if it was the letter signed 'Cumberland' that caused the motion.

Mr. H. J. Poole: It was that letter which brought it to the notice of the Editorial Committee. In the past there had been a great deal of misrepresentation of facts in anonymous letters and his Guild decided not to reply to them. The result was that many people got a false impression of the Guild.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody asked in the light of the discussion whether the mover would withdraw the motion and leave it to the discretion of the committee.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the committee in their wisdom imposed the ban. The motion to him appeared to be a direct negative.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher thought the motion was badly worded. He suggested the following: 'That this Council expresses complete confidence in the ability of "The Ringing World" Committee to select such anonymous letters as it considers suitable for publication.'

This was carried nem con.

'The Ringing World' Committee was then re-elected.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

About the time that our report for 1953 was being prepared a critical examination of the Press reports of every Council meeting was undertaken by Mr. Stilwell with special attention to those elected to membership of the Council and their attendance at meetings. The result of his investigation was complete and set out in a book provided for the purpose before the 1953 meeting. Thus the figures given to the Bournemouth meeting were not quite accurate.

Mr. Stilwell's effort disclosed that in the 63 years of the Council's existence, 663 persons have been elected to membership. Of these 64 did not attend a meeting of the Council. 96 attended one meeting only and 285 former members are known to be deceased. Concerning the latter item there is reason to believe that some former members have died without the event being reported, either in the Press or to the Council. A few such cases have been found and the committee urge all members to be watchful to see that notices of deaths of past members, if not reported in The Ringing World,' are furnished to the Biographies Committee. Since the Bournemouth meeting the following deaths have been announced: W. H. J. Hooton, G. R. Newton, W. Perkins, J. H. W. White, H. R. Butcher, D. D. Cooper, T. Law.

Nearly fifty biographies have been added to our Record Book as completed during the past year and we need only photographs to complete the records of the following deceased past members: Messrs. J. Dillon, H. A. Heywood, W. Walmsley (Chester Guild), E. E. Burgess, A. E. Coles, Rev. H. C. Courtney (Bath and Wells), Messrs. F. E. Dawe, H. Walton (College Youths), E. F. Strange (Surrey), T. Groombridge, sen. (Kent County), T. Groombridge, jun. (Southwell), B. Keeble (Essex), R. G. Knowles (Hereford), G. T. McLoughlin (London County), C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District), J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle), Harvey Reeves (Worcester).

The committee again offers thanks to its many friends in all parts of the country who have endeavoured to help it in what is and must remain a difficult task.

The committee was re-elected with thanks for its services. Mr. Blackman asked new members to fill in the forms as quickly as possible.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher congratulated Mr. Stilwell on his analysis. Before those figures were used, he said, they should make certain that they conformed with the official records of the Council.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The committee has considered the question of a collection of compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and considers that a useful one could be produced of the same size as the 'Collection of Compositions in the popular Major Methods.' The committee now awaits the decision of the Council as to whether such a collection shall be undertaken.

Since submitting the report for 1953–54, the committee has learned that 'Stedman' in the J. W. Snowdon series is being republished in revised form and will include a collection of more modern peals of Caters and Cinques. The committee recommends that no decision be taken until this book has appeared, when the position can be reviewed.

The Secretary stated that he had received a minority report from Mr. C. W. Roberts strongly dissenting from the view expressed. He felt that it would not be a modern collection of peals and that the collection could be improved. The Standing Committee discussed it and recommended that the minority report be not accepted.

The report was adopted, and Messrs. C. W. Woolley, A. J. Pitman and C. W. Roberts were elected to the committee with power to co-opt.

(To be continued)

A FOURTH CENTENARY PEAL AT SOUTHAMPTON

The peal of Cambridge Royal rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, on June 5th, as part of the fourth centenary celebrations of King Edward VI. School, had an especial interest for some of those taking part. The treble ringer is head of the Spanish department at the school: the ringer of the second, besides being Vicar at St. Michael's, has a close connection with the school in his capacity as Rector of Holyrood, Southampton; and the ringer of the fifth is an Old Edwardian now well known in the Exercise.

The original intention had been to attempt the peal on Southampton's other ring of ten, at St. Mary's, whose former rector, by his will of 1553, left the sum of money by which the school came into existence, receiving its letters patent from King Edward VI. and first opening its doors to receive pupils in 1554. St. Mary's is now rising from its ruins and when, owing to the repair work, the tower had to be closed for several months, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead very kindly offered to permit the peal attempt to be made at St. Michael's.

The headmaster of King Edward VI. School (Dr. L. J. Stroud) took a keen interest in the ringing and with his wife and two children came to the belfry at the start of the peal to meet the band and wished them every success, staying to hear the opening leads of the peal.

ARTILLERYMEN & WOOLWICH

The granting of the freedom of the Borough of Woolwich to the Royal Regiment of Artillery was not allowed to pass without special ringing at St. Mary's Church at the civic service on May 30th. Many Royal Artillerymen have rung these bells. In the famous Surprise peals rung in 1849 by the Banisters, two soldiers in the Garrison took part. It is said that both were Artillerymen and were presumed to have died on active service during the Crimean War.

An endeavour was made to arrange a band of Gunners to ring a quarter peal at the conclusion of the celebration but it could not be mustered. A composite band attempted a quarter peal of Bob Major, which unfortunately did not come round owing to a shift course. The band was:—Ian Oram 1, J. L. Morris 2, Gunner D. Holland, R.A., 3, A. Grove ex-C.P.O., R.N., 4, R. A. Johnson, ex-P.O., R.N. 5, T. Culver, ex-Gunner, R.A., 6, M. Parry, ex-Signalman, Royal Signals, 7, B. W. Aldridge (conductor) 8.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World" June 26th, 1914

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, June 18th, 1914, in 2 hours and 59 minutes
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
5,024 CHANGES
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

George H. Cross	Treble
James F. Duffield	2
Edward P. Duffield	3
Alfred Funnell	4
Cecil R. Chamberlin	5
William C. Duffield	6
Bertie F. Turner	7
Frank R. Copeman	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by George H. Cross

The ages of the above ringers were 20, 14, 15, 21, 21, 18, 19 and 20 respectively, forming an average of 18¼ years. This is the first peal of Major rung on tower bells by a band as young as the above.

[The record stood until 1926, when a local company at Beddington knocked three years off it. The present record, by a band who aggregated between them, including the odd months, 120 years, was set up at Crayford in 1934.]

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Forty-five members attended the spring meeting of the Lewisham District at St. Mary's, Woolwich. The Rector (the Rev. W. Thompson) presided at the business meeting, when six new members were elected and the election of one non-resident member ratified.

Members considered that the annual meeting at Bromley had been most successful and decided that thanks be recorded in the minute book to Mr. P. Spice, Mr. I. Emery and others who had assisted in the arrangements.

Downe was chosen for the summer meeting on July 24th with Foots Cray as an alternative.

Mr. P. Brown (Ringing Master) moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Rector and the Rev. F. Walker (who conducted the service) and to Mrs. Coleman and her assistants for a very attractive tea.

Canterbury District

Goodnestone, which has a bus twice a week, was selected for the Canterbury District's latest meeting. Nevertheless, 45 ringers, representing 13 towers, attended. The Vicar (the Rev. C. R. M. Davies) conducted the service and this was followed by an excellent tea.

Lord Fitzwalter, himself a ringer, took the chair at the business meeting, when one hon. member and ten practising members were elected. The day concluded with a convivial half-hour in the Fitzwalter Arms.

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY

Despite the weather, 29 members and friends of the Halifax Archdeaconry Society had a successful outing on Whit Tuesday.

After ringing at Bedale, one of the sturdiest towers in the north, with eight bells (tenor 26 cwt.), the journey continued to Richmond. Here an excellent lunch at the Fleece Hotel was followed with ringing at the Parish Church, which contains a memorial chapel to the Green Howards. A sudden thunderstorm delayed departure.

Middleham, famous for its racing stables, has a church dedicated to St. Alkelda. The Taylor eight (tenor 18 cwt.) were good in every way. The climax of the day's ringing was on Ripon Cathedral bells, where the visit coincided with the local practice night. Tea was enjoyed at the Old Deanery Hotel.

The route home was via Harrogate and Leeds. Thanks were expressed to Mr. John Pearson, the Ringing Master, who had organised a flawless outing.

WEDDING BELLS IN KENT

A congratulatory message was sent from the Canterbury District meeting at Goodnestone on May 22nd to two members who were getting married that day at Great Mongeham Parish Church. They were Miss Janet Rosemary Wells, of Sparrow Court, Great Mongeham, and Mr. Frederick William Lawrence, of Walmer.

It was a true ringers' wedding. After the ceremony the newly-married couple passed under an archway of handbells held by the bridegroom's colleagues from Walmer, while the bride's colleagues—Mrs. Court, Marjorie and Mary Strong, Jean Rubottom, Queenie Lee and John Penfold—were ringing the Parish Church bells.

As the couple left for their honeymoon in London and Yorkshire a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Miss M. Hawkins 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, J. Penfold 3, A. C. Rye 4, F. A. Rye (cond.) 5, Ann Vine 6.

After a grand week in Cornwall, thanks to the Sangwin brothers, Mr. W. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Guild, writes: 'Many a change ringer would realise what accurate striking really meant if he leaned on a gate near the tower and listened whilst call changes were being rung.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Miss Thompson, the vice-president, at the successful meeting of the Midland District at Ibstock on May 29th, presented an engraved silver spoon and a badge to Mrs. Staniforth for her baby daughter, Rosemary, the youngest member. These were given as a token of the District's appreciation of Mrs. Staniforth's excellent work during her term as secretary since the District was formed in 1946.

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Iris Rowley and John Lewis on their recent engagement.

About 40 ringers attended. Tea was kindly prepared by Mrs. Rowley, Iris and other helpers, in the Rectory. Next meeting, Bottesford, September 25th.

Central District

The most successful meeting of recent years was held at Norton, Herts, on May 29th. A coach collected members and friends from outer London and arrived at Baldock at 2.45 p.m., where, with the assistance of the gentlemen on the heavy end, this fine ring of eight was rung in a variety of methods until 3.30 p.m.

Then the coach proceeded to Norton, a very light eight and most suitable for the fair sex. Touches included a well-struck course of London Surprise Major in which five ladies took part.

The Vicar of Norton (the Rev. G. Kenyon) conducted a short service, at which the lesson was read by a former secretary of the District, Mrs. E. E. Davis, and the organist was the vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Lock.

A party of 49 partook of an excellent tea in the nearby schoolroom, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. H. Werrett and family.

At the business meeting Mrs. M. Hodgson was voted to the chair. Seven new members were elected:—Marjorie Collins, Juliet Mennell and Ivy Werrett (Norton), Patricia Hutton (Baldock), Roselyn Crewe (Hampstead), Barbara Marsh (Finchley) and Claire Chambers (Knebworth).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

About 40 members, representing 20 towers, attended the joint meeting with the Hawkhurst and District Guild at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on May 29th. Good striking was achieved in the ringing which extended to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

The Vicar (the Rev. K. Morgan), who conducted the service, also presided at the business meeting, when the Northern band were elected members of the Association. The June practice meeting will be held in this tower, as Wadhurst bells are due to go to the foundry.

The ladies present promised full support to Mrs. Percy, who stated that she was prepared to get the Ladies' Guild started in Sussex.

The proposed Association badge was discussed and the opinion was expressed that the price of 6s. or 7s. was reasonable. The suggestion of Mr. F. H. Dellaway that the badge be produced in monel metal, which would not tarnish, was passed on to the general secretary.

The secretary stated that Bexhill tenor was now so badly cracked that it could not be rung, and, in fact, all eight bells badly needed attention.

Mr. S. G. Waters thanked Christ Church ringers for a most enjoyable meeting and the Vicar for an excellent address

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Annual Festival

THE annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire ringers took place at Plymouth on Whit Monday. As the numerical strength of the Guild lies chiefly in the eastern half of the county the presence of over 100 members was proof of the popularity of the occasion, and many travelled long distances to be present, return journeys of over 150 miles being nothing out of the ordinary.

The centre of the festival, as on the first general meeting day in 1874, was St. Andrew's Church. The tower and bells, which providentially escaped the German bombs, remain much as they were, but the rest of the fabric, although re-roofed and watertight, is still gaunt and bereft of all but the most essential furnishings. The austere atmosphere of the building, far from having a chilling effect, seemed rather to lighten and warm the hearts and minds of those privileged to be present at the service, which, although following the standard form used at all Branch meetings, took on a new significance from the fact that in that same church, 80 years before, the founders of the Guild had met to ask God's blessing on their endeavours

The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Andrew's, the Rev. W. H. A. Cooper, assisted by the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox. The collection, in aid of St. Andrew's Restoration Fund, amounted to £2 13s. 4d.

The Vicar, in a stimulating address, welcomed the Guild to St. Andrew's, and said that although 80 was a good age, it was by no means old when compared either with the life of the Church or with the time that bells had been used to call people to worship. Nevertheless, 80 years of service to the Diocese was something for which to be thankful, and he was sure that the Guild had earned the thanks of the Church for all it had done.

He had read in the annual report that the past year had seen a slight falling off in numbers which he hoped would prove to be only temporary. Although this was often blamed on the lack of interest and other diversions of the young people of to-day this was only partly true. What was needed was a realisation by all concerned that a church was not a collection of independent units—clergy, choir, ringers and congregation — but an interdependent fellowship, no part of which was more important than another, but all united to promote the one and only thing that mattered, the worship of Almighty God.

Over 80 members and friends sat down to luncheon at the Invicta Hotel. Among the visitors were Mrs. E. S. Powell and friends from Stoke-under-Ham, and Mr. and Mrs. Stenson, of Crewe, as well as others from Cornwall and Somerset. At the subsequent business meeting the president was supported by the Rev. W. H. A. Cooper, Mr. F. C. Smale (vice-president), Mr. T. G. Myers (secretary of the S.W. Branch) and the general secretary. Apologies were received from Mr. G. H. Myers, Mr. A. W. Searle, Mr. S. H. Green, Mr. E. M. Atkins. Capt. A. R. Poyntz and Commander Gordon Cross.

MEMBERSHIP OF 525

The annual report stated that after a slight increase in 1952 numbers had fallen this year to 525, but in no Branch was the loss greater than six except in East Devon, where the Payhembury band had not felt able to continue its membership. The Guild had fully played its part in the Coronation celebrations, six peals and seven quarter peals having been rung in honour of the event, and in these every Branch of the Guild was represented. The total number of peals for the year was 27 and three new peal conductors had emerged. The accounts showed that Guild and Branch balances in hand amounted to £259 7s. 11d., whilst there was £172 9s. 9d. in the Bells Restoration Fund. The report and accounts were duly adopted.

A motion sponsored by the S.W. Branch 'That the Chancellor of the Diocese be approached in the name of the Guild with a request that faculties for the installation in churches of amplifiers for bell reproduction be restricted or refused' was moved by Mr. T. G. Myers. All present seeming to be in one mind on the subject, there was little discussion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Nor had anyone much to say to the proposition of the East Devon Branch, moved by Mr. F. H. Parr that subscriptions for members of 16 and under should be reduced to 1s. 6d. It is hoped that this will bring many youngsters who now find 3s. rather beyond their capacity—especially where there are several in one family—into full membership of the Guild. The motion was carried nemine contradicente.

A letter from the secretary of the Central Council with regard to the future of the 'Ringing World' was next given an airing. The president and general secretary urged everyone to do his utmost to promote the sale of the paper, and the meeting heartily agreed with the suggestion that each Branch should appoint a correspondent and sales promoter.

The meeting endorsed the recommendation of the General Committee that next year's festival should take place at Exmouth on Whit Monday, and also that the retiring officers should be re-elected

Mr. F. C. Smale, in moving the re-election of Prebendary Cox as president, mentioned that since its foundation the Guild had had only five presidents, and that this coming year would see the 21st anniversary of Prebendary Cox's tenure of that office.

PRESIDENT AND RINGING STANDARDS

In his reply the president celebrated his coming of age with some carefully-chosen, but most pregnant and provocative remarks on the subject of striking. He had, he said, been doing duty recently at a church with a well-known call-change band, and he had been impressed, as he had been all his life in similar company, with the wonderful accuracy of their striking. There had in recent years been a great increase in the number of competitions for call-change ringers, which had no doubt helped to maintain their high standard. He could not help feeling that much half-pull ringing was not as good as it should be and that if something were not done to enable method ringers to give of their best the comparison with call-change ringers would not be a favourable one. He did not suggest that the Guild should hold competitions, but he felt very strongly that it should do something to improve half-pull striking.

These remarks did not fall on deaf ears, and under the heading of 'Any Other Business,' they gave rise to a discussion in which the arguments for and against competitions were ventilated Rather significantly, the chief note of warning was sounded by Mr. S. G. Sully, who is both a member of the Guild and secretary of a call-change tower, and who pointed out that no matter how many members a band might have, only six or eight could take part in a competition, and human nature being what it was, this did not always promote a feeling of good fellowship More will be heard on this subject at Branch meetings during the coming months, and the general secretary is bringing a fire extinguisher with him to the next General Committee meeting!

The usual votes of thanks having been accorded, members dispersed to the various towers placed at their disposal. The three Guild towers in Plymouth were kept open as long as anyone came to ring: at seven others permission had been granted, but those wishing to ring had been asked to notify their arrival. In some cases, however, this had not been done, and there was much running hither and thither in search of keys, resulting, it is feared, in some cases of disappointment. However, both this and the rain, which came on in real Devon fashion during the afternoon, quite failed to damp anyone's spirits, and it will be many a long day before the cordiality of the welcome given to the Guild by the South-West Branch will be forgotten.. E. J. T.

A DAY TOUR OF DEVON AND SOMERSET

On one of the brightest of Easter Monday mornings for several years, the ringers of All Saints', East Budleigh (Devon), were joined by friends from Littleham, Honiton Clyst and Exeter on a really enjoyable tour.

The first stop was at Calverleigh, tenor just over 5 cwt., which is, I've been told, just about our weight. Anyway we enjoyed a full 45 minutes here and then pressed on to Winsford and something a little heavier. Talking of 'something,' that is certainly just what Winsford has in more ways than one. Clean, neat cottages, with trim thatch and gardens, a rippling brook, which, together with the song of the birds and the buzzing of the 'dumble-dors' were the only sounds disturbing a peaceful atmosphere, until we started. The lovely old church has six excellent bells. All this set in really beautiful countryside, a very fitting birthplace for a man like the late Ernie Bevin.

Here, we decided, was the spot for our picnic lunch, as good an excuse as any to linger another half hour in such a delightful place. All of us except two had finished well within that time, and be it put on record that these two were still eating when we arrived at Dunster; they are obviously in the 'one meal a day type'—all day.

Dunster is surely the Queen of West Somerset. Here one felt the urge to 'Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile,' and more than that I must leave to a better pen than mine.

Wiveliscombe, Milverton and Wellington followed, and by this time our driver must have thought he was getting a full share of ups and downs and ins and outs. It was a tortuous route of steep hills and narrow lanes, in fact the proprietor of the coach company must have thought we had been glass-papering the sides of the bus in our spare time! All lovely country, though, and very nice bells.

Tea at Wellington, and while our waitress easily coped with 25 of us, those same two kept three extra waitresses going at full tilt until long after the allotted span! Ah well, they are big fellows, anyway. Here ended our eight-bell ringing for the day, and the way ahead lay through more lovely countryside, and the bells at Hemyock and Upottery were well used. C. S.

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ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: E. J. Bragg 1, Miss E. M. Turner 2, D. Williamson 3, Miss S. Corke 4, E. J. Wells 5, W. H. Viggers 6, K. Williamson 7, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced Plain and Little Bob by all the band. For the first anniversary of the Coronation.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Spliced Plain Minor (720 College and Wavertree College, 720 St. Clement's and Childwall; 73 changes of method): C. Harwood 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, M. Collings 3, M. Orme 4, P. Melew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter of this type by all.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: J. F. Galyer 1, A. J. Clayton 2, Miss J. A. England 3, W. Parrott 4, Miss K. E. Weller 5, S. Kimber 6, F. D. Jennings 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10. First of Stedman Caters by 4, 5 and 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. Wells 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. R. Gasson 1, G. A. Packham 2, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, K. G. Knight 5, E. F. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (first in method as cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On June 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, Miss J. Wright 2, A. B. Cooper 3, Mrs. L. Holmes 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, D. Cooper 6, J. Saxton 7, S. Slaney 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Leslie Vass, former churchwarden.

BORDEN, KENT.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. M. A. Kennett 1, Mrs. E. C. Barton 2, T. Barton 3, A. J. Dunk 4, E. C. Barton 5, G. Kenward (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On June 14th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. R. Eyles 1, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 2, P. W. J. Harding 3, S. J. Grant 4, H. Heath 5, G. R. Eyles 6, J. Romain 7, S. Prescott 8 A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hayes 1, B. R. Millward 2, J. E. Usher 3, P. C. Roberts 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, L. R. Millward 8. Rung for Trinity Sunday, and as thanks to all parishioners and friends who sent donations towards the cost of the recent bell repairs.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Sims (first of Kent Treble Bob) 1, K. Everett 2, D. Deacon 3, G. Rouse 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Butler 1, P. Barker 2, P. A. Ruch 3, G. Bradbury (cond.) 4, A. Armstrong 5, A. E. Barker 6, W. Benton 7, E. Borley 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 5 and 8. Rung on the occasion of the Queen's official birthday, and as a birthday compliment to the Duke of Edinburgh.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Evans (first quarter) 1, A. Ling 2, A. Sayer 3, B. Cracknell 4, B. Pratt 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On June 6th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Old 1, J. Hadley 2, J. M. Nash 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nobles.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwin (Ned) Jones, a ringer at Easton Maudit for many years.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On June 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, A. M. Warris 2, D. J. Ward 3, C. C. Mayne 4, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 5, H. E. Clayton 6. First of Minor for 2, 3 and 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 2nd on joining H.M. Forces.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. F. Butler 1, A. Bridges 2, J. C. Birt 3, J. Harrison 4, Mrs. J. C. Birt 5, A. D. Rivers 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, Mrs. W. F. Butler 8. Rung as a compliment to the Central Council, meeting at Newcastle.

GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBS.—On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Leonard 1, A. Mynott 2, C. Pettengell 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, T. Leonard 5, P. Turnell 6. First quarter by local band (except the conductor), which started to learn change ringing last December.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On June 13th, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. J. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, P. D. Beedie 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, S. A. Warwick 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson (first quarter as cond.) 2, Miss J. Burroughs 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5.

QUARTER PEALS

LINCOLN.—On Whit Sunday, at the Cathedral, a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. E. Brown 1, D. R. White 2, W. Tomlinson 3, H. Lowman 4, G. Paul 5, S. A. Chambers 6, H. L. Pask 7, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 8. Also on Trinity Sunday, 1,440 Oakham Surprise Royal: C. E. Brown 1, H. Lowman 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, S. A. Chambers 4, W. Tomlinson 5, G. Paul 6, R. F. Smith 7, J. Walden 8, H. L. Pask 9, J. Freeman 10. First quarter in the method by all.

MARCHAM, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wheeler 1, C. S. J. Pearce 2, E. Cadle (cond.) 3, J. Hutt 4, F. H. Whipp 5, D. F. Vincent (first of Doubles) 6.

MARGATE, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Nugent (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. Page 4, P. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Page on the occasion of the 46th wedding anniversary.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Olive Taylor 1, Ellen Chandler 2, I. Taylor 3, F. Parsons 4, A. Ham (cond.) 5, D. Elliott 6, P. Lampert 7, D. Neville 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. For the homecoming of H.M. the Queen.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (4 six scores of Plain Bob, 6½ of Grandsire): P. Gardner 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Miss M. Fray 3, M. Horseman 4, C Kortright 5, H. Hardrige 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gammage (auditor) 1, F. Burgess (committee) 2, P. Jones (Guild committee) 3, G. F. Roome (secretary and treasurer) 4, B. E. Frost (ringing master) 5, S. Earl (committee) 6, E. Nobles (ex-officio C.C.R.) (cond.) 7, Rev. J. M. Ouless (committee, first quarter on eight) 8. To commemorate the 66th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Monk.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On May 16th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: P. L. Baycock (first of Little Bob) 1, G. A. Spencer 2, Mrs. T. J. Lock 3, Mary F. Lawrence 4, J. R. Lofty 5, P. J. Coles 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, J. E. Lofty 8. Also on May 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. J. Lock 1, Mary F. Lawrence 2, Barbara A. Mitchell 3, P. L. Baycock (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. G. Hall 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. A. Spencer (cond.) 7, T. J. Lock 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,440 Minor (360 each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, H. King 3, L. Cordell 4, S. Stevens 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge by a local band. A birthday compliment to H. King (capt.) and S. Stevens (vice-captain) and S. Blatch.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Glanvill 1, C. Turner 2, L. Hine 3, C. J. Turner (cond.) 4, E. Marks 5, W. Burrows 6, J. Arbury 7, R. Wood 8. In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Price (father and mother of the Vicar of Ottery). The ringers were afterwards entertained at the Vicarage.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Gilliam Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Delderfield (first as cond.) 5, C. Randall 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PAUL, PENZANCE.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marlene Ladner 1, Elizabeth Ford 2, J. Waters (cond.) 3, J. B. Rodda 4, R. Curtiss 5, J. Ladner 6. For the festival of Whitsun.

PENN, STAFFS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Smallwood (cond.) 1, H. Harrison 2, R. Blackwell 3, G. Dean 4, A. Sansome 5, T. Nott 6. For the Queen's homecoming.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 7, 8 behind: Miss D. Woolnough (first quarter) 1, D. Surman 2, C. Rouse (cond.) 3, A. Elliott (first 'inside') 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, Miss A. Rowles (first quarter) 6, F. Pendry 7, Miss B. Bridgeman 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam John Wilfred Davis.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. King (first quarter) 1, T. Osborne 2, S. Swannell (first as cond.) 3, A. Cozens 4, I. Dickin 5. Rung on the first anniversary of the Coronation of Elizabeth II.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Cooke 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, H. Woodhall 3, T. C. Ryder 4, P. Coote 5, F. Fisher 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1 and 3. For Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anthea Doust (17) 1, R. Hodgson (16) 2, Ruth Carey (17, cond.) 3, Patricia Forster (16) 4, D. Jackson (19) 5, Margaret Twidale (17) 6, G. Smith 7, J. Moore (15) 8. First quarter peal for all except the 3rd and 7th. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. Rung for Mayor's Sunday.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. G. Selley 1, D. G. French 2, J. Lamacraft (first quarter) 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, H. Ransom 5, A. G. Selley (cond.) 6, W. E. Richards 7, A. Hawkins 8 Rung on the back six. Half-muffled as a tribute to Robert Harris, a valued member of the local band, 1928–1954, who was interred in the churchyard of St. Mary's the same day.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss F. M. Murkett 1, A. D. Rivers 2, W. Welling 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, J. C. Birt 5, Mrs. J. C. Birt 6, Mrs. W. Butler 7, D. Stone 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, W. Butler 10. Rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Buckingham, but half-muffled for the death of Dr. K. E. Kirk, Bishop of Oxford.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Phillips 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung as a thank-offering for the safe return of Queen Elizabeth II. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Barrett (first quarter) 1, J. Haynes 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, N. Townsend 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Barrett, leader of the local ladies' team.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Mowl 1, C. Brettell 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, J. Corbett 4, J. W. Jones 5, J. H. Jones 6. Rung as a farewell to Sergt. C. Brettell, R.A.F., on being posted abroad.

THAXTED, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl M. Gelder 1, R. C. Heazel (cond.) 2, R. E. Dannatt 3, R. Bassett 4, J. Bull 5, J. Bassett 6, T. Bassett 7, M. R. Caton 8.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On June 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Hereward Bob and Double Oxford Bob): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, T. J. Marriott 2, W. G. Soar 3, W. Curson 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. W. Beadsmoore, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet E. Goodier (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 2, S. A. White 3, C. W. Hancock (first 'inside') 4, E. J. Ladd 5, R. E. Wood 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, R. Luckhurst 8.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Noad 1, Beryl Churchill 2, P. Cridge 3, R. Baker 4, B. Vine (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter, on May 23rd, 1,264 Stedman Triples: J. L. Hilton 1, B. V. Collison 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. F. Wellington 4, J. A. Hilton 5, K. S. Hohl 6, E. J. Ladd (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, C. Hancock 8. First quarter 4 and 8. Rung prior to the service of thanksgiving for the 27th jubilee of the Rochester Diocese.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. W. Hughes 2 Miss S. Hughes 3, Miss S. Thomas 4, A. Bottercll (cond.) 5, R. E. Woalley 6. An 18th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cave 1, Mrs. Lathbury 2, Miss Shorter 3, P. Alderton 4, G. Curtis 5, G. Barnett 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, W. Alderton 8. Rung by the local band as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Crichton Melville).

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On June 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, W. Rawlings 2, B. Lunn 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Belcher 5, J. Stephenson 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. Richardson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Burroughs (first 'inside') 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5, D. H. J. Body 6.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Boucher 1, J. Rich 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, A. Bisset 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Stacey 6.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On June 12th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. B. McKie (cond.) 1, J. Suckling 2, A. Bull 3, J. Roberts 4, J. Ketteringham 5, H. J. Hazell 6.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret L. Elliott 1, Valerie J. Tebbutt 2, P. M. Giles (first 'inside') 3, C. Hammond 4, B. Buswell (cond.) 5, Marjorie Twells 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6.

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St. Michael's Church, on June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. D. Bettridge 1, W. Vince 2, A. W. Kelvie 3, D. A. Emery (first in method) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. Rung for the service of thanksgiving after extensive restoration.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 23rd, 1,008 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wakefield 1, A. Grove 2, P. Parry 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe 5, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung for Rogation Sunday.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Price 1, M. Davis 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, L. Pullin 4, R. Brice 5, H. Marshall 6, H. Price (cond.) 7, D. Vowles 8.

OBITUARY

MR. A. D. CULLUM

With deep regret we record the death on June 7th of Mr. Albert Doughty Cullum, of 40, Cardiff Road, Reading, aged 76 years.

He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Caversham tower for just over 60 years and a member of the College Youths for nearly that period. His passing means the last of the famous old Caversham band. He was taught to handle a bell by Mr. W. J. Williams at St. Laurence's, Reading. He was captain of Caversham tower from 1936 to June, 1953, when he retired on account of ill health.

His first peal, on the treble to Stedman Triples, was rung in 1896 and before the 1914 war he rang many peals in the four standard Surprise methods, but the peal he was most proud of was the first peal of London at Westminster Abbey.

Apart from his ringing ability he was very keen on the business side of the Guild, and would not tolerate anything at meetings unless it was in strict accordance with correct procedure, and the first Master of the Guild, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, was often heard to remark in the early days of the Guild, 'There'll be trouble to-day, the big fair chap with his little dark pal are coming.' This was referring to his lifelong friend, the late Tom Hibbert, and himself.

He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn, two of the sons also having rung peals, but unfortunately, through business, are not able to carry on with the art.

At his funeral, on June 11th, the Oxford Guild were well represented, among those present being Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master), Mr. W. Hibbert (general secretary) and Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer). The bells, half-muffled, were rung before and after the service. The first 'touch,' on behalf of the Guild, was called by Mr. E. Humfrey, aged 84. Handbells were rung in the church by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. W. Hibbert and Mrs. Lewington.

MR. JOHN WILFRED DAVIS

In his 85th year, Mr. J. W. Davis died at Lydney, Glos, on Sunday, June 6th, after a very short illness. He fell on the Friday, saw a doctor, and was apparently all right, but fell again on Sunday, and the end came quickly.

Born at Prestbury, Mr. J. W. Davis learned to ring under his father at a very early age, his sister says, almost as soon as he could walk, and he never lost interest. His last visit to Prestbury was only a few weeks ago, when he had great pleasure in helping the learners. They have since rung their first quarter peal to his memory.

At the age of 21 he lost a leg, but was soon in the tower again, on crutches, before an artificial limb had been fitted. He caught a crutch on a bolt head in the floor, falling and opening up the wound. Later he had a cork leg and, later still, one made of nylon, and he still went on ringing.

In 1886, when the Days of Eye added the two trebles and rehung the old six at Prestbury, it was J. W. D. who assisted them. There are some photographs in the tower in frames he made from the timber of the original Rudhall frame. His last peal was probably at Lydney in January, 1951, at the age of 82.

The funeral was at St. Mary's, Lydney, on June 10th. C. R.

MR. FREDERICK A. HACKER

The Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild mourn the passing of Mr. Frederick A. Hacker, one of its oldest members.

'I well remember the time when the family lived at Broad Hinton, some 40 years ago,' writes Mr. L. A. Wilson.

'Fred learned to ring on the heavy five at Wroughton, and it was there I planted the foundation of half-pull ringing which resulted in the first peal at Broad Hinton, in which Fred took part. This peal was to commemorate the wedding of Princess Mary. Since then we have travelled many miles together and started others on the way to change ringing.

'Fred and his family moved to Heddington in 1931 and there joined up with the Calne band. Both at Calne and Heddington, after the five were restored, he did a great deal of spade work and together with members of his family played a leading part in getting the five at Heddington augmented to six. It will be hard to replace him; he was always willing and cheerful, regular and reliable as a ringer.

'Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hacker. Jim and Bessie and other members of his family, and we leave our friend Fred to his eternal rest. May he rest in peace.'

The interment took place at St. Andrew's, Heddington, on June 15th, the service being taken by Canon White, R.D., chairman of Calne Branch, assisted by the Rev. D. O'Hanlon, Vicar of Calne.

MRS. C. V. ROBERTS

An associate member of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mrs. Roberts, of Wickwar, Glos, died suddenly and unexpectedly on May 25th. She was buried at Wickwar on May 29th.

The wife of a ringer, though not herself one, she was very regular in attendance at Branch meetings and will be sadly missed by her husband and all who knew her. We have far too few such members as was Mrs. Roberts, who, by their cheerful presence, make meetings so much brighter. There are also left two sons. C. R.

MR. W. J. WINTER

The Heston band lost one of its most regular members by the sudden death of Mr. W. J. Winter on May 28th at the age of 68.

A native of Frampton-on-Severn, where he first learned to ring 'Jim' Winter moved to London to join the police. Of the 26 years he served, 24 were spent at Fulham, during which time he was associated with the Putney band and the Police Guild. The last 12 years of his retirement were spent in Heston, where he joined the local band and maintained an unfailing attendance at all Sunday ringing and practices.

He rang two peals; the first was for the Police Guild several years before the war, when he rang the tenor behind at the Borough, and his second was only last year when he rang his first 'inside' on Coronation Day at Heston.

As a last token of respect a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled at Heston on June 3rd, the day of his cremation at Mortlake, by W. W. Webb 1, J. B. Sansom 2, B. A. Rose 3, W. A. Lewis 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, E. R. Gladman 6, J. Chilcott (conductor) 7, E. Ricketts 8. J. B. S.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A recognised rule in the weather lore of the village of Nunburnholme is that when the Ringing Society visits the church the sun will shine. May 8th was no exception. Twenty-five ringers attended and rang standard methods on the lovely ring of six during the afternoon while the ladies went on a primrose hunt. The Rector of Goodmanham (the Rev. E. A. Bailey) conducted the service, with Mrs. Bailey as the organist, and the Rev. G. Storer read the lesson. Mr. A. Young, one of the churchwardens, arranged the tea in the old schoolroom and, with the ladies, was heartily congratulated on the effort.

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ENGAGEMENT

DEW—COWLIN. — The engagement is announced between Trevor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dew, Westbury, Wiltshire, and Beryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cowlin, Ealing, W.5. 4624

DEATHS

MAULDEN. — On Jan. 21st, 1954, missing during flying reconnaisance at Kuala Lumpur, now assumed killed, Jack Rochford, younger surviving son of W. E. and B. M. Maulden, Framlingham, Suffolk, aged 31. 4617

RUSSELL.—On June 17th, 1954, Frederick Joseph Russell, Ringing Master at St. Michael's, Bray-on-Thames, for over 40 years, aged 57.

PERSONAL

Mr. Ernest Weatherby hopes to meet a few of his old ringing friends at the joint meeting of the Hereford and Shropshire Guilds at Shrewsbury, July 10th.—1235 Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles, California. 4613

MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Next monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be June 30th and not July 7th. 4630

THE COMMITTEE of the Stonham Aspal Bell Restoration Fund wish to thank all bell ringers and friends for their donations and help for restoring their bells. The fund is now closed. Thanking you one and all.—W. J. Batton. 4638

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Alfreton (8) on June 26th, 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mary Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 4589

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening practice meeting at Duxford (6) on Saturday, June 26th, at 6.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4581

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Barkway, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Little Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4565

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8), June 26th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. P. G. 4544

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, June 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. NAMES, PLEASE, to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray. 4580

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 331st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Tea available in town.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfield. 4576

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Wool, June 26th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4567

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. —Saturday, June 26th. Ringing at Staines, St. Mary's (8), Wraysbury (8) and Egham (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Egham Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing from 6 p.m. at Egham, Staines, St. Peter's (8) and Old Windsor (8). Names for tea to D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Yateley (8), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4582

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4537

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Saturday, July 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4622

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Brighouse (8) on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for all 5 p.m. at moderate cost. Business meeting and bells afterwards. 4609

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, North Curry (8), July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 4585

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Keysoe (5 bells), July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please look up a variety of Doubles methods.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 4616

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Burton Bassett (6), July 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Names for tea by June 30th, please. — A. R. Barrett, Pineham Avenue, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. 4607

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stourbridge on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 4632

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.— Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, July 3rd, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland, by July 1st. 4621

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, July 3rd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Armstrong, 46, Oval Road South, Dagenham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A combined practice will be held at Dunsfold, Saturday, July 3rd, 6–9 p.m., in lieu of the meeting fixed for this date.—Ron Kenward. 4628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea in St. Christopher's Hall (near police station) 5.30 p.m.—R. G. Bell, Dis. Sec. 4615

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rayfield, 45, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough, by Wednesday, June 30th. — Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 4563

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Marden, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, Vicarage Flat, Marden. 4536

LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Cardiff, Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. John's. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. James' Hall. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: St. John's (10) from 12.45 p.m.; Llandaff Cathedral (10) 2 p.m.–3 p.m.; Penarth (8) and Whitchurch (8) will also be available during the afternoon and evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon. 4608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Ribchester, July 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. Sagar, 11, Blackburn Road, Ribchester, near Preston. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4604

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting, July 3rd. Ringing at Beetham (6) 2.30–4.45. Tea 4.30 and ringing after tea at Heversham (6). Names for tea to Peter Hanley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4631

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Lunham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4634

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), July 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5. Names to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville, by 1st. 4573

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Draycott, Saturday, July 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4610

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Names or numbers by Wednesday, June 30th, to Mr. R. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 4584

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Annual at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 4574

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 4627

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on July 3rd at 6 p.m.— B. C. Castle. 4611

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Rutland Branch. — Meeting at Wing (5) on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Commence 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Market Overton, Rutland.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Melksham, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4623

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Summer meeting at Hope (8) 3 p.m., Saturday, July 3rd (the last day of local festivities, Wakes and Well Dressing in connection with St. Peter's Day). Pots of tea or full tea available for all at Bramwell's Cafe, but please also notify me. A hearty welcome to all. — N. Chaddock, Secretary, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. 4599

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Eastwood (8), Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. for those notifying Rev. P. M. Caporn, The Rectory, Eastwood, Notts, by Wednesday, June 30th. 4578

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 3rd, at Harby (6) 2.30–4.30, and South Scarle (5) 6.30 to 9. Tea at Eagle, 5 p.m., for those who inform me by previous Tuesday. Special method, Carter's Principle.—S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark, Notts. 4587

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Woodbridge, July 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea only if notified. Important business.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4612

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. —Quarterly meeting at Dorking, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names to me, please, by June 29th. Ranmore bells (8) in evening. — W. Parrott, 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4603

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, July 3rd. Names for tea by July 1st to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4629

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —75th annual meeting, Winchester, July 3rd. Ringing times: New Alresford (8), Stockbridge (6) 10 to 12, 7 to 9 p.m.; Twyford (8) 10 to 11, 8 to 9 p.m.; Hursley (8) 10 to 11, 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Maurice (6) 1.30 to 2.45, 8 to 9 p.m.; Barton Stacey (6) 7–9 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6 to 8 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. in St. Maurice Church. Tea (2s. 6d.) ONLY for those who notify Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, by June 30th.—F. W. Rogers, Gen. Sec. 4614

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigott, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Frome. 4636

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Kentisbeare, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by July 4th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4605

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch (6), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Coach will leave Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, 1.30 p.m. Those requiring coach and/or tea please notify A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4618

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Boughton, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, to Mr. H. Ford, 1, North Lane, South Street, Faversham, not later than Tuesday, July 6th. Free conveyance from church to tea room and back. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. This meeting will celebrate the 1,350 years' history and 27th jubilee of the Rochester Diocese, and a warm invitation is extended to everyone. To ensure effective arrangements please send names or numbers to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4619

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting of Lincoln District, Eastern Branch, and Elloe Deaneries, at Heckington (8), on Saturday, July 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4640

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Ambrosden bells during evening. Names for tea to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4637

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Benefield (6), Saturday, July 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 4639

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, July 10th. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. V. Perry, 12, Church Street, Weedon, Northants, by Saturday, July 3rd. — F. W. Hancock. 4626

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly at Yardley Hastings, July 10th. Names to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 4620

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Basingstoke and Newbury Branches to be held at Thatcham on July 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 7th to Mrs. A. D. Cooper, 35, Henwick Lane, Thatcham, Newbury. 4606

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On June 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. K. E. Harris 1, D. S. Harris 2, R. Elkington 3, Miss J. M. Simpson 4, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 5, W. A. Lacey 6, A. Disney 7, M. D. Staniforth 8. By the local band for the festival of Whitsun.

GRITTLETON, WILTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Weeks 1, G. C. Weeks 2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3, G. J. Sheppard 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, A. Lee 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. Powell 4, W. Poole (first quarter in method) 5, G. Whitemore 6, T. Thornber 7, C. W. Powell 8.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Chandler 1, A. Ham 2, W. Johnson 3, I. Taylor 4, J. Harmsworth 5, J. Morley (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 4.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sage (first quarter) 1, J. Wheadon 2, M. Jillian Brierley 3, A. Rhodes 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 cover): G. A. Godfrey (first of Minor) 1, A. Gambrill 2, E. T. Ellender 3, G. F. Gray 4, E. J. Walker 5, E. J. Wells (cond.) 6, H. O. Peattie 7, H. J. Weston (first of Minor) 8.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Colley 1, D. A. Passant 2, Miss N. E. Swann 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, J. Colley 5, J. D. Green 6.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS

WE have now reached the season of ringers' outings. During the coming weeks ringers all over the country will be setting off early in the morning, in the majority of cases by motor-coach, to visit some half-dozen or so church towers in order to enjoy what, for them, is an undeniable pleasure, that of ringing bells in other than their own parish church or neighbouring towers.

These outings as a general rule are thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to year by year by all who go, whether they are ringers or not. What is not always so fully appreciated is the amount of work which falls upon the organisers of such trips. Weeks beforehand those responsible for the trip must work out the route and note the towers desired. Then to each tower captain or secretary a letter must be written with a request for the use of the bells and the approximate times of arrival and departure. Meals also have to be arranged and times carefully worked out. All this involves a good deal of letter writing and awaiting replies. One tower perhaps is not available and the whole route may have to be reorganised involving more letter writing. Finally, the party must be made up and so come all the customary trials and tribulations—the indecisive, the last-minute cancellations and requests.

First, a few suggestions to organisers of these outings. Try to have as few non-ringers as possible on the outing. By that is meant those who only wish to go for the sake of the trip or because of the places to be visited. Potential ringers should be encouraged to go as it may well act as a final spur for them to start learning to ring. Beginners likewise should be encouraged as it gives them valuable experience in handling bells which, in all probability, are very different from those upon which they have learnt. One of the organiser's chief tasks on the outing is endeavouring to keep to the time-table; a help in this matter is to issue to each person a type-written notice of the towers to be visited, with times of arrival and departure, number of bells and the weight of the tenor add interest; meal times should also be stated. Where this idea has been tried it has been found to be a great help in the matter of punctuality. The actual route to be taken should be mapped out and the coach driver consulted beforehand in order to avoid the party losing its way; this is particularly important if small country places are to be visited.

Secondly, to all who go on the outing. Obviously if the ringing is to be enjoyed, punctuality is a most important factor. One late-comer at any point during the day can so easily spoil it for the rest. When visiting a church tower it is indeed a pity, as does happen, to make the journey solely to and from the ringing chamber. All churches are worth looking at, both inside and out. Why not a moment on our knees in prayer for our fellow-ringers and the parish in which we are? A copy of the parish magazine, a leaflet about the church or a picture postcard bought in church will act as a reminder later, and a donation in the almost inevitable box is a way in which we can show our thanks for the use of the bells. One need hardly say that behaviour, especially within the church and its precincts, is most important.

Thirdly, a word to those whose towers receive a visit from one of these outings. However inconvenient it may be, it is highly desirable that some responsible person should meet the visitors, even if it means waiting about because they are delayed. Apart from any other consideration, it does make a big difference to the visitors to be met and to be made to feel that their visit is welcome. Unless quite unavoidable, visitors should never be left to find their own way to the ringing chamber and there possibly be confronted by that ominously dangerous notice, 'All bells are up.' Dangerous because if the tower is open to the expected visitors it is open to all and a nasty or even fatal accident is by no means impossible. The ringing chamber itself is well worth an extra clean up beforehand. The cleanliness or otherwise of the belfry is one of the first things that catches the eye of any visitor.

Finally, a word to the clergy. It is always much appreciated by a visiting band of ringers if the incumbent can manage to look in at some point during their brief visit. Better still if he has time to show those interested round the church, pointing out objects of historical and other interest. Most ringers do look round the church at which ringing is taking place and are as keenly interested in what they see as any other visitors.

M.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

SAMUEL A. MARTIN	*Treble*	†JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	8
BRIAN MARTIN	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Terence A. Thornber, a member of the Cathedral Band.

TEN BELL PEALS

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	†J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	2	‡CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
MARGARET SWANN	3	‡F. ERIC ROBERTS	8
*RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	9
†JOHN HOMPHRAY	5	RALPH BEAUMONT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman and of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.
Rung in honour of the Royal birthdays.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., June 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	CHARLES W. LOOME	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	BERT GOGLE	8
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	ERNEST WHITING	9
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.

*MURIEL M. PIPE	*Treble*	RUSSELL G. PARKER	6
CHARLES E. FISHER	2	WALTER W. MILLER	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	8
HARRY D. LISTER	4	ALBERT E. WHITING	9
*FRANK STERRY	5	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	†W. ALLAN WILSON	6
*NATHANIEL MOXON	3	†ERNEST PRESTON	7
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	4	WILLIAM H. DALE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.
A welcome home to the Queen: also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Merryweather, daughter of W. H. Dale.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

MYRTLE A. CASS	*Treble*	‡ANN M. COX	5
SAMUEL PETTER (77)	2	‡EILEEN M. TURNER	6
*FREDERICK CHERRYMAN	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
†REGINALD TICKNER	4	†RALPH JORDAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EILEEN M. TURNER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were augmented in 1948.
Rung in honour of the christening of R. Tickner's daughter. Also in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Brown and Miss M. Lewis at Aldershot on the same day. Also for the first anniversary of the Induction of the Rector, the Rev. the Hon. A. C. V. Elphinstone.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOHN R. BIBBY (aged 11)	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
CYNTHIA BIBBY	2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK	6
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
W. GEORGE BIBBY	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Treble*	JOHN F. BRYANT	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	ROBERT E. MOULDS	6
SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
GEOFFREY INGHAM	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 7th. Also first peal as conductor.

ORMESBY, NORTH YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

*GORDON WALLACE	*Treble*	THOMAS M. COX	5
PETER WISHART	2	HARRY SHORT	6
MARGARET JAMES	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
MRS. K. LAWSON	4	WM. RALPH JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal. A farewell peal for Gordon Wallace on his leaving for National Service. William Ralph Jackson has now 'circled the tower.'

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
WALTER M. GODDARD	2	*ALLAN SIMPSON	6
*GWEN I. RUSBY	3	ARTHUR CROWDER	7
*JOAN E. HOODLESS	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
FRANK V. GANT	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
TERRY EARLE	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Arranged by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Believed to be the first peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIFLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Time 22¼ cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS	*Treble*	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
FRANCES A. THRELFALL	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Fenn on the occasion of their golden wedding.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in 48 methods. Containing 192 changes of Derwent, Lindum, London, Rutland and Wembley, and 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Dublin, Eastcote, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindoff's London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Pyrford, Radlett, Ramsey, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Tring, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford and Yorkshire. 158 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Umpire: DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.
The greatest number of Surprise Major methods rung to a peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* 150th peal. Rung in conjunction with the 27th Jubilee of the Rochester Diocese.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
PATRICIA A. GAUNT	2	HAROLD P. REED	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
THOMAS H. TOCOCK	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Tagg, recently inducted at this church.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 26¾ cwt.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
JOHN S. MASON	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

KENNETH MEDWAY	*Treble*	GWILYN SALMON	5
GEORGE RUCK	2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
RONALD H. GARDENER	4	*ALBERT E. CAVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal on eight bells.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

K. MARY COWLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
FREDERICK C. CASE	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
*FREDERICK VICKERS	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. GREEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal in the method.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' Bob-and-Single. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ALAN R. BETSWORTH	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYES	5
ERNEST J. MUNDY	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	6
*ROGER BALDWIN	3	*ROBIN G. LEALE	7
FREDK. W. BURNETT	4	†CHARLES W. POUND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal as conductor. The quickest peal on the bells
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. E. Wright, Vicar of Hawkley.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E

EDWARD C. BARTON	*Treble*	WILFRID S. PALIN	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
*JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal for 46 years.

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CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Treble*	*HERBERT I. PITMAN	4
LIONEL H. PINK	2	†DOUGLAS A. FRENCH	5
*PHILIP W. MOGG	3	†CECIL RIDOUT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since being overhauled.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RAYMOND S. JONES	*Treble*	THOMAS J. GUNDY	4
DERRICK G. CLARKE	2	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Coronation anniversary. Also as a farewell to Mr. G. T. Angwin, former member of the church choir.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240, 20 extents (10 callings) of Grandsire, and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

RAYMOND A. LUCAS	*Treble*	MARY STEPHENS	4
BRYAN PATTISON	2	JOHN B. LONG	5
†PHYLLIS GRAY	3	*DAVID HOUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR JOPP	4
*GEORGE H. DERRINGTON	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	5
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the 96th birthday of Mr. F. A. Rea, for many years a ringer at this church.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 16 methods: (1) London, Wells, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, (3) Berwick, Hexham, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, (5) Norfolk, Primrose, (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, (7) York, Durham. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
ALBERT E. SCOTT	2	*JAMES H. MUSSON	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal 'inside' in 16 methods.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DENNIS CHAPMAN	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4
MARTIN THORLEY	2	†FRED FISHER	5
*DENISE J. SHAW	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (6 callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN A. SMITH	4
*JOHN R. WATSON	2	JOHN VERNON	5
C. ROGER HAYWARD	3	JOHN H. BURBAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	4
JEAN POWELL	2	WILLIAM DARE	5
*KEITH JONES (14)	3	A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung on the Eve of St. Sannan's Day, and as a compliment to Edna Hulbert, a ringer of St. Mellons, Mon., and Trevor Yelland, who were married this day at St. Mellons.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

GORDON SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	GEORGE DEAN	4
C. SANDFORD DUMBELL	2	ARTHUR SANSOME	5
HARRY HARRISON	3	THOMAS NOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON SMALLWOOD.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

DONALD C. ANDREWS	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 six-scores in 18 methods, being one of 120 of Stedman, three of St. Simon, two each of St. Martin, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, three of St. Giles, two each of St. Miles, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Old, Norfolk and April Day, three of Grandsire, and four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

JOHN A. HOWARD	*Treble*	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	3
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	FRANK H. HICKS	4
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

This is the greatest amount of methods rung in a peal by the band, on the bells, in the county and by the Association.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
SIDNEY H. JONES	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

DENNIS BURLING	*Treble*	FEANK PICKERING	4
MISS D. SHAW	2	HORACE BAILEY	5
GEORGE R. HINER	3	HARRY MORTEMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	†ROBIN J. WORSDALL ..	3
*WALTER WESTON	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in three Doubles methods. † First peal of Doubles.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	4
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE ..	5
DENIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	3	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung for Trinity Sunday.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Treble*	ALAN G. FEVER	4
JOHN S. WYBREW	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. A. G. Fever, who joins the R.A.M.C.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

*HAROLD LEATHERS	*Treble*	DIANA M. MATTHEW ..	4
FRANK RUFFLES	2	WALTER W. MILLER ..	5
CHARLES W. BEECROFT ..	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal to be rung in this tower.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

*J. J. P. ELLAMS (Keble)	*Treble*	*DAVID HODGSON (B.N.C.)	3
GEOFF. HARPER (Hertford).	2	GLYN F. JENKINS (Keble)	4
JOHN H. SMART (Pembroke) ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN H. SMART.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Doubles for all the band, and for the Society on tower bells.

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PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	LESLIE B. COLES	4
MRS. M. P. MAYELL	2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5
ALAN A. HILLIAR	3	EDWARD CONNOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS C. MOGFORD.

Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. W. Hillier, an old bell-ringer and sexton. First half-muffled peal on the bells.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM KEWELL	*Treble*	MAURICE J. DODD	4
MICHAEL H. MAISEY	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
PHILLIP E. DODD	3	REGINALD RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

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

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. S. Culverwell, who was inducted to the living a fortnight previously.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. E. C. BARTON	*Treble*	*EDWARD C. BARTON	3
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC and GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
(Each calling alternate six-scores.)

* First peal in three Double methods.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, who were married at this church on June 18th, 1904. Those taking part were a daughter, two sons, a son-in-law and a close friend of the family.

WALKERN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 96, 97, 98; 99, 100, 101; 95). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in B.

DAVID SUTCLIFFE	*Treble*	MAURICE A. COLLINGS	4
PHILIP MEHEW	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
ANGELA WILLES	3	MICHAEL ORME (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band. Rung within the octave of Trinity Sunday.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles V. Hare (76) and to the ringers of 2nd and tenor.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Munden, (2) Wells and London, (3) Warkworth, (4) Carlisle, (5) York, (6) Bourne, Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. STEPHENS	4
MARY FULLER	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in ten Surprise methods by all and on the bells.

STOCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents of Oxford, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*BENJAMIN J. BURSTON	*Treble*	*GERALD UGLOW	4
*ROBERT W. SHIRE	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor on the bells.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Grandsire, and 12 extents of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JAMES RANFORD	*Treble*	ROLAND E. LEWIS	4
C. WILLIAM NUTT	2	FREDERICK MERRICK	5
JAMES WARD	3	JACK MERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

First peal in five methods of Doubles by all the band and on the bells.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*TERENCE OWEN	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	JOHN BEARDMORE	5
†ALAN LAMBERT	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Joyce Watkin, daughter of the local captain, to Mr. Kenneth Brough, of Stoke.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BUCKNALL 3rd's PLACE DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*HOWARD BATESON	*Treble*	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT, JUN.	4
†WILLIAM CARNWELL	2	REGINALD O. PRESTON	5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT, SEN.	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT, JUN.

* First peal. † 100th peal for the Association. Believed to be the first peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Grocott.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*MARY L. HANNAM	*Treble*	HAROLD L. PARFREY	4
MRS. H. L. PARFREY	2	DAVID J. KING	5
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Minor. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

A farewell peal to David King, who is returning to Chepstow from the Bath area, following his demobilisation from the Royal Air Force.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

First peal on the bells since being restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co. earlier this year.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEAL

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No 7. Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	7—8

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Arranged by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual outing of the Society on Whit Monday was a great success. One bus started from Stainforth at 6.25 a.m. and the other from Barnby Don at 7 a.m., both meeting at Selby.

The first ringing was on the light six at Whixley, which had been recently overhauled. Then came Birstwith, a beautiful eight, when Mr. Jackson Ewbank had raised the bells, followed by Skipton, where cups of tea had been provided by the local company. These bells were a pleasure to ring on.

The weather deteriorated in the afternoon but ringing took place at Keighley and Bingley. At St. Ives Mansion a ham, tongue and salad tea was provided. Learners rang rounds and set changes at all towers visited.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Ossett Parish Church and Ripon Cathedral were visited by Manchester Cathedral band for their annual outing on June 12th. It was hoped to ring at the ancient Parish Church at Knaresborough but unfortunately the tower is unsafe. Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The outing was a great success, the party numbering 30.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Leighton Buzzard had a three-county tour on Whit Monday for their annual outing, visiting Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire and Rutland.

Ringing took place at Godmanchester, St. John-the-Baptist, Peterborough, Oakham, Uppingham (where the school was also visited) and Rothwell. After tea at Uppingham Mr. H. B. Whitney thanked the organiser, Mr. V. Conquest. Ringing reached a course of Superlative.

OUTINGS

NEWARK

Newark Parish Church ringers selected Scarborough for their annual outing. Leaving Newark at 7.30 a.m., Scarborough was reached at 11.45. St. Mary's Church (8, tenor 21 cwt.) was immediately visited where a warm welcome was received. Complicated methods were not attempted as the Society is now a very flourishing one with many young learners. Mr. J. W. Raithby is thanked for organising a most enjoyable day.

BLAXHALL

On June 19th the Blaxhall (Suffolk) ringers and friends from neighbouring villages had a most enjoyable and interesting tour in Essex, visiting Maldon (8), Danbury (6), Rayleigh (8), Leigh-on-Sea (6), Prittlewell (10) and Thorpe Bay (8). The success of the outing was due to the organisation of Mr. Gordon Keeble.

A. S. P.

IPSWICH

An outing to the Fen Country was enjoyed on June 5th by ringers of the Ipswich Churches of St. Lawrence, St. Clement, St. Margaret and Matthew and St. Andrew, Rushmere.

Ringing took place at St. Mary's, Newmarket (a fine six with a 21 cwt. tenor), St. Andrew-the-Great and St. Benet's, Cambridge, St. Ives, Hunts, Hemingford Abbots (a good six by the River Ouse), St. Mary's (8) and All Saints' (6), Huntingdon, and the recently restored eight at Godmanchester.

Torrential rain and vivid lightning occurred at Huntingdon, which delayed the programme but no one received a wetting. Ipswich was reached about 11.30 p.m.

PORTISHEAD

Was it just by coincidence that we elected to visit places with such names as Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Bourton-on-the-Water and Watermoor? Probably it was, but this certainly turned out to be the most 'watery' day of a wet period. Nevertheless, we shall have many pleasant recollections of this Cotswold tour. Firstly, there was the enjoyable ringing at Wotton-under-Edge (where the fine bells are worthy of the lovely church in which they are set), followed by a visit to Charlton Kings via the lovely Stroud Valley, and Birdlip.

We shall certainly not easily forget our visit to Blockley and the cordial welcome received from the Vicar, whose amiable company we enjoyed throughout our stay there. Those who braved the rain at Bourton-on-the-Water to inspect the model village were duly impressed, but the remark of a local 'You should see it when the sun is shining' was not appreciated. We were certainly intrigued to hear well-struck Caters coming from the model eight-bell tower! The best ringing of the day was reserved for Cirencester (Watermoor), where we had the help of that grand veteran Mr. F. J. Lewis, who is justly proud of his delightful octave.

Thanks to all who contributed to our pleasure, not forgetting the gentleman who awaited us on descending from the tower at Blockley to thank us for ringing and to say how much the villagers had enjoyed it. That, surely, is the ideal culmination of any tower grabbing!

A. J. G.

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The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Stonham Aspal was the first peal to be rung since the recent restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It was a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Parker and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Smy, of Blaxhall. The band tender their many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Button for their kind hospitality, and to Mr. C. E. Fisher for kindly standing in at the last minute.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Last Easter the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, were rehung after the destruction of the church by fire in 1943. A new local band was formed and four of them rang their first quarter on June 17th. With the exception of two, who were taught to handle by Mr. S. Howard, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, last August, the band is entirely self-taught. Its 12 members are regular Sunday service ringers.

Mrs. Mary P. Mayell is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells of Publow, Somerset.

Mr. John Ashcroft, of 7, Barn Lane, Golborne, near Warrington, is Wigan area correspondent to 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. Longman, the representative of the Chester Diocesan Guild, was not present at the Central Council meeting at Chester.

Four of the band who scored a quarter peal at Great Amwell, Herts, on June 5th, have been ringing less than five months. The band hope to announce a peal in the not too distant future.

Mr. E. J. Chivers, secretary of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, is in hospital again, for the third time. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery from his long illness, now in its 14th week.

The Thames Valley Ringing Festival on Saturday attracted over 60 ringers to tea in Egham. Ringing took place at five towers, and, with the weather co-operating, a good time was had by all.

Aston, Birmingham, ringers will miss Mr. George Davis, a regular member of their band and one-time Ringing Master, who has accepted an appointment at Cardiff. A farewell quarter, which was rung with the best wishes of the band, took place on June 20th.

Mr. Norman Chaddock, secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, gave a talk on 'Church Bells' to the Science Society and members of the Middle Forms of Rotherham Girls' High School on June 11th. His talk was preceded by a short selection of tunes on handbells by the Wickersley Modern School Handbell Ringers. As a result of the talk, which was illustrated, it is hoped to form a handbell team at the school, 18 girls having expressed a wish to join.

Miss Eileen M. Turner, a pupil at the Guildford County School for Girls, is the first lady ringer to conduct a peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

We thank correspondents who have called attention to the typographical error regarding the peal at Stisted reported on page 390. The title of the peal was Beverley Surprise Minor.

Mr. E. S. Ruck, the grand old man of the Kent County Association, celebrated his 87th birthday by ringing two quarter peals at Willesborough on June 20th.

Although non-ringers, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pemberton have done much to foster ringing at Bidston, Cheshire. Their silver wedding anniversary was marked by a peal at Bidston on June 1st, which conveyed the congratulations not only of the ringers, but all active members of the Wirral Branch.

Mr. Leslie Hadfield, of East Croydon, who was taught to ring by Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft and rang his first peal with him in 1925, had the pleasure of meeting his mentor after 26 years, at Windsor. Although in his 80th year, Mr. Wolstencroft still enjoys his ringing—in fact, he was performing for the colourful Knights of the Garter ceremony on June 14th.

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METHODS COMMITTEE'S QUIET YEAR — RINGING POPULAR SUBJECT FOR NATIONAL PRESS — VIBRATORY CRACKS IN TOWERS — SPATE OF NEW METHODS — OLD PEAL BOARDS: FINAL APPEAL

METHODS COMMITTEE

After having to peruse lengthy reports for the past few years it will, no doubt, be a pleasure to the Council to have to consider only a short statement from the Methods Committee! Our investigations proceeded on the Extension of Methods as a result of the acceptance by the Council of our recommendations last year, and we published in 'The Ringing World' of February 12th, 1954, the practical results of our work.

The preparation of a book of Doubles methods presented more problems than we had realised, in various directions. Each time we thought we really had finished during the past two or three years, new points cropped up which needed resolving. However, we are pleased to say that the task is now accomplished and the MSS. in the hands of the secretary of the Council for early publication. We trust that the book will fill a long awaited need of 5 and 6-bell ringers.

Our opinion has been asked about the naming of the method Loughborough. This was first rung in a peal of Spliced Major at Wigston Magna in 1937. The figures were published in 'The Ringing World.' The same method was rung at Helmingham in 1938 and called Framsden. It appears as such in Corrigan's Surprise method book. We are unanimously of the opinion that the method be called Loughborough and that the name Framsden should be withdrawn.

Mr. F. Sharpe asked if the committee would consider a book of Triples Methods desirable.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: If it is the wish of the Council we should have much pleasure in producing such a book with special reference to splicing.

The report was adopted and the committee elected as follows: Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (convener), Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. K. Lewis asd C. H. Kippin.

LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

During 1953 bells and bell ringing received considerable notice in the Press. The period of the Coronation was, of course, marked by great ringing activity and newspapers all over the country gave much attention to the part that this ringing played in the ceremony and its attendant rejoicing. Among the broadcasts it is interesting to note that a recorded portion of the Coronation Day ringing was sent out on all English transmitters of the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

Numerous paragraphs and short articles on ringing matters have appeared in all papers during the year. Among these an article on the Westminster Abbey ringers' part in the Coronation was published in 'The Manchester Guardian,' a thesis entitled 'Silver Tongues' in 'The Wolverhampton Express and Echo,' and an editorial in 'The Star' complaining of bells and suggesting that they be rung only on special occasions. This editorial brought forth strong protests from Mr. G. L. Grover, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Miss W. Oliver, secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and others.

At the end of the year Norman Shrapnel, of 'The Manchester Guardian,' visited a belfry in Cheshire and captured the spirit of the seasonal ringing in an admirable article, and at about the same period 'The Leicester Evening News' dealt with New Year Eve ringing with Mr. Ernest Morris in the background.

Ringers themselves, too, contributed to the public Press, among these essays being 'St. Martin's Youths,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, in 'The Birmingham Post,' and a series by W. A. Farmer in 'The Shropshire Magazine' entitled 'Shropshire Bells.'

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In the columns of 'The Western Gazette,' an admirable article appeared from the pen of Mr. H. J. Sanger emphasising the value of bells as a traditional feature of country life. A little later the same journal published an account by Mr. J. B. Powlesland of young ringers receiving instruction at Shaftesbury.

That enterprising publication, 'The Belfry,' provides an attractive feature with sketches of Kentish churches and interesting notes on their history and architecture. 'The Belfry' evidently aims at encouraging a family spirit among ringers of the Maidstone District. 'The Ringing Towers' continues to give vivacious and detailed accounts of activities on the other side of the world. 'Irish Bell News' contains an interesting account of the bells of Mount St. Alphonsus Monastery, Limerick, and a lucid description of operations in a bell foundry, written by an eye-witness.

A WEEK FOR A BIG EFFORT.

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In May 'The Ringing World' received honourable notice from 'Punch,' when an article called 'Belfry Probe,' by Alan Hackney, was cleverly and amusingly constructed from two articles in 'The Ringing World' of November 28th, 1952. Our journal reprinted the article on September 11th, 1953, and a copy of the booklet, 'St. Martin's Youths,' was sent to Mr. Hackney.

Considerable attention has been directed during the year to what has been described as the menace of synthetic bells and the use of recordings of bells amplified from towers. In May 'The Ripon Diocesan Gazette' issued a statement on the matter, and in November a motion came before the Church Assembly deprecating 'The introduction into churches of recordings of bells and instruments simulating the sound of bells.' The motion was deferred to the next session when it was duly carried.

In the same month 'The Newcastle Evening Chronicle' seemed to show some support for synthetic bells, as did also a misguided paragraph in 'The Church of England Newspaper,' but a letter to 'The Daily Telegraph' from Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, strongly condemned such things. Mr. H. Walker, Mr. Arthur and others also penned effective protests in the local Press.

During 1953 the following publications on bells and ringing made their appearance: 'Church Bells of Flintshire,' Ronald Clouston; 'St. Martin's Youths,' Edgar C. Shepherd; 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire, Vol. IV.,' Frederick Sharpe. From the pen of Mr. J. W. Clarke has appeared Part III. of 'Cheshire Bells,' also a most interesting account of 'The Chester Scholars.'

In the issue of December 12th, 1953, 'The Ringing World' gave an account of a week-end course in bell ringing held at Thaxted under the auspices of the Essex County Council Further Education Committee. This was a most interesting experiment, and it may be hoped that it will serve as an incentive to further enterprise in this direction in other parts of the country.

With the exception of Christmas morning, broadcasts of tower bells on the Home Services have been almost exclusively in connection with religious services, including the Coronation. Here one comment may be in place. In the ringing before a service it quite frequently happens that the general effect is spoilt by one inexpert member of the band. Although the bells may be heard for only a minute, or slightly more, every effort should be made by careful practice and rehearsal to eliminate any obvious defect.

In the Christmas broadcast quite a good standard of striking was maintained, although without reaching perfection. For two years in succession the Easter festival has not been honoured with a special broadcast of bells, which is much to be deplored.

Handbells have occasionally been introduced in the Children's Hour and have also been heard from Luxembourg.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, moving the adoption of the report, said it had been his privilege for a quarter of a century to present the report and during that time broadcasting had been added.

The Standing Committee recommended the acceptance of the report and thanked the committee for their services.

After the report was adopted the Standing Committee recommended that the committee be reconstructed—Literature and Press under Mr. Edgar Shepherd (convener) and Mr. F. E. Dukes with power to co-opt. This was agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd made an appeal to members to support the committee as it was not possible for him to read every newspaper.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION

The Standing Committee recommended the establishment of a committee dealing with broadcasting and television, consisting of Messrs. H. J. Sanger (convener), G. E. Fearn and J. T. Dunwoody.

Mr. Crampion regretted that there was no representative on the committee.

The Secretary said the person who had most to do with ringing in London was Mr. Bert Langdon, and he was not a member of the Council.

Upon Mr. Crampion's suggestion, Mr. Hughes was added to the committee.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the past year members of the committee have given advice on restoration work in 38 towers. Mr. J. W. Clarke has advised on two bell restorations in Cheshire and has done much useful work as a member of his Diocesan Advisory Committee. Mr. F. E. Collins has made inspections and given advice on new installations and restoration work in six towers, in the counties of Essex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Warwick. Mr. E. H. Lewis has been called in for advice in another Warwickshire tower. Mr. W. Osborn has visited seven towers in the West Country and advised on both new installations and restoration work. During the year Mr. Osborn has been appointed to serve on the Bath and Wells Diocesan Advisory Committee, and has also been in cor-

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

respondence with the Rector of Oakville, Canada, regarding his bells. The convener has dealt with 22 cases; eight of them by direct correspondence with Diocesan Advisory Committees, whose requests for help are becoming more numerous. His remaining 14 cases were situated in the counties of Berks, Bucks, Norfolk, Northants, Oxford, Suffolk and Yorks.

Of the total of 38 cases dealt with by members of the committee, three have related to the structural condition of towers, one was a simple augmentation to an existing ring and, of the remaining 34, advice was given in 18 cases on the restoration of old bells and existing bell frames, and in 16 cases the parochial authorities were advised to install new frames. Some of these involved recasting of bells and augmentation of rings; in seven cases advice was also given on sound control.

The convener has had a great deal of correspondence on the subject of recorded bells. The members of the committee feel we need not be unduly anxious in regard to these installations. The Central Council for the Care of Churches is bitterly opposed to them and has strongly advised its Diocesan Advisory Committees accordingly. Most Chancellors act on the advice of their Advisory Committees, and it has been found that in many cases temporary faculties only have been granted.

The convener has again given a series of lectures on bells, bell towers and bell hanging to diocesan surveyors and architects at the York Architectural Institute.

The Council's handbook on the 'Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bellframes and Fittings' is almost out of print. It was last reprinted in 1948 and has proved one of the library's 'best sellers.' The committee recommends it be reprinted subject to some minor revisions.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. F. Sharpe stated that during the year the committee had dealt with 38 cases situated in all parts of the country. He mentioned the case of a tower that had developed a vertical vibratory crack measuring 38ft. and where the ringers persisted in ringing. They were most annoyed when he suggested they should stop. They had considerable correspondence with the secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches and he would like it to be known that the authorities were doing all they could to stop recorded bells.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. J. H. Crampion considered this the most useful of all the committees of the Central Council. Speaking for his part of the country, he knew of the good work the committee had done.

Mr. J. W. Clarke said he had made a report on a tower in Cheshire which was split 8ft. in length due to the movement of the frame. He recommended the tenor be not used, but it was still in use. 'I may have to report serious damage to this tower in consequence,' he added.

The President: I think it was at the Newcastle meeting that the Towers and Belfries Committee was made. I had been working on the forces involved when the bells were swinging and I gave a brief report in 1913.

Mr. P. J. Johnson: I remember the diagrams which were sent round by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Richardson.

Mr. R. G. Blackman suggested that the Council send an official letter to the incumbent and the ringing master of the tower reported. If anything happened it might be the death of a ringer.

Mr. Clarke said he wrote to the Central Council for the Care of Churches and asked for the names of the architects they recommended. He got into touch with all three of them and none of them had any knowledge of bells and bell frames.

Mr. Sharpe added that they endeavoured to give instructions to diocesan surveyors and architects in bell hanging. He had a case where the vicar called in one of the most prominent architects, who was satisfied with the bells. He (Mr. Sharpe) found that the frame was loose in nearly every joint and almost completely honeycombed by death-watch beetle.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be re-elected with Mr. Sharpe as convener, and that Mr. John Freeman be added to the committee. This was agreed to.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The committee begs to report the following new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year ended December 31st, 1953:—

Tower Bells

Jan.	10.	5088 Liscard Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester)
Jan.	14.	5040 Waterloo Bob Triples (Norwich)
Jan.	17.	5056 Oxfordshire Sur. Maj. (Oxford)
Jan.	22.	5184 Trowbridge Surprise Major (St. Martin's)
Jan.	24	5088 Westminster Imp. Bob Major (Chester)
Feb.	4.	5040 St. Edmundsbury Bob Triples (Norwich)
Feb.	9.	5152 Crewe Sur. Major (St. Martin's)
Feb.	11.	5040 Carshalton Bob Trip. (Norwich)
Feb.	14.	5120 St. Valentine's Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester)
Feb.	26.	5280 Metropolis Surprise Maximus (Leicester)
Feb.	26.	5024 Neasden Sur. Maj. (Middlesex)
Feb.	28.	5040 Malpas Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester)
Mar.	12.	5040 Cheshunt Sur. Maj. (Middlesex)
Mar.	14.	5152 Bebington Imp. Bob Major (Chester)
Mar.	14.	5184 Loddon Delight Maj. (Norwich)
Mar.	19.	5000 Hingham Little Imp. Bob Maj. (Norwich)
Apr.	27.	5056 Sedbergh Court Maj. (Norwich)
May	6.	5152 Aylestone Sur. Maj. (Leicester)
May	16*	5024 Chesterfield Sur. Maj. (Derbys)
June	2.	5040 Spliced Sur. Max. (12 methods) (Leicester)
June	13.	5152 Cholmondeley Bob Major (Chester)
July	12.	5024 Wicken Sur. Maj. (Peterboro')
July	16.	5056 Shalford Sur. Maj. (Guildford)
Aug.	12.	5024 Shouldham Delight Major (Norwich)
Oct.	17.	5152 Poulton Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester)
Oct.	31.	5040 Spliced Triples (6 methods) (Worcestershire)
Nov.	21.	5152 Imberhorne Sur. Maj. (Sussex)
Nov.	23.	5056 Ashton-u-Lyme Sur. Major (St. Martin's)
Dec.	5.	5152 Christleton Bob Maj. (Chester)
Dec.	5.	5040 Pudsey Sur. Royal (Chester)
Dec.	26.	5056 Kirklington Sur. Major (Southwell)
Dec.	26.	5088 Eardisland Delight Major (Hereford)

Handbells

Aug.	21.	5040 Spliced Maximus (12 methods) (Universities)

Progressive Lengths

Jan.	31.	13139 Grandsire Caters (Winchester and Portsmouth)
Oct.	17.	15840 Plain Bob Royal (Winchester and Portsmouth)

Longest length of Royal in any method on tower bells or handbells.

* To replace false peal included in 1952 records and subsequently withdrawn.

Mrs. Fletcher, in moving the adoption of the report, asked for the deletion of Pudsey Surprise Royal by the Chester Diocesan Guild. The first peal in this method was rung 20 years ago.

The committee was re-elected, with Mrs. Fletcher as convener.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

In presenting this report, we ask for permission to continue our collection, for we feel that there are a large number of old peal boards in different parts of the country of which we have no record.

Up to date, with the exception of a few peals (the name of their location not being known), and the peal boards in Lancashire, which have not yet been taken from 'The Bell News,' the details of 273 old peal boards, recording performances of 1825 or earlier, have been typed out in triplicate.

These records, when complete, will be made up into loose leaf folders as suggested; one set in date order, the second in alphabetical place order and the third as a reserve check.

We ask every representative of the Council to make it his or her primary business to obtain further information and forward it to us, that we may 'wind up' this committee this session.

Attached is a comprehensive list of the records in our possession:—

Berkshire.—Reading.
Bucks.—Denham.
Cheshire.—Malpas, Stockport.
Cambridgeshire.—March.
Derbyshire.—Ashbourne, Derby.
Essex.—Chelmsford, Waltham Abbey.
Gloucestershire. — Cirencester, Gloucester, Painswick, Stroud.
Hampshire.—Romsey.
Hertfordshire. — Aspenden, Hatfield, Hertford, Rickmansworth, St. Albans, Watford.
Isle of Wight.—Carisbrooke, Newport.
Kent.—Ashford, Benenden, Biddenden, Bromley, Canterbury, Folkestone, Greenwich, Margate, Northfleet, Rolvenden, Woolwich, Wye.
Norfolk. — Alborough, Aylsham, Costessey, Diss, East Dereham, Garboldisham, Gislingham, Hingham, Kenninghall, King's Lynn, Loddon, North Elmham, Redenhall, Swaffham, Thetford, Yarmouth, Yaxham.
Northants. — Harlestone, Kettering, King's Sutton, Raunds, Rothwell.
Northumberland.—Newcastle.
Notts.—Newark.
Oxfordshire.—Oxford.
Shropshire.—Shrewsbury.
Somerset.—Bristol.
Staffs.—Walsall, Wolverhampton.
Suffolk. — Boxford, Eye, Hadleigh, Halesworth, Lavenham, Woodbridge.
Lancashire. — Bolton, Croston, Oldham, Preston.
Lincolnshire.—Gainsborough, Grantham, Lincoln, Pinchbeck, Spilsby.
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Surrey. — Epsom, Farnham, Godalming, Guildford, Kingston-on-Thames, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Reigate.
Sussex. — Brighton, Cuckfield, Eastbourne, Horsham, Seaford, Waldron.
Warwickshire.—Aston, Birmingham, Warwick.
Wiltshire.—Aldbourne.
Worcestershire. — Halesowen, Kidderminster, Worcester.
Yorkshire.—Otley, Sheffield, Wath-on-Dearne.

Mr. J. W. Clarke said it was felt by the committee that the time had come to try and finish the work of the committee. It could be quickly finished if the suggestions made in the report were carried out.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee, with the exception of the Rev. C. E. Wigg, be re-elected with Mr. Clarke as convener. This was agreed to.

(To be continued)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

About 50 ringers were present at Cardington on June 5th for the monthly meeting of the Bedford District. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Fry), during which a heavy thunderstorm arose and consequently ringers had to be ferried in cars to the Howard Room for tea.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting at which D. Houghton, W. Corn and H. Cottam were elected members. The next meeting will be held at Keysoe on July 3rd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MULTI-METHOD PEALS AND 'FLOATERS'

Dear Sir,—I am confident that, as the umpire, Mr. Segar, says in his report, the recent 42 Surprise Major method peal was a good one.

But surely his general contention that 'it is impossible to ring a bad peal so complicated as this' is open to doubt. In fact, where the band thoroughly know their sequence of lead-ends and the treble ringer is reliable in moments of difficulty (a characteristic of most multi-method spliced peals), it is dangerously easy for one or more ringers who lose their way to flounder on to the next lead-end and there take a firm footing again on dry land. Have not we all heard the rallying cry 'lead-end now'? Hence the curious result that it is often easier to carry a few 'floaters' in the band when ringing Spliced than when ringing, say, Stedman Triples.

Yes, the Yorkshiremen did well to appoint an umpire.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

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WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE

Dear Sir,—Your item of 'Forty Years Ago' was of interest to me, not because I happened to have rung in the peal, but because of the man who is the subject of this item. He certainly was a character, and must have travelled miles in visiting towers to assist in teaching the youngsters. Whenever he attended meetings of any kind he always definitely saw to it that his youngsters had a pull, no matter what the experts said or thought about it.

The peal in question was also a College Youth peal, because the first peal on the bells was by a band of College Youths conducted by Henry W. Haley. I well remember being asked to ring the tenor in this anniversary peal to enable a very important ringer to ring 'inside.' I also remember attending William Weatherstone's funeral at Nunhead cemetery on the afternoon of September 22nd following this peal, and on the following afternoon (Wednesday, September 23rd, 1914) it fell to my lot to call the Original at St. John's, being the only peal rung to his memory.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

TAILORS AND WORKING ON MONDAYS

Dear Sir,—Referring to the peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. John's, Deptford, under the heading of 'Forty Years Ago' in the issue of June 18th, would the reason that the ringer of the treble never worked on Mondays point to the fact that he was a tailor by trade?

I well remember about that period a master tailor, who employed extra seasonal workers in the trade, telling me they would never work on Mondays.

Perhaps some of the older generation would know if William Weatherstone came within this category, and the reason why Monday was treated as a rest day.—Yours sincerely,

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

PEALS AT HARROW

Dear Sir, — The following paragraphs appeared in 'Belfry Gossip' several years ago, probably sent in by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope:

'At the beginning of the nineteenth century there was a number of ringers living at Watford and Rickmansworth who were members of the Society of Cumberland Youths. On April 20th, 1810, they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Harrow, conducted by Daniel Pope.

'The third bell at Harrow-on-the-Hill was cast by W. Whitmore, of Watford, in 1654.'

—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

CHURCH SPIRES

Dear Sir,—The crocketed spire of the Parish Church at Coleshill, Warwickshire, has a heavy weight hung inside. It is a block of stone 24in. by 18in. by 12in. at the end of a 30ft. heavy chain fixed to the base of the weather vane shaft. The steeple was last rebuilt in 1888 by Bodley, of London, but whether the weight was there in previous steeples I cannot find out. A slight pendulum movement is noticeable at all times.

I believe the spire of St. Matthew's, Walsall, has a steel ball hung therein. Would Mr. Young tell us what purpose these weights serve, and why they only appear to be necessary in so few structures.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. RHODES.

Coleshill, Birmingham.

STONE SUSPENDED FROM SPIRE

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. Young's letter of June 11th, I do know of such a stone suspended from the apex of the spire in the manner described, but unfortunately I cannot now remember the name of the tower.

It lies in the south-east corner of Shropshire, well off the main road approaching Wolverhampton. There are six bells. Perhaps the ringers of Pattingham may be able to help.

The weight hangs right down to the base of the spire and, when I was watching it, there was considerable movement.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

WHY NOT CHARGE FOR LETTERS?

Dear Sir,—I have read with great interest the various suggestions for improving the financial position of 'The Ringing World.' A charge for the publication of peal and quarter peal reports appears to be as unpopular as a straight increase in price. What other columns are available for the trumpet blowers to get their names into print? The correspondence page is a favourite. A flat rate fee for each letter would produce a useful revenue but a sliding scale according to length should, in addition, considerably reduce the need for editorial abridgement. There must be many other ways whereby particular sections of the ringing fraternity might be made to bear a larger part of the cost of publication—Yours faithfully,

A. W. T. CLEAVER

Bristol 5.

Note.—If a charge was made for letters the Editor would be constantly returning postal orders. Our letter page is a popular feature with all.—Ed.

PORTSMOUTH'S WELCOME

Dear Sir.—With regard to Portsmouth's welcome for the Royal homecoming it was stated that this was the first occasion that peals have been scored on these two rings on the same day.

I should like to correct this statement. On Whit Monday, June 1st, 1914, when the Central Council met at Winchester, a peal of Bristol Surprise was rung at St. Thomas-a-Becket in the morning, followed by a peal of Superlative Surprise at St. Mary's, Portsea, in the afternoon. The peals were conducted by the late Bertram Prewett and Keith Hart respectively for the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

I am the only surviving member of those bands.—Yours sincerely,

F. R. DENNIS.

Cambridge.

The first attempt for a quarter peal by a Sunday service band was made at Whitchurch, Oxfordshire, on June 15th. Apart from being ringers, three of the band are sidesmen, another a chorister and a parochial church councillor.

EDLESBOROUGH BELLS SILENT FOR 30 YEARS

Dear Sir,—Although we are faced in the village of Edlesborough, Bedfordshire, with an immense Church Restoration Appeal, the total of which may reach £10,000, we have taken the bold step of rehanging the six bells, and the work has just begun. In all it will cost £563, and we embark on this in the belief that our bells, which have not been pealed within the last 30 years, should ring out from a tower that is a landmark for many miles round. It is, however, an act of faith to spend so much on our bells when the fabric of the church still needs urgent attention, and lack of funds has led to a suspension of work.

May I appeal through your columns to all friends of the Exercise to help us in our task, so that this effort to keep faith with the past in the matter of ringing may not set us too far back in the equally pressing duty of restoring a beautiful and historic church.—Yours truly,

DENYS H. JONES.
Vicar of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
Edlesborough.

ANGLER, NOT RINGER!

Dear Sir,—Our old friend T. V. Lister may not be an advanced ringer but I think he is an excellent angler. Whenever he makes a cast into the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' he is assured of numerous bites!—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON

Rodbourne Cheney,
Swindon.

AN OBSERVANT READER

Dear Sir,—Why must we have a **King's** crown at the head of the peals and quarter peals rung in honour of the homecoming of our **Queen**? I am pleased, as I am sure many others are, to see the **Queen's** crowns round the heading of the news items of that day—Yours faithfully,

A. R. BRIDGER.

Theberton, Leiston,
Suffolk.

[Note. — Our printers assure us that these crowns were issued specially for the Coronation and are not old stock. The error seems to be widespread.—Ed.]

Golden Wedding of Mr. Caleb Fenn

His many friends in the Exercise will learn with joy of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Caleb Fenn, of Barking, Essex, who has been steeplekeeper of Barking tower for 58 years and still carries on the good work.

The event was celebrated in the traditional way and also, on June 20th, when 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung by C. Fenn (conductor) 1, A. W. Beard 2, L. S. Woods 3, R. W. Stannard 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, D. W. Beard 6, F. V. Gant 7, E. G. Cottis 8.

Mr. T. G. Morton Married

The marriage of Mr. Terence G. Morton and Miss Patricia M. Bishop took place at St. Peter's Church, Great Berkhamsted, on June 12th. Mr. Morton is the captain of the progressive six-bell tower at St. Mary's, Apsley End, and amongst his achievements as a ringer is a peal in 32 Surprise methods.

Ringers from Apsley End and Hemel Hempstead presented cutlery to Mr. and Mrs. Morton, and an attempt was made on June 14th for a peal in 11 Surprise methods to mark the occasion. The peal failed and the band then rang a quarter peal consisting of 720 Lightfoot and Wearmouth and 720 of Norwich. The band was: R. E. Shutter 1, W. Ayre (cond.) 2, W. J. Puddifoot 3, A. V. Good 4, W. C. Hughes 5, F. J. Plummer 6. B. N. B.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

War Memorial Tablet Unveiled

THE annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at Northampton on Whit Monday was an occasion of more than ordinary importance. During the service at All Saints' Church the Vicar (Canon J. Trevor Lewis) unveiled a tablet over the archway leading to the belfry recording the names of those members who lost their lives in World War II. The tablet is next to another erected in memory of those members of the Northamptonshire Central Association who died in the First World War.

The names engraved are:—O. Filler, E. Griffiths, A. Deacon, R. Smart, H. Fry, A. Morton, A. Humphrey and R. Minney.

Canon Lewis said, 'We shall not forget these men who gave their lives to their country.'

He spoke of the 'goodly fellowship of those who ring bells' and added a great feeling of goodwill and friendship was achieved in the Guild. 'Let nothing spoil that comradeship.'

Tea and the annual business meeting followed the service in the Holy Sepulchre Parish Room. In the absence of the president, the Archdeacon of Northampton (the Ven. C. J. Grimes), the Master (Mr. E. Whitmore) presided.

The officers were re-elected, but both the president and the Master suggested that other names should be nominated for their respective offices next year.

The general secretary (Mr. H. W. Jeffs), in his report, stated that resident members now totalled 1,172, being 11 honorary life members, 86 honorary members and 1,075 ringing members. Elected during the year were 13 honorary and 171 ringing members. A total of 90 had lapsed or left and 14 had died. Free life members now numbered 88. Nine non-resident life members were also elected.

Losses by death were: Messrs. H. Clark (Kettering), A. Henman (Kettering), S. Burditt (Desborough), G. Black (Geddington), B. Bosworth (Benefield), A. Joyce (Peterborough), H. Short (Brigstock), E. Saunders (Twywell), F. Ball (Great Addington), W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), A. Minney (Wollaston).

During the year 61 peals were rung, including nine on handbells. The peal of Wicken Surprise Major, the first ever to be rung in the method, was so named in honour of the parish in which it was rung. Three members of the Towcester Branch took part, and congratulations were extended to all the band.

The general account had not held its own, the balance being £82 1s. against £85 2s. 3d. The Bell Restoration Fund continued to be well supported and had a balance of £439 13s. Grants were made to Rothwell (£15), Edith Weston (£10) and Potterspury (supplementary, £10). Of the old six at Rushden two had been recast and two trebles added and all hung in a new steel frame. The spire also had been restored.

The Master, in his report, called attention to the progress of the Rutland Branch, which had almost doubled its membership. In a tribute to the late Mr. Walter Perkins, a lifelong member of the Irthlingborough Band, the Master stated, 'This tower made history between the wars by ringing peals in a large variety of Surprise Major methods, many of them being conducted by Mr. Perkins. His passing and the passing of all faithful members is deeply regretted.'

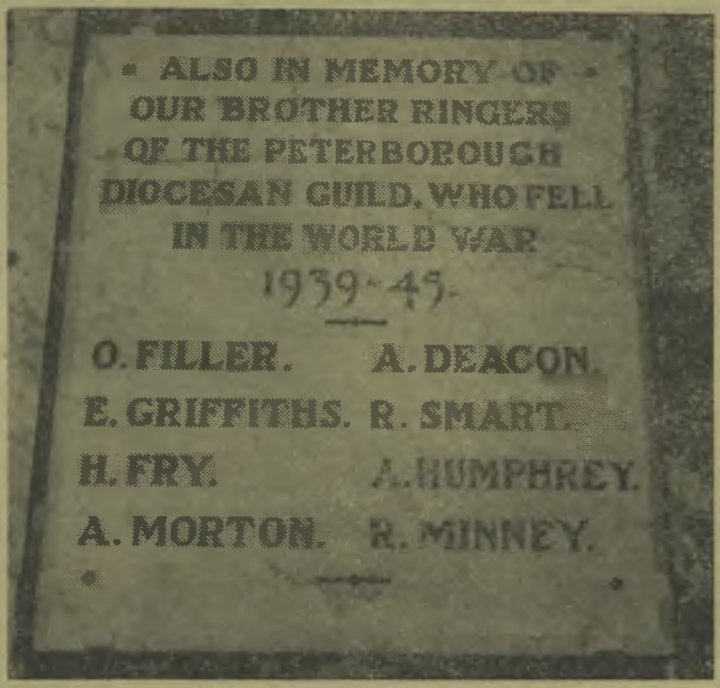
A large number of towers were available for ringing throughout the day.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The recently-augmented eight at St. George's, Barkingside, were visited by the Northern District for their quarterly meeting on June 12th. Although rather loud in the ringing chamber, these bells have a really pleasant tone with a tenor of 10¼ cwt.

The business meeting was held in the belfry of St. Mary's, Woodford, with the Master (Mr. C. A. Hughes) in the chair. New members elected were:— Mr. Stafford Smith (Ilford), Mr. John Brice (Havering), Mr. Battley (West Ham) and Mr. Sidney Stevens (North Weald).

While the striking was not 100 per cent., everyone was well catered for and methods ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise Major.



The memorial tablet unveiled in All Saints' Church, Northampton, to the memory of the eight members of Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bellringers who died in the second world war. It adjoins the memorial to those who fell in the first world war.

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NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

Reedham, a village on the edge of the East Norfolk marshes with a pleasant ring of five, attracted 34 members to the meeting there on May 29th. The tea and meeting which followed the service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. F. Laurence) was held in the open air in the Rectory garden.

Mr. E. R. Goate presided at the business meeting when Pakefield was selected for the meeting on July 17th, with ringing at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, in the evening. Mr. K. L. Brown, branch 'Ringing World' representative, reported on the progress of his efforts.

Votes of thanks included one to Mr. F. B. Petherick, of the local company, for the excellent arrangements.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

North Bucks Branch Golden Jubilee

Over 100 members attended the annual meeting at Newton-Longville on June 5th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the North Bucks Branch, which was started there on June 11th, 1904, by the Rev. F. E. Robinson in conjunction with the Rev. C. Leslie Norris, of Newton-Longville. The following nine members attended the first meeting:—Messrs. B. Fisher, H. Sear, E. Willett, B. Jones, A. Crane, W. Daniels, F. Mynard, F. Vickers and F. Rowe. Mr. E. Yates, 86, of Stony Stratford, was unable to be present owing to an accident.

The Rev. Allan Campbell (Branch chairman) presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master). Mr. W. Hibbert (general secretary) was also present. All the branch officers were re-elected.

In recognition of his 15 years as secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Howson was presented with a testimonial.

The secretary's report stated that membership was a little less and there was a balance of £14. Tea was arranged on the Rectory lawn, where no effort was too great for the Rev. L. C. Butler and his church workers to provide an excellent spread complete with birthday cake with appropriate candles. Owing to a thunderstorm it was necessary to transfer the meal inside.

Eight veteran ringers rang the service touch for which a souvenir service sheet had been prepared by the Master. Six ringing choirmen joined the singers, and a very inspiring address was given by the Rt. Rev. R. M. May, Bishop of Buckingham.

Ringing continued afterwards at several local towers.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The New Master

Mr. R. Davies is the new Master of the Surrey Association in succession to the late Mr. D. Cooper. In the ballot at the special meeting at Croydon on June 19th, he defeated Mr. F. E. Collins, the other nominee. Mr. Collins was, however, appointed liaison officer to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a position which the late Master also held.

The General Committee had been instructed at an earlier meeting to reconsider the rules of the Association and revise as necessary. Their amendments were submitted to the meeting and passed.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the ladies responsible for the tea, the Vicar of St. Peter's, South Croydon (where ringing had taken place during the afternoon), and the Vicar, curate and organist of St. John-the-Baptist for the use of the bells and the service.

Twenty-three Surrey towers were represented.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first recorded visit to Pirton in the 70 years of the Association's existence took place on May 22nd, when 38 members attended this five-bell tower. The Vicar (the Rev. G. B. Ince) in his sermon gave a warning of ringing becoming too much of a hobby and not ringing to the glory of God.

A meat tea was provided by local ringers' wives and at the business meeting Mr. S. Ashton, of Pirton, was elected a ringing member.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' July 3rd, 1914

LEISTON, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 27th, 1914, in 3 hours and 1 minute

At the Church of St. Margaret

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5,120 CHANGES

Tenor 20¼ cwt.

*Wilfred W. Bailey	Treble
Allen F. Bailey	2
Frederick W. Bailey	3
Leonard P. Bailey	4
James M. Bailey	5
Ernest S. Bailey	6
Charles F. Bailey	7
Edgar H. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 16.

[He was the ninth of the brothers to accomplish a peal.]

MILVERTON, SOMERSET

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 11th, 1914, in 2 hours and 51 minutes

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5,040 CHANGES

Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part

William Chapman	Treble
*Fred Norman	2
*Albert Tout	3
Isaac Creed	4
Percy Merson	5
Archibald J. Andrews	6
Robert Scott	7
Henry Norman	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Scott.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

[This is the only peal of Stedman conducted by a resident member of the Milverton tower. Mr. A. Tout is the only living member of that band.]

OBITUARY

MR. J. F. PRIEST

St. Mary's, Woodstock, South Africa, has lost its final link with the beginnings of change ringing in South Africa with the death of Mr. J. F. Priest on June 17th in his 91st year.

Jimmy Priest was born in Essex, and, as a choirboy at Christ Chuch, Wanstead, he taught himself to handle a bell. He joined the Cumberland Youths about 1880 and rang at Woodford, Leyton, Chelmsford, Dunmow, Braintree, Loughton, Limehouse, Stepney and Bow. In July, 1902, at the instigation of his workmate and fellow ringer, L. Green, he came to South Africa. He told me that prior to his departure he took part in a farewell peal by the Cumberland Youths at St. Martin's.

Joining the South African Railways, he retired in 1922, and was proud to be the oldest railway pensioner in the country. His recorded ringing at St. Mary's is not great, but two items are of historical interest:—

December 22nd, 1903: The first science ringing in South Africa, a touch of 720 Bob Minor.

December 15th, 1904: 5,040 Grandsire Triples, the first peal in South Africa, and the only peal of Triples yet scored at St. Mary's.

Of late years confined to bed, he appreciated the occasional visits from members of St. Mary's band, who sent a wreath and rang half-muffled on the evening of the interment.

A. V. S.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob): A. Tuttle 1, J. Church 2, G. Cherry 3, M. Orme 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On June 6th, at 170, Headstone Lane, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. M. Clarke (first quarter on handbells) 1–2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3–4, C. C. Mayne 5–6.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, R. E. Waters 2, Miss M. C. Howe 3, B. J. Graves 4, J. Schofield 5, J. M. G. Anthony 6, C. E. Slade (first as cond.) 1, R. W. Huntley 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8, covering. Commemorating the patronal festival and the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Hugh C. Blackburne. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Huntley 1, R. E. Waters 1, J. Schofield 3, C. W. Simpson (first quarter 'inside') 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, J. M. G. Anthony 6. Commemorating the Coronation of H.M. the Queen.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Old and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Mr. Ridgwell 1, R. Trebibilcock 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Otter 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. First in five methods for all. A farewell to the Rev. H. Cutler, which is leaving the parish.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marlene B. Haynes (first quarter Doubles) 1, B. Saunders 2, C. R. Haynes 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, M. Saunders 5, G. Shellard 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, G. D. Whitehead 2, J. R. G. Spicer 4, G. Perkins 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Triples: E. Lish 1, D. J. Parsons 2, Mrs. C. Cruttenden 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, B. W. White (cond.) 6, E. F. Packham 7, A. Ryman 8. First quarter in method by all. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Lish 1, Miss C. Jupp (first in method 'inside') 2, Mrs. C. Cruttenden 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, E. F. Packham 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, A. Ryman 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE BUCKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Roberta Tunstall (first quarter) 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, S. Taylor (first 'inside') 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. Evans 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, A. H. White (first quarter) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On June 13th, 1,440 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor, on the back six: R. Dixon 1, Miss A. Willes 2, M. Orme 3, M. Collings 4, P. Mehew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. For Trinity Sunday, and as a compliment to Canon J. H. Bailey on his completion of 50 years in the priesthood by ringers from his present and former parishes.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On June 13th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Floyer (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell (first in method) 2, Miss C. Forster-Jones 3, Miss M. Roberts (first in method) 4, E. F. Pryor 5, R. Newman 6, G. F. Bryant 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On June 6th, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On June 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, P. Robinson 2, P. Hollingdale 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, S. A. Hill (cond.) 5, R. A. Cragg 6. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Coronation.

KEYNSHAM, BRISTOL.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty White (first quarter) 1, L. F. Ellis 2, T. Harris 3, Rosemary Cook (first 'inside') 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. C. Day 6, J. W. Owen (cond.) 7, T. Veale 8. For the Queen's homecoming. Also on June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty White 1, Rosemary Cook 2, Jill White (first quarter) 3, T. Harris 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. C. Day 6, J. W. Owen (cond.) 7, Ron Smith (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Betty White.

LESNEWTH, CORNWALL.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Donubles: F. Gilbert 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2 C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, H. Stacey 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dinenage 1, Ann Barr 2, Miss M. Wallace 3, M. Fairey 4, D. W. Barr (cond.) 5. For the festival of Whitsun. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dinenage 1, Miss M. Wallace 2, Ann Barr 3, D. Preece 4, M. Fairey 5, D. W. Barr (cond.) 6. To commemorate D-Day, 10 years ago.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Dyer 1, Lucy Allen 2, G. Seth 3, J. Allen 4, C. Clarke (first as cond.) 5.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On June 17th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Gatenby (first quarter), 1, R. L. Story (first of Grandsire Doubles) 2, A. S. Coulldridge (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Clements (first of Grandsire Doubles) 4 A. G. Farndell (cond., first quarter) 5, R. J. Tingley (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the local band. Rung to celebrate the first Communion of newly-confirmed on the Feast of Corpus Christi, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Average age 17½ years.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Reed (cond.) 1, W. Dyment 2, Miss P. Gaunt 3, R. Rex 4, M. G. Williams 5, F. Lewis 6, G. K. Dodd 7, F. Turner 8. E. Curtis 9, B. Curtis 10. First quarter for 2, 3, 6, 8, and 10.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anita Norris 1, Alice M. Reed 2, Molly Hayes 3, N. Hayes 4, D. Jackson (first quarter) 5, C. Taylor 6, R. A. Reed (cond.) 7, J. L. Dacombe 8. Rung for the dedication by the Bishop of Southampton of three new stained glass windows to replace those damaged by war blast.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on June 13th, 1,440 Doubles (480 each of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. H. Jackson 1, M. H. R. Glover 2, D. N. Nibbet (cond.) 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, J. H. Smart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Kenneth Kirk, Bishop of Oxford.

PORTSMOUTH.—On June 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Banks 1, R. H. Smith (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. D. Harris 3, T. R. Taylor 4, H. A. Nobes 5, R. Baldwin (first in the method) 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On June 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Fielden 1, P. Birkett 2, C. Ellison 3 G. Ingham (first as cond.) 4, D. Taylor 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, S. Blundell 7, S. Longbottom 8. Rung for Sunday School anniversary.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Trinity Sunday, for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Denise Sullivan (first quarter) 1, D. Hewitt 2, Joyce Finn 3, A. Hewitt 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, F. Lord 7, J. Kinnard 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 19th, at St. Mary's Church, Oldswinford, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Swadling (first quarter) 1, R. Moore 2, J. Southall 3, R. Cooper 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, F. V. Nicholls 6, C. Skidmore 7, A. Roden 8. Rung prior to service commemorating the granting of the Charter by King Edward VI. on June 17th, 1552, to King Edward VI. Grammar School, Stourbridge. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith on the sixth anniversary of their wedding day.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Moss 1, G. Barnes 2, F. Erith 3, D. Went (first 'inside') 4, W. Bailey 5, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On June 20th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,261 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. E. Wooldridge (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, H. Collings 3, R. Charge 4, C. D. Nichols 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Howard 8. Rung for Evensong.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On June 2nd, at St. Oswald's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Pamela James (1st of Caters) 1, W. Maughan 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, C. Ford 4, F. Robson 5, Mrs. K. Lawson 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, J. Clouston 8, K. Lawson 9, H. Neilsen 10.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Cracknell (first quarter) 1, W. Short 2, J. Carter 3, F. Wesley 4, B. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6. Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band in memory of the Rt. Rev. K. E. Kirk, Lord Bishop of Oxford

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,296 St. Clement's: D. Staples 1, W. J. Lancefield 2, E. S. Ruck 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton 5, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Rung for Empire Youth service. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, L. C. Smith 2, C. T. Hillis (first 'inside') 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck (cond.) 1, R. J. Carlton 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, L. C. Smith 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield 6. These two quarter were rung by Mr. E. S. Ruck to celebrate his 87th birthday.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Whalley 1, A. Moore 2, Miss R. Snell 3, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 4, P. Whalley 5, W. Massey 6, E. Edge 7, B. Clewlow (first quarter) 8. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Collins 1, S. Ryles 2, W. Massey 3, R. S. Anderson 4, C. Page 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, S. A. Edge 8. Rung for the christening of Edward Charles, son of the secretary, Mr. G. D. Whalley and grandson of the conductor.

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WEDDING

PRICE—COLES. — On June 19th. 1954, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Hillingdon, Frank C. Price, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price, of Feltham, and Sheila Mary May Coles, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, of Hayes. 4692

DEATH

COLLISON.—On June 21st, 1954, at his home, 3, Dale Street, Tunbridge Wells, William Collison passed peacefully away in his 91st year. 4042

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PERSONAL

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Saturday, July 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4622

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stourbridge on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 4632

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meetings, Chippenham (6), July 3rd; Over (8), July 31st; both at 6 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 4668

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, July 3rd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Armstrong, 46, Oval Road South, Dagenham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A combined practice will be held at Dunsfold, Saturday, July 3rd, 6–9 p.m., in lieu of the meeting fixed for this date.—Ron Kenward. 4628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea in St. Christopher's Hall (near police station) 5.30 p.m.—R. G. Bell, Dis. Sec. 4615

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 3rd. — Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 4563

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Marden, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, Vicarage Flat, Marden. 4536

LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Cardiff, Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. John's. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. James' Hall. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: St. John's (10) from 12.45 p.m.; Llandaff Cathedral (10) 2 p.m.–3 p.m.; Penarth (8) and Whitchurch (8) will also be available during the afternoon and evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon. 4608

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Annual at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 4574

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Woodbridge, July 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea only if notified. Important business.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4612

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —75th annual meeting. Winchester, July 3rd. Ringing times: New Alresford (8), Stockbridge (6) 10 to 12, 7 to 9 p.m.; Twyford (8) 10 to 11, 8 to 9 p.m.; Hursley (8) 10 to 11, 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Maurice (6) 1.30 to 2.45, 8 to 9 p.m.; Barton Stacey (6) 7–9 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6 to 8 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. in St. Maurice Church. Tea (2s. 6d.) ONLY for those who notify Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester.—F. W. Rogers, Gen. Sec. 4614

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, July 5th, 7 p.m. 4655

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Earlsheaton, July 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than July 7th, Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4683

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigott, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Frome. 4636

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wellow (6) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 4691

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Annual meeting at Hutton Cranswick on July 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 7th, to the Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick. 4680

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—St. Mary's, Alderley, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, early, please, to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street. 4652

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Kentisbeare, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by July 4th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4605

DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL.—Blandford, Saturday, July 10th. Tower opens at 2 p.m. Service 4.30; preacher, Rev. A. Bryant. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify, by July 5th, Town Clerk, Blandford. 4649

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by July 8th, to S. Hewitt, 36, Hartington Road, Cullercoats. 4682

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Brancepeth, Saturday, July 10th, 2.30 p.m. Ringers please bring own food; cups of tea provided. —D. R. Airey. 4664

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turner's Hill (8), July 10th. Names to Ivan Butcher, East Bungalow, Mount Noddy, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 4662

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4673

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch (6), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Coach will leave Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, 1.30 p.m. Those requiring coach and/or tea please notify A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4618

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Frampton-on-Severn, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 7th.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Glos. 4654

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), July 10th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 4675

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (8), Saturday, July 10th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. Note that the Four Guilds' Festival in the Basingstoke area is now on August 28th, not 21st, as on District meeting cards.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 4651

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Flamstead (6), July 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts. 4689

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Boughton, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, to Mr. H. Ford, 1, North Lane, South Street, Faversham, not later than Tuesday, July 6th. Free conveyance from church to tea room and back. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. This meeting will celebrate the 1,350 years' history and 27th jubilee of the Rochester Diocese, and a warm invitation is extended to everyone. To ensure effective arrangements please send names or numbers to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Langdale. Holy Trinity, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Birkett, Brae Garth, Elter Water, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4684

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Practice meeting at Saviour's, Deane Road, Bolton, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2–5 p.m. Eight bells (20 cwt.). Three hours' practice only. All welcome.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4656

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided by local ringers. Times of service, tea and meeting will be notified later.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4658

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, July 10th. Preston-Chorley main road. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 4648

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale. July 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Practice method: Cambridge. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 4641

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone on Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Aylestone Boathouse. Please send names, by Tuesday, July 6th, to J. Bennett, 41, Valence Road, Leicester. 4674

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, North Kilworth, July 10th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4672

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurmaston, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, at 5 p.m., to Mr. H Morton, 13, Forest Avenue, Thurmaston. 4669

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting of Lincoln District, Eastern Branch, and Elloe Deaneries, at Heckington (8), on Saturday, July 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4640

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting to be held at Gaywood, July 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers and friends welcome. Names and numbers to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 4681

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Ambrosden bells during evening. Names for tea to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4637

RINGING FESTIVAL at Shrewsbury, July 10th, arranged jointly by the Shropshire Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Powerstock, July 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by July 5th, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 4677

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, July 10th. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 2.15 and 3.45. Lincolnshire from East Retford Church at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by 6th, to Mr. A. Crawford, Rampton, Retford.—H. Denman. 4679

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, July 10th. Bells (10) at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea not later than July 6th.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 4670

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Blaxhall, July 10th, 2.30 p.m. Tunstall 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. 4685

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Thakeham (6), July 10th, 2.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4663

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Basingstoke and Newbury Branches to be held at Thatcham on July 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 7th to Mrs. A. D. Cooper, 35, Henwick Lane, Thatcham, Newbury. 4606

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherfield English on July 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by July 5th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 4665

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Street, Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 13th. —William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 4661

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Capel, July 17th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5 (The King's Head). Numbers for same, by July 16th, to Mrs. Tullett, Baker's Cottage. It is hoped to have Oakley or Newdigate bells also available. 4666

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Bosworth on July 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 sharp. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Central Cafe. Names, please, by Wednesday, 14th, to Mr. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. General committee meeting, Cathedral, Thursday, 15th, at 7.30. —W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting, Sulgrave, on Saturday, July 17th. Service 3.30. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretaries not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham, or A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 4653

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Deeping, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea **essential** by July 13th, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 4633

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 17th, Wilton. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. South Newton (6) after meeting. Names for tea by 13th, please.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 4671

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Twickenham, July 17th. Service 4.45, St. Mary's. Tea 5.15, St. Mary's Hall. Names, please, by previous Monday, to Miss P. Russell, 15, Craneford Way, Twickenham. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4.45 and after tea; All Hallows' (10), 2.15 to 4.15 and after tea. Both towers within easy reach of Twickenham Junction (S.R.)—P. N. Bond and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 4676

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival, St. Columb Major, Saturday, July 17th, 2.30. Service 4.30, St. Columb, followed by tea. Bells: St. Columb (8), St. Enoder (8), St. Wenn (6), St. Mawgan (8), St. Eval (6), Little Petherick (6), Withiel (6). Replies by Monday, July 12th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 4660

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Chawton (6), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 2.30. Tour of Jane Austen's house 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Grey Friar. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea, by 14th, to C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4659

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of William J. Eldred memorial plate and Coronation peal board will take place at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Tuesday, July 13th, at 7.30 p.m., followed by ringing. 4690

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Heydour (8), July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 4678

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LEANING TOWERS

THE average layman with a remote knowledge of bells and bell hanging, which quite often includes diocesan architects (as was instanced at the Central Council meeting at Newcastle), generally shudders at the thought of bells hung other than stationary in leaning towers.

Yet up and down the countryside quite a few examples of leaning towers and steeples with bells hung for ringing can be pin-pointed—the best known possibly being Surfleet, Lincolnshire, whose steeple leans no less than 6ft. 4in. from the perpendicular, under which is quicksilt 4ft. below its foundations; that alone would send some architects and church dignitaries screaming 'suicide' to hang ringable bells in such a steeple, especially a ring of 12 bells. Admittedly these are light, but very often one can come across perfectly upright structures, whose walls are thick, of good solid stone, with perhaps no more than three bells —lighter than the last three of Surfleet—where any suggestion of restoration and augmentation raises the 'cry' from the local priest or church council, 'The tower won't stand bells!' What size of bells are they thinking of? —possibly all like 'Big Ben'—is a question to ask them.

I came across such an instance in North Bedfordshire a few weeks ago—a fine broach steeple, perfectly upright, thick well-buttressed walls with hardly a decayed stone. Inside there were but three bells, tenor approximately 9 cwt., but there was space enough to hang eight like the back eight of Surfleet, tenor around 12 cwt. An old oak frame, full of woodworm and death-watch beetle, bore the strain of these three bells. 'The steeple won't stand any more bells' I was told by the local priest, who soon convinced me that his knowledge of the subject was extremely limited.

The instance of Surfleet makes good 'ammunition' for use to such priests, architects and others of like mind. Surfleet's neighbour, Pinchbeck, is another leaning tower which, like Surfleet, has undergone restoration and augmentation of its bells in recent years. Here there is a ring of eight, tenor 18 cwt.

Several leaning towers with rings of bells will be found in Northants. The steeple at Corby has leaned since 1801 when it had four bells, which remained as such until 1931. In that year two more were added. Brafield tower also has leaned for several centuries; five bells here were recently augmented to a ring of six. On the same road some four miles further towards Bedford, the leaning tower of Yardley Hastings cannot help but catch the eye. It tips towards the south-west and looks on the skew. Six bells, tenor 13 cwt., have been ringing in this tower since 1723.

In the vicinity of Daventry is Stowe-IX-Churches, a village which gets its name by reason of standing on high ground within view of nine churches. Four bells, rehung 1924, have been ringing in this leaning tower for many years, but this is another instance of a few 'wet blankets' being allowed to hamper any attempt to add a treble, of which the tower is quite capable of standing.

Slides or film strips showing these and similar towers, including the wooden structure at Yateley, Hants, with eight bells, or the turret at Foots Cray, Kent, with a light ring of five, may serve to broaden the outlook of some of these, be they priests, church councillors or architects with a very limited knowledge of bells. I believe it was the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith who once said, 'It by no means follows that because a man can design a jerry-built structure of a modern church he can hang a ring of bells—bell hanging is not an architect's job, it is an engineer's, and specialised at that!' And the Central Council's Towers and Belfries Committee can provide the specialist knowledge for any church council in doubt.

P. A.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' July 10th, 1914

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE

The Worcestershire and Districts Association

On Thursday, June 25th, 1914, in 2 hours and 52 minutes

At the Parish Church

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES

Edwin Knight	... ...	Treble
Lewis Sparrow	... ...	2
Augustus Dore	... ...	3
William Sparrow	... ...	4
James Addis ...	... ...	5
Charles Knight	... ...	6
Frank Cook ...	... ...	7
William Keen	... ...	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Cook

All of the band are market gardeners.

[Probably the only peal of which this could be said.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

FREDK. G. LEAKER	*Treble*	GILBERT H. HARDING	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	SIDNEY G. RICHES	8
REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	ALAN A. HILLIAR	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	10
*MRS. D. G. MAYELL	5	*ROGER O. FRY	11
*DESMOND G. MAYELL	6	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal on twelve as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(St. Mary's Society.)
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ALFRED J. CLAYTON	*Treble*	†STEWART F. W. KIMBER	6
*EDWARD L. REECE	2	FRANK E. DARBY	7
†JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER	3	DAVID E. PARSONS	8
†KATHLEEN E. WELLER	4	FRANK D. JENNINGS	9
JOYCE A. ENGLAND	5	LEONARD A. REECE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	BASIL W. WHITE	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	7
ALBERT W. BOND	3	*W. LESLIE WELLER	8
*GEORGE FRANCIS	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	9
LEONARD STILWELL	5	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

GILLIAN A. SMITH	*Treble*	*CHARLES TOVELL	6
TOM GREENACRE	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON	8
*EDWARD GREENACRE	4	PETER BORDER	9
CECIL V. EBBERSON	5	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal on ten bells.
Specially arranged and rung in connection with a pageant celebrating the 750th anniversary of the King's Lynn Charter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Treble*	PETER CARTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	6
BETTY M. VIDLER	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
*BETTY TESTER	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the return of H.M. the Queen.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*PETER G. DAVIES	*Treble*	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
†M. ANGELA CARTER	2	KILBY R. HOLTOM	6
AUDREY M. BAILEY	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Major and first peal in the method. † 25th peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4¼ cwt.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY HARPER	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	PHILIP WALKER	6
WALTER HOLLOWAY	3	CYRIL H. KINCH	7
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. Kirk, Bishop of Oxford, and of Mrs. Wood, wife of the Vicar of St. Ebbe's.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., June 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5152 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's E65/3).

LOUGHBOROUGH
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

RALPH ELKINGTON	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

ELTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY J. HURRELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	5
†MARION E. HUNT	2	FREDERICK J. HURRELL	6
BERTIE ALDRIDGE	3	ERNEST B. CROWDER	7
GEORGE H. DAYNES	4	JIM HURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.
Rung as a farewell to Miss M. E. Hunt, of Melksham, Wiltshire, on leaving Avery Hill College to take a teaching post at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset. Also a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hurrell.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 1. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	HORACE O. OVER	7
SAMUEL H. CHAPMAN	4	BRIAN A. WILDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the Patronal Festival. A birthday compliment to Margaret E. L. Beamish.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 TWICKENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
*THOMAS J. LOCK	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 350th peal.
The first peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	*MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	§ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole on her birthday.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT W. HINDE	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
FREDERICK R. EVANS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
*ARTHUR G. WATKIN	4	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Stedman on a working bell. Mr. D. H. B. Millward has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALFRED LOCKWOOD	*Treble*	LESLIE FORSTER	5
BERTIE CHILVERS	2	†FRANK STERRY	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	ARTHUR E. COOK	7
OLIVER G. BARNARD	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK STERRY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
JOHN SCOTT	3	HENRY PARKER	7
VICTOR NEAL	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
*CLIVE M. SMITH	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	*JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Yorkshire. A birthday compliment to Frank E. Haynes.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	JOHN E. TURLEY	5
JOAN HOODLESS	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	BRIAN BUSWELL	7
PERCY E. BALL	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
First peal on the bells by the Guild.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,472 of Lincolnshire, 2,176 of Yorkshire and 1,408 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Treble*	*RALPH BEAUMONT	5
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	2	*ROBERT E. MOULDS	6
*GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	*J. HENRY FIELDEN	7
*JOHN F. BRYANT	4	†VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Spliced Surprise away from treble, and first peal of Spliced as conductor. The first peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	*BENJAMIN J. WILLIAMS	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
ALBERT J. PITMAN	4	EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
*First peal in th method. First peal of Stedman on the bells, which were augmented to eight in 1867, and first peal of Stedman for the Guild.

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SIX BELL PEALS

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Stella Hughes	*Treble*	George W. Hughes ..	4
Christopher Wallater..	2	Maurice G. Turner ..	5
John R. Joyner	3	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.

* First peal in the method and of Minor. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Frederick A. Munday ..	*Treble*	E. John Wells	4
*Alan Pendlebury	2	T. Mark White	5
John R. Cooper	3	Jack R. Worrall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.

* First peal of Surprise.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*Tony Wooton	*Treble*	Frederick C. Case ..	4
K. Mary Cowley	2	*John Chambers	5
Edwin R. Lambert ..	3	William A. Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Yates.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HARTLIP, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Trevor A. Cross	*Treble*	Albert Dunk	4
Harry Springate	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Edward C. Barton	3	George Kenward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.

25th peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Dunk, wife of the ringer of the 4th.

ODIHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in eight methods: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Ann M. Cox	*Treble*	Roland W. Morant ..	4
*†Eileen M. Turner ..	2	*E. John Wells	5
Ralph Bird	3	A. Patrick Cannon ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal in eight methods. † 25th peal, and all with E. John Wells. The first peal on these bells since 1913.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Notts District.)
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, London Scholars Treble Bob, Sandal Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Marion Bradley	*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
Katherine Burchnall ..	2	Doreen Armstrong	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Frank Bradley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bradley.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt.

Joseph W. Bailey	*Treble*	John G. Ames	4
Stanley E. Bennett ..	2	Ronald Padley	5
Ronald C. Noon	3	Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.

Joseph W. Bailey has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Richard Smith	*Treble*	Adrian J. Tumber	4
*Dorothy G. Smith ..	2	†Betty J. Daysh	5
Beryl R. Pittaway ..	3	J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Cecil Hinton	*Treble*	William J. Chester ..	4
*Barry Saunders	2	William A. Yates	5
Montague Saunders ..	3	George Shellard	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Yates.

* First peal in three methods.
Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., June 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being eight differently called Morris's 240's, 10 different extents, and eight differently called Pitman's 240's. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*John B. Dinenage	*Treble*	Clive M. Smith	4
Jeffrey B. Webb	2	David W. Barr	5
Michael W. Fairey ..	3	†Colin J. Gall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal away from the tenor, and first peal in the method. † First peal. David W. Barr now 'completes the circle.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., June 16, 1954, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and College, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan E. Pedler	1—2	Enid Lloyd-Roberts ..	3—4
		David J. Marshall ..	5—6

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

The first handbell peal in five methods by all, and for the Society. An engagement compliment to Mary Kennelly and Frank Mack, former officers of the Society.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sun., June 20, 1954, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
At the Belfry of the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Michael T. Sprackling ..	1—2	Alan E. Pedler	3—4
		David J. Marshall ..	5—6

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First handbell peal. The Society's first peal by an all-male band.

OBITUARY

MR. F. J. RUSSELL

Mr. Frederick Joseph Russell, of 49, Ray Mill Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, Ringing Master at St. Michael's Church, Bray, for 30 years, died at his mother's home at Bray on June 17th. He was 57. For six months he had been seriously ill and had a major head operation in St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, in January.

Fred Russell had followed a tradition of bell-ringing at Bray which began in his family four generations ago. He rang there for 45 years. His father was towerkeeper and a ringer for over 50 years. He taught scores of young people the art of change ringing and was always proud to recount the history of Bray's bells, which have rung out over the village for nearly four centuries.

In his younger days he was a peal ringer, but his first concern was always ringing for Sunday services. Undoubtedly the peal of which he was most proud was the one he conducted at Bray on VE-Day when all the ringers were people he had taught himself.

Mr. Russell was a member of the Cumberland Youths. To the people of Maidenhead and district he was better known as an expert handbell ringer. With his brother, Harry, he astonished party and concert audiences by ringing tunes with three bells in each hand. Five years ago they broadcast in the B.B.C. programme, Opportunity Knocks.

Mr. Russell was maintenance engineer at Electrical Press, Maidenhead. He leaves six children. Mrs. Russell died four years ago.

The day before Mr. Russell's funeral, his body was taken into Bray Church, and eight ringers whom he had taught rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. They were: Gladys Rolls (sister) 1, Richard Lidbury 2, Malcolm Upstone (nephew) 3, Betty Gregory 4, Diana Spice 5, Doreen Hague 6, Peter Aslett 7, John Norsworthy 8.

MR. A. S. TOMKINS

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Alfred S. Tomkins, of Bredenbury, Herefordshire, who died in Hereford General Hospital on June 18th while undergoing a serious operation.

Mr. Tomkins, aged 78 years, was Bredenbury parish clerk for over 50 years. He was also the village sub-postmaster, carpenter, builder and undertaker, and such was his kindliness and ever ready to help spirit that in this quiet village life he became one of the central figures.

But it was to his church and the ten rectors he served that he saw his duty. In the regular and punctual service ringing in the tower, in his unfailing and enthusiastic attendance at the services, in the leisure hours devoted to the neatness of the churchyard—there was the testimony of his faith.

'Alf' to his own generation, 'The Foreman' to the generations after, was the only secretary of the Bromyard District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild since its formation 35 years ago. He was always delighted and pleased at the good attendances at the district's meetings which his sincere welcome and interest to young and old helped to foster. He will be hard to replace, and there will never be another just like 'The Foreman.'

In the quiet and peace of this lovely part of Herefordshire a large attendance of parishioners and ringers filled the church and overflowed into the churchyard at his funeral on June 22nd. Carried on the shoulders of his own ringers and friends, he was taken into the church for his last service.

The service and committal were conducted by the Archdeacon of Hereford, the Ven. A. J. Winnington-Ingram, assisted by the secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. W. R. Thomas. T. C.

MR. JAMES L. SMITH

The South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association have lost a former Ringing Master by the death of Mr. James L. Smith, of Lydney, Glos.

He came to Lydney about 1942 as gardener to Lord Bledisloe, having previously been a prominent member of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch. He will be remembered for his work among learners and the formation of his band of handbell ringers. At the meeting of the South Forest Branch at Clearwell on June 26th the vice-chairman (the Rev. H. H. F. Heal) spoke of Mr. Smith and the late Mr. J. W. Davies as great churchmen and great ringers.

MEMORIAL TO MR. H. SCOFFIN

During a pause in ringing for evensong at St. Wilfrid's Church, Alford, Lincs, on June 20th, the Vicar (the Rev. P. E. Mann) received from the ringers and dedicated a memorial in memory of their late captain, Mr. H. Scoffin.

The memorial in the form of a wall plaque is of English brown oak and bears the carved inscription: 'In proud memory of Harry Scoffin, a ringer in this tower for 55 years. Died September 12th, 1953.'

Beneath the inscription is a framed copy of a peal card commemorating Mr. Scoffin's one and only full peal, which he rang in Alford at the age of 64.

Mr. L. Slack, handicraft master at the Secondary Modern School, designed and carried out the work in accordance with the wishes of his fellow-ringers.

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IRISH ASSOCIATION

Action Over Recorded Bells

A proprosal to invite the Central Council to hold its meeting in Ireland in 1958 was adopted at the annual meeting of the Irish Association held at Dublin on May 28th. Before an official invitation is issued the Districts are to be communicated with to ascertain what support would be forthcoming. The year 1958 will be the 60th anniversary of the Association's foundation.

Mr. W. Pratt (president) was in the chair. The officers elected were President, Mr. W. Pratt; Master and librarian, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C.: general secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; auditors, Messrs. W. Boveniger and R. W. Smyth; badge secretary, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody; 'Irish Bell News' Editorial Committee, Mr. F. E. Dukes (editor), Miss J. Stewart, Mr. G. Bingham and Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

The report of the 'Irish Bell News' showed that it was in a healthy state, with a circulation of over 200 copies.

Mr. Griffith E. Jones was elected a life member in recognition of his services in the cause of ringing in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Crayford, Kent, were unanimously elected non-resident life members (honorary).

Three resolutions regarding recorded bells were considered and adopted as follows, the general secretary being instructed to send copies of the first to the leaders of the various Church bodies:—

(a) 'That this Association is concerned at the number of recorded bell installations which have been and are being installed in place of proper bells in the various churches in Ireland, on the ground that "live" bells, when rung, are superior to those recorded.'

(b) 'That each affiliated tower of this Association be requested to refuse permission for their bells to be recorded where it is known that such recordings are to be used in connection with recorded bell apparatus for the purpose of summoning people in worship in God's house.'

(c) 'That the Central Council members of this Association be instructed to support any resolution which may be brought before the Council meeting at Newcastle in condemnation of such recorded bell apparatus, as referred to in above resolutions.'

A contribution was made towards the oak case for the Central Council Roll of Honour in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The Central Council circular re 'The Ringing World' was read and it was decided that the Association should purchase a copy (postal) for the library. The District secretaries reported on their efforts to increase the sale of the journal. Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody were appointed correspondents for Republic and Northern Ireland respectively.

The annual contest for the Murphy Cup was held earlier in the day at St. George's Church, Dublin. Kilbroney, a six-bell band from Rostrevor, County Down, won the trophy for the first time.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

Meeting at Chudleigh

The Mid-Devon and South-West Branches held a successful joint meeting at Chudleigh on June 19th.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, after tea at the Clifford Arms Hotel. Subsequently hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the church authorities for the use of the bells. Mr. A. Collins, of Chudleigh, suitably replied.

The Mid-Devon annual meeting at Nottery will be held on July 17th instead of the 24th. Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, were elected non-resident members.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

Members from all parts of the Diocese attended the annual meeting of the St. David's Guild, held at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on June 19th.

Just before the service the president, the Lord Bishop of St. David's, arrived and went up to the ringing chamber amongst his ringers. His visit was much appreciated as the presence of the clergy means quite a lot to ringers.

The Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) officiated at the service and the address was given by the Lord Bishop in which he pointed out the part the ringers played for God and the Church, and how the sound of the bells reminded those who were in any way afflicted or distressed and who could not attend church to worship.

After the service the ringers were entertained to a very nice tea at the Shire Hall where 70 members enjoyed themselves.

The Lord Bishop kindly presided and opened the meeting with a prayer. A tribute of respect was paid to Mr. Fred Harton, of Burry Port, who had passed on since the last meeting. The custom of ringing handbells at all meeting of the Guild was observed. All the officers were re-elected for another twelve months. For the office of Ringing Master which must be changed every year, Mr. W. J. Harris, of Llanbadarn Fawr was appointed. A special appeal was made to members to buy 'The Ringing World.'

After a discussion on a few minor items the business meeting ended with a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund which realised the sum of £2 2s. 6d. A very pleasing statement by the Bishop on his attitude towards synthetic bells brought very loud applause. 'There must be no imitation in our churches,' he emphasised.

Mr. Humphreys, of Pembroke, proposed the vote of thanks, mentioning the Archdeacon of Carmarthen for officiating at the service and providing the tea, the ladies who waited at tea, and also to the organist. The Bishop was also warmly thanked for presiding and for his fatherly guidance. His invitation to the Guild to hold their next annual meeting at the Palace in 1955 was accepted with acclamation.

Halifax and District Association

Four towers—Meltham, Friezland, Silkstone and Shelley—entered for the six-bell contest on June 26th, which was won by Friezland with five penalties and 54 faults. The judge, Mr. H. Roberts, commented that ringing had been below standard all day and Silkstone and Shelley rang with the bells too high. The test was 600 changes.

Friezland received the silver cup, and each man a chrome tea caddy.

At the annual meeting the officers were re-elected and a bank balance of £20 3s. 4d. reported.

Norwich Diocesan Association

At the meeting of the West Norfolk Branch at Castleacre on May 29th Mr. Norman Harding reported that a plaque to the memory of the late Mr. W. Eldred, who was for 25 years secretary of the Branch, was being made and would be hung in St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn. Donations from ringers for this plaque should be sent to Mr. N. Harding, Roydon, King's Lynn.

Mr. Ebberson spoke of the value of 'The Ringing World' to the Exercise in uniting all ringers into one colossal family, and, following discussion, a resolution was carried that all ringers should consider becoming postal subscribers to the journal.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dersingham, and Gaywood was selected for an interim meeting on July 10th.

'TOWERS & BELLS OF BRITAIN'

A New Book by Ernest Morris

The new book by Ernest Morris, of Leicester, under the above title, is now in an advanced state of preparation for publication later this year. The publishers, Robert Hale, Ltd., of London, write in their prospectus of new books about to be published:—

'Architects have written on church towers and spires, and campanologists on bells; but rarely, if ever, have the two intimately related subjects been considered together. Here is a well-known bellringer and acknowledged authority on that art in all its phases, who has made a special study of church towers and their history, describes many little-known facts about the peculiar characteristics of bell towers—and many are distinctly odd. Giving examples of all the varying types and designs, Mr. Morris has written a fascinating book for all who ever wished to climb a bell chamber.'

A preface has been written by Mr. G. Arnold Cope, M.C., F.R.I.B.A., and an attractive 'jacket' designed by Cecil Dunford. The book will be fully illustrated with photos of the various types to towers. Mr. Ernest Morris' earlier books—'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' 'Legends o' the Bells,' 'Bells of All Nations'—have all been sold with the exception of a few copies of the last-named, which can only be obtained from the author.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Wigan Branch

It is the usual practice of the Wigan Branch to visit country towers for the summer meetings and the choice of Halsall Church, which is a fine example of Early English architecture, between Ormskirk and Southport, was a happy selection. The sanctus bell in this church was salvaged from the wreck of a Spanish galleon which sailed with the Armada and went aground off Ainsdale.

For many years Halsall had a resident band able to ring peals in several Minor methods. At present the older members of the band include three conductors—Mr. Arthur Mawdesley, Mr. C. Ackers and Mrs. Helen Parker. At the other end of the scale are several teenagers who can give a good account of themselves. With such a band, service ringing is good and regular.

At the meeting ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor and Oswald Delight (a Branch favourite). Mention must also be made of the service, the warm welcome given by the curate in the absence of the Rector, and the usual sumptuous tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Despite the very rainy day there was an attendance of 51 at the Northern District meeting at Great Bardfield on June 12th. A cordial welcome was extended by the Vicar (the Rev. R. O. Masheder) at the service. Local ringers, their wives and friends had prepared a splendid tea.

Before the business meeting members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. S. Vaughan Pearce, of Witham, an honorary member.

Miss H. G. Snowden, District Ringing Master, presided, and the business included the election of eleven new members, eight being probationers from Rayne, who are being taught by the Stebbing ringers.

The chairman reported on the Central Council meeting, and Mr. Pratt on the Association's annual meeting at Chelmsford. Arising from the discussion Mr. A. R. Elliott, of 4, Easterford Road, Kelvedon, was appointed 'Ringing World' representative.

Stisted was chosen for the next meeting in August.

ASHTEAD, SURREY

Ashtead ringers with a few friends from Leatherhead and Epsom had an outing in the Thames Valley on June 5th. Altogether it was a happy day and very good experience to a band consisting almost entirely of 'improvers' in the art.

Ringing took place at Egham, Old Windsor (where ringing was interrupted for a wedding), Binfield (the only six-bell tower of the day), Wraysbury (where the long draught found out the weakness of many of the visitors), St. Mary's, Staines, and Sunbury.

DORCHESTER

Four towers were visited on June 12th in the half-day outing of the Dorchester St. Peter's Society and friends, the party totalling 26. Three heavy towers—Crewkerne (22 cwt.), South Petherton (25 cwt.) and Martock (25 cwt.)—were selected and, as a contrast, the tiny six-bell tower of Evershot (7 cwt.). Ringing was in the four standard methods. The cordial welcome received at each tower was much appreciated.

SILSOE, BEDS

The Peak District of Derbyshire was an ambitious outing of Silsoe ringers, representing six towers on May 22nd. Towers visited were Christ Church, Burbage (where Spliced Surprise methods are rung for service touches); St. John-the-Baptist, Tideswell (the 'Cathedral of the Peak'); St. Lawrence's, Eyam (a light six with a ground floor pull); St. Giles', Great Longstone; and St. Peter's, Edensor (a lofty steeple and the hardest pull of the day).

On the return journey everyone was impressed by the magnificent scenery which had been veiled during the morning. The co-operation of local ringers and incumbents was much appreciated. Without their help the outing would have been impossible.

OUTINGS

OTTERSHAW, SURREY

Ringers and friends of Christ Church, Ottershaw, assembled at the Otter for a 7.30 a.m. start to their outing into Hants and Berks. At Deane, the first stop, during 120 Grandsire Doubles, the treble ceased to function. The Rector climbed aloft and found the stay firmly wedged under the frame. Apparently he had recently fitted a new stay but had only been able to get one bolt through and this had worked loose. A hefty kick by the Rector released it, and further ringing was enjoyed minus the offending stay.

The rest of the day's ringing was uneventful and periods of three-quarters of an hour were spent at the following churches:—St. Peter's, Over Wallop; The Ascension, Burghclere; St. Mary's, Shaw; and St. Mary's, Burghfield, where, with the help of some touring Worcester ringers, Cambridge was rung.

Mr. Bob Andrews was thanked and commended for such a successful outing. In his reply he asked for a collection to be made towards 'The Ringing World' funds, which resulted in a princely sum of 30s.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM

Whitchurch ringers, accompanied by ringers from Porthkerry, Bedwellty, St. Mellons, Radyr, Rumney and Cardiff, visited the Forest of Dean on June 19th. The bells at Hewelsfield, St. Briavels, Littledean and Tidenham were rung. It was a lovely day and despite the coach driver getting lost in the Forest all enjoyed themselves. The veteran of the party, Joe Bailey (82), rang in each tower, and George Whittington, who sang in Hewelsfield Church choir over 50 years ago, would have taken the old yew tree home with him if he could have got it into the coach!

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS

Eagerly awaited by a party of ringers from Bedfordshire led by Ron Sharp, June 19th dawned at last (we saw it!) and by 5.35 a.m. the last of four cars had left for Queen Camel. London and Cambridge sounded wonderful on the glorious six around 10.30. The time for ringing at Yeovil was somewhat restricted because of the deplorable tradition that the bride should be late. Nevertheless we enjoyed the privilege of ringing Caters there with Tom Setter. After lunch the convoy turned towards the Mecca of tenormen — Sherborne Abbey — where Yorkshire was very creditably rung.

The bells of Ditcheat, famed for their excellence, recalled to four of the party a near-perfect peal of Superlative rung there nearly two years ago, and although a touch of Spliced wouldn't go on this occasion, none could fail to enjoy the bells or the tea which followed. A considerable journey was made to reach Westbury, our last tower, where we were joined by Mr. Joe Dyke. Yorkshire was rung first, followed by Stedman, etc., but the best on these magnificent bells was destined to be the last touch of the day—Spliced Surprise.

The thanks of the party are due to Ron Sharp for his excellent organisation. P. I. C.

WHIT MONDAY IN MID-KENT

Arranged by Mr. Fred Rye, 33 ringers and friends from Walmer, Great Mongeham, Ringwould and Dover had an outing in Mid-Kent on Whit Monday.

Towers visited were St. Mary's, Chilham; St. John-the-Baptist, Harrietsham; All Saints', Maidstone (the first 10-bell tower for many of the party); SS. Peter and Paul's, Headcorn (best ringing of the day), Tenterden and St. Nicholas', Newington. The day concluded with a visit to the theatre at Folkestone.

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The peal at Eltham on June 19th is believed to be the first peal of Holt's Original to be rung with three generations of College Youths standing in. It was the first of this composition by Mr. E. B. Crowder, the conductor, for 24 years, he having been away from ringing for 20 years.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The accomplishment of Mr. A. G. Watkin of ringing his first peal of Stedman on a working bell at Buckley, Flintshire, is a very different experience from that of his father. The latter made no less than 36 unsuccessful attempts with the late Mr. R. Sperring and declined to stand in the 37th, which proved successful.

Two ringers in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, have now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. They are Mrs. D. G. Mayell, of Brentwood, Essex, and Mr. Roger O. Fry, of Bath.

Mr. Ronald C. Noon has been appointed 'Ringing World' correspondent to the Elloe Deaneries Branch, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and Mr. G. Dodds for the St. Albans District, Herts County Association.

The ringer of the seventh in the quarter peal of Cambridge Major at Harlow Common on May 23rd was Peter Bond and not Peter Came as stated. Our correspondent sends his apologies to all concerned.

Mr. E. Alexander Young desires to thank those ringing friends who have informed him of the location of spires with hanging weights, as requested in his letter of a month ago. The list is one Irish and 11 English. There are probably several others.

King's Lynn staged a pageant to celebrate the 750th anniversary of the granting of the Charter to the Borough. The distant sound of the bells concluding a peal of Plain Bob Royal was an appropriate and much appreciated background to the first episode of the pageant.

For change ringing, Ticehurst ringers have to visit nearby towers. For the first time, on June 29th, three of their members rang a peal in their own tower. In accomplishing this performance they would like to express their gratitude to the towerkeepers and ringers of Wadhurst and Hawkhurst for their help.

The band who rang the peal of Spliced Surprise at Queensbury on June 28th would like to associate with the peal the name of Mr. William Ambler. As the pioneer of Surprise ringing in this district and leader at Queensbury until indifferent health curtailed his activities, he laid the foundations of the ringing of the majority of the band, who come from Halifax.

Mr. L. Stilwell, by ringing the fifth to a peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, on June 26th, has 'completed the circle.' This is the 12th tower in which he has accomplished this feat.

A correspondent informs us that a peal of Rochester Surprise Major was rung at Southport on April 8th, 1950. The footnote on page 370 needs amending.

There was a peal rung at Upper Gravenhurst, Beds, for the Coronation. The claim of a 'first on the bells' on page 374, writes a correspondent, cannot be substantiated.

While Willesden Regatta at the Welsh Harp was being televised on June 25th, the bells of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, situated about a mile away, were clearly heard by viewers.

The ringers who took part in the peal at Sittingbourne on June 20th would like to congratulate Mr. J. E. Grensted on his faultless performance, it being his first peal for 46 years. He has recently returned to England after spending 45 years in Canada.

In the ringing chamber of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, is a black and white scarf assumed to have been left there by one of the party of the Ancient Society of College Youths who visited Leicester on May 8th. The claimant is asked to communicate with Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester, who would be pleased to send on the scarf.

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PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Peals Analysis Committee, in submitting their report for 1953, draw attention to the downward trend in peal ringing in the last few years.

In spite of the fact that 1953 was Coronation Year, the total number of peals rung was less than that of 1952. There was an increase of 16 in tower-bell peals, but a decrease of 69 in handbell peals. June saw 432 tower-bell peals rung, but this was followed by a reaction, for the number of peals during the remainder of the year fell well below the average.

Although in many churches the bells are rung regularly for the Sunday services, there are also many rings of bells which are silent on Sunday owing to lack of ringers. It is, therefore, heartening to find that in some districts young ringers are being encouraged and trained to become peal ringers.

Once again it is noticed, with congratulations, that the Leicester Diocesan Guild, with only 11 peals short of the previous year's total, occupy the first place in the Analysis. The Lancashire Association have moved up into second place, with the Essex Association in third place, the highest they have been for some time.

The five- and six-bell ringers have again upheld their reputation, accounting for 38.1 per cent. of all the tower-bell peals.

The Chester Guild have broken fresh ground in the Plain Major methods; the Norwich Guild in the Triples methods and the Worcester and Districts with Spliced Triples, while the Leicester Guild have enhanced their reputation with Spliced Maximus in twelve methods on tower bells and Stedman Sextuples on handbells.

The Middlesex Association accomplished a fine feat in ringing a silent peal of London Surprise Major on handbells, and the Hertford County a similar one of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Two remarkable peals which call for special mention are the handbell records of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal, both by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, which, we have no doubt, will be dealt with more fully by the Records Committee.

It has been pointed out that there is a decision of the Council against peals of Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques, therefore the committee have no option but to delete from the Analysis the following peals of Bob Triples:

Chester Guild (1), Essex Association (1), Hertford County (2), Kent County (1), Llandaff and Monmouth (1), Leicester Guild (1), North Staffs (1), Oxford Diocesan (1), Suffolk Guild (2), Winchester and Portsmouth (1)—a total of 12, which makes the peal figures 2,400 on tower bells and 154 on handbells.

Another 'peal' of Plain Bob Triples, rung at Littleport, without a cover bell, was not entered.

In conclusion, we thank peal ringers for responding to our request to send in peal reports with promptitude, but still wish that Minor and Doubles ringers would always state the number of methods rung.

Mr. W. Ayre, in presenting the report, commented: 'I think the fun begins now.' He said in the last few years they had had an occasional peal of Bob Triples. That year there were 12. He pointed out that there was a rule in 1904 and 1927 against ringing peals of Bob Triples, so they had been slipping very badly. He decided to bring the matter up because he disliked the Council making decisions and not abiding by them. The committee were not trying to dictate and tell them what they should ring or not ring, but simply to abide by the decisions of the Council.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

The Secretary: The Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted.

Mr. N. Chaddock moved that peals of Treble Bob be included in the 1953 Analysis and that exclusion be deferred until after the publication of the Council's Handbook. He felt that the introduction of such a regulation would cause resentment. Some of the peals were rung specially for the Coronation.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded. He regarded the introduction now without warning as a big mistake.

Mr. Barker: The warning was given in 1904.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

We have had an encouraging response to our call for new postal subscribers, and with the half-year just starting the time is appropriate for the enrolment of additional postal subscribers.

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They are closely followed by Essex 19, Wales 17, Surrey 15, London 13, Staffordshire 13, Birmingham 10, Leicestershire 10, Lancashire 9, Norfolk 8.

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Mr. Eric Critchley asked how many towers throughout the country knew of the regulations. As a peal secretary he would accept such peals.

Mr. C. K. Lewis objected most strongly to the amendment. In the last few years, he said, they had refused to accept peals of Minor because they were irregular. It was not the fault of the Analysis Committee; it was the fault of the Council — they ought to know the decisions. The decision touched him deeply because his Guild rang a peal of Bob Triples to the memory of his friend Bob Newton and it was his sad duty to turn it down. The analysis ought to be a record of things that conformed to the Council's decisions. He asked if they could have an assurance from 'The Ringing World' Committee that all peals would be recorded and then only peals that conformed to the Council's decisions would be recorded in the Peal Analysis Committee's report. He had great sympathy with the Minor ringers who had their peals taken away without warning. If they gave way to eight-bell ringers it would discourage Minor ringers who rang 38 per cent. of the peals.

Mr. F. Dukes said they had no official warning that these peals were to be thrown out. He asked how many Associations had an official copy of the rules.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked the members to put some sort of logic into their statements. It was no use being fair to one and unfair to another. It was well known since 1904 that Bob Triples had been discouraged by the Council. The Council was not saying to ringers, 'You can't do this or that'; all it was saying was that these peals would not be admitted to the Analysis.

Mr. Robinson thought that the enforcement of the decision should not be done without notice. He would like to move that the decision be amended.

Mr. Johnson added, with emphasis, that the decision could not be amended at that meeting.

Mr. Harold J. Poole thought that to cut the peals out now would do a great deal of harm to young ringers.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott said he lived in a county (Devonshire) where there was a great deal of Grandsire. If he had a band of his own he would try and get them through Bob Doubles before they heard Grandsire. He reminded the Council that the first recorded peal by John Garthon in 1715 was Bob Triples. He asked the Council to rescind the decision as to Bob Triples.

Mr. J. R. Worrall supported the views of Mr. Poole. He said he had taken part in three peals of Bob Triples. 'I asked someone whom I thought would know whether there was a decision against it and I was told they simply frowned upon it.'

Mr. C. W. Pipe: I have rung and conducted Bob Triples and I did not know there was a decision against Bob Triples.

Mr. John Freeman: Personally I cannot see any merit in ringing Bob Triples. I assume that the rule was drafted by people who thought it was not worthy of being practised. I do not believe in the school of thought that if a peal was rung in innocence it should count. If ever I am pulled up by the police in Leicester I shall tell them that I did it in all innocence! He supported Mr. K. Lewis.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead took the view that the method had been rung so long that it would be a pity to rule out these peals.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher: We have heard a lot about this innocence, but about three weeks ago a member of the Methods Committee rang a peal of Bob Caters in the Eastern Counties.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow supported the views of Mr. Scott. As to the first recorded peal of 1715 it would be very sad to have to report that that was a good peal in every sense except in the eyes of the Central Council. If that decision came to pass the third edition of his book ('The Church Bells of Norwich') would have to have a very long footnote to that peal that it was not recognised by the Central Council (laughter).

'I feel in this age of specialisation that my sympathies are not with all the experts who can ring anything, but with the young ringers in the village towers who are struggling to do this and that.'

Mr. Harry Miles: Is it not a fact that every Association agrees to abide by the decisions of the Council?

Mr. Anderson said that Mr. Johnson was a member of the Council when the decision was made. Why had he allowed peals of Bob Triples in the Analysis?

Mr. Johnson: I feel you are getting all muddled. The point was made in the question asked by Mr. Miles. All your Associations have had this information since 1904, and if I have a responsibility so have you.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Mr. F. Dunkerley: I want to support Mr. Johnson. You have a rule and this is no place to rescind it. If you want to rescind it you must give notice.

Mr. R. G. Blackman felt that these peals should be allowed because they had accepted them since 1904. He moved that the 12 peals of Bob Triples referred to in the report be included in the Analysis and that the exclusion of these peals be deferred until after the publication of the Council's handbook.

Mr. Johnson maintained that such a resolution was out of order.

The President: Strictly speaking, that is right. Notice should be given.

Mr. Johnson: If you do this you open the floodgates on any decision of the Council.

Mr. W. Robinson suggested deferring the acceptance of the paragraph in the report until the next meeting.

It was eventually agreed to accept the report with the exception of the paragraph dealing with Bob Triples and that paragraph be postponed until next year.

The Secretary said the decision of the Standing Committee was that in future all peals not conforming to the Council's decisions will not be put in the Analysis; they will, however, if sent, be published in 'The Ringing World.'

The committee was elected as follows: Mr. W. Ayre (convener), Mr. H. Miles and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the Standing Committee: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, C. K. Lewis, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

The president moved a vote of thanks to the retiring committee for their work

RECORDED BELLS

Before the motion was presented the president said in view of what they had heard recently he would ask the proposer to accept the following amendment:—

'That this Council deprecates the increasing number of installations of synthetic and recorded bells, which it considers to be unworthy of use in the house of God, and wishes to support the responsible authorities in the steps they are taking to prevent their installation.'

The president said that since the motion was sent in they had heard that the Church Assembly had passed a strong resolution, and also the Central Council for the Preservation of Churches. He thought it would be more appropriate if they added their support.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne accepted the amendment and accordingly moved it.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow suggested that 'imitation' was a better word than synthetic. People might not think so but there were parts of the country that were not against recorded bells. He quoted a case of an Archdeacon, who, when the Queen arrived, played his gramophone not from the church tower but on the Vicarage lawn. One incumbent, finding that his church bells were a gramophone, attached a notice to the record: 'This peal is not to be rung any more.'

The president said the main argument against recorded bells was: 'Why not recordings of choirs from other churches, or sermons from the vicars of other churches, in fact why have your own vicar at all?'

Mr. J. A. Hoare spoke of the prevalence of recorded bells in Wales and said that the reason was that recorded bells did not cost much, only £110.

Mr. J. W. Clarke said he had been in this fight for some time. Every application that came before the Chester Advisory Committee was met with a strong recommendation that it be not granted, but in some cases it had. If any of them had met Chancellor King they would know that he still gave way on recorded bells with a number of reservations, such as the kind of ringing. If they got the support of the Chancellors they could do most things.

The motion as amended was carried.

THE NEXT MEETING

The secretary reported that invitations had been received from Bristol and Leicester. This was discussed by the Standing Committee, who decided to leave the decision to the Council. Bristol was last visited in 1898, and Leicester in 1911.

Mr. F. I. Hairs proposed Bristol.

Mr. H. J. Poole asked the Council to place on record the invitation to Leicester the following year.

The Council decided to hold the next meeting at Bristol.

THE ATTENDANCE

The hon. secretary reported that 114 Council members were present. Twenty-four Associations were fully represented, 26 partly, four not represented. There were five life and seven honorary members present.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president proposed a vote of thanks to the Provost and Chapter of St. Nicholas Cathedral for the use of the Cathedral library, the Provost for officiating at the service, the Lord Bishop, the Lord Mayor and the Master for their welcome, Mr. D. Bayles and Mr. K. Arthur for making local arrangements and to all incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of the bells and having the bells ready (applause).

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed a sincere vote of thanks to the president for the way he conducted the business (applause).

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe and the Editor of 'The Ringing World' (applause).

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress afterwards gave a civic reception and conversazione in the Laing Art Gallery. During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by members of the Council, conducted by Mr. H. J. Poole.

THE VISIT AN INSPIRATION

Dear Sir,—As a postscript to the visit of the Central Council to Newcastle-upon-Tyne, I should like to say how delighted our own members were to meet and ring with our visitors.

Names which were mere symbols in 'The Ringing World' became alive, old friendships were revived and new ones made.

The whole visit has been an inspiration to us all up here. We hope it will not be so long next time before we are favoured again with a Central Council visit, but that at any rate its members might come back north individually. They will always be sure of a warm welcome at any of our towers.—Yours faithfully

RICHARD A. GOFTON,
President,
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association

Leeds and District Society

When the Society met at Idle on June 26th they received a special welcome from the Vicar, who stated that he made it a practice to visit the belfry at least once a month to keep in touch with the ringers.

He was thanked at the business meeting by Mr. F. Rayment, who also thanked the ladies who waited at tea. Mr. T. Hill, on behalf of the local company, thanked the members for coming to Idle. They enjoyed hearing all the bells ringing, which rarely happened with their depleted band.

The July meeting will be held on the 24th at Calverley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

75th Annual Meeting

THE 75th annual meeting of the Essex Association took place on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, when a large number of members and visitors enjoyed ringing on the Cathedral twelve and on the many towers that were available in the vicinity.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, and the address was by Canon W. N. Welch, Archdeacon of Southend, who expressed the pleasure it gave him in accepting the office of vice-president of the Association and of being with the ringers on that particular day.

At the business meeting which followed the service, the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) welcomed all the visitors, mentioning especially Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Ipswich), Mr. R. Hazell (Enfield) and Mr. Ben Thompson (Norwich).

In reviewing the year's work the Master noted that 1953 had been one of great interest and activity. The Association had been privileged to send a letter of loyalty to Her Majesty and a reply had been received from the Home Office.

An innovation had been a week-end ringing course held in agreement with the Further Educational Committee of the Essex County Council at the Residential Hostel, Clarence House, Thaxted. It was believed that this was the first of its kind in the country.

Membership had increased. Honorary membership now stood at 208 and ringing members at 895.

The Bell Restoration Fund had been well supported and a sum of £69 had been distributed.

The peal total of 131 was only one short of the record annual total. 'Firsts' for the Association were York Surprise, Wembley Surprise and Spliced Surprise Major in 10 methods. Two hunded and thirty-two different members had participated in the peals, approximately 25 per cent. of the ringing members.

All the officials of the Association were re-elected, viz:—Master, Mr. R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, Mr. H. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. V. Gant; hon. auditors, Messrs. J. Grove and D. Mayell.

At the lunch which followed, the guest of honour was the Provost, who obliged with his customary funny story.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association tea was arranged at Writtle, where sung evensong, containing a special litany of thanksgiving, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. O. Nicholas. Thus the Association honoured its founder members and if the number and quality of the younger members present on Whit Monday is any criterion, then the work they began 75 years ago is in safe hands. F. V. G.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMPOSING A PEAL

Dear Sir, — A correspondent inquired recently about methods or systems of composing. This is a very general inquiry but I will try to give my own idea of the answer in the hope that others may add their criticisms and additions.

Composition of methods falls into certain well-defined categories, which are so radically different in their approach that composers tend to specialise only in one category.

Firstly, in composing Minor and Triples methods (except Stedman, see below) where it is necessary to obtain the extent of the rows, only those methods survive which have leads or sections which are mutually true, i.e., the extent can be subdivided into a set of leads each of which can occur in one way only (e.g., Grandsire Triples without singles) or sometimes in 'forward' and 'inverted' form only (any Minor method). Internal falseness of leads is absent, or it can easily be avoided by special treatment (e.g., inverting B-blocks of Grandsire Triples and singling them in) and the problem of composing an extent reduces to the task of linking up the leads which are already known to be true. As someone once said, 'The peal was proved before it was composed.' Graphical treatment lends itself especially to this category—e.g., W. H. Thompson's work on Grandsire Triples. Q-sets are also very useful. Other methods, e.g., Plain Major methods, also belong to this category although the extent is not usually wanted because the leads run mutually true.

However, in the composition of Treble Bob (including Surprise) Major methods the leads do run mutually false and the extent is not attainable. A peal is, therefore, a collection of salvaged leads put together. In order to simplify the job, and at the same time produce better music, certain bells, e.g., 1, 7 and 8 are kept fixed and this gives the normal scheme of false course-ends. Spliced Surprise peals are the culmination of this art of studying true and false pairs of leads and salvaging the true sets to fit them together. Stedman Caters can also be put in this category.

Stedman Triples is the 'problem child' which refuses to conform to the above division, for the sixes can be mutually false although the extent must be obtained. The problem has always so far been tackled by pinning down the part-ends and then letting the resulting sets of sixes work themselves into a part. This, of course, involves the whole technique of part-composition, which, as far as I am aware, has not been dealt with in print anywhere in its general application. Only two avenues of approach to Stedman Triples have been used—Hudson's 60 course-ends and J. W. Parker's 168 course-ends ('Mysteries Unveiled' course-ends, though possibly Parker was not the first to use them).

Fortunately, there is one simple technique which simplifies any mode of composition enormously, that of composing in parts. For example, to compose a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, each method has 60 possible courses and, therefore, 420 possible leads to be used, making 1,680 leads in all to be examined in pairs for falseness! If we decide to compose a five-part peal using part-ends 23456, 34562, 45623, etc., the 1,680 leads fall into 336 sets of five, and it is an elementary but none the less remarkable fact that, after certain precautions have been taken, these sets of five leads can be checked as one, which reduces the work to one twenty-fifth. This technique extends logically to sets of course-ends (called groups) of higher order, and the bigger the number of course-ends the less the work involved in fitting together a part which will extend truly. However, a compensating difficulty arises, that of linking up the parts into one round block.

Thus composing need not be a matter of buying several rolls of wallpaper and taking a long holiday. Many peals obviously involve a lot of cross-checking to avoid falseness, but, in the main, composition is not a trial-and-error business, but a carefully calculated process, where one starts with a plan and cuts down the figure-working to a minimum. There is the tendency for composers who have discovered a particular way of approach to imagine that theirs is the only possible way. For example, the twin-bob way of composing Stedman Triples (based on Hudson's course-ends) is a very specialised way of composing the method, yet years ago many erroneous conclusions were reached by imagining it to be the only way—e.g., peals with bobs only unattainable, a two-part peal with two singles unattainable. These conclusions are true only for twin-bob peals.

There are so few ringers interested in composition that published information on the matter is scanty and scattered, and often suffers from being 'chatty' and loose. Surely anyone interested enough to read articles on composition, even though he may know little about it, deserves the facts which he can puzzle out and digest for himself.

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Brynmawr.

PRESIDENTS OF THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—In the report of the annual meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers a slight error occurs. The Guild, during its 80 years of work, has had not five but only four presidents, viz:—

Col. C. A. W. Troyte, 1874-1896.
Rev. Maitland Kelly, 1896-1924.
Rev. E. S. Powell, 1924-1933.
Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox, 1933–.

We hope that Mr. Cox will be spared to beat the record of 26 years by the Rev. M. Kelly.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK C. SMALE.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT ST, GEORGE'S, BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago I sent in a report of a peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. George's, Bristol, and claimed it as the first peal on the eight bells

The week after it appeared a note in 'Belfry Gossip' stated that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. George's in 1899. In 1899 there were only six bells at St. George's. I am almost sure that the peal I called there was the first peal on the bells. The two trebles were added as a memorial to those from the parish who died during World War I.—Yours sincerely,

REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Redfield, Bristol.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERCREECH

Dear Sir,—I would very much like to congratulate the Evercreech band on their perfect striking, which is a delight to hear at two minutes to eight every Sunday morning on the B.B.C. Light programme.

Could somebody enlighten me—is this a local band?—Yours faithfully,

L. W. BULLOCK.

Romford, Essex.

THE CRAWFORD CUP

History of a Notts Competition

The Southwell Guild Crawford Cup Contest for 1954 was held at Worksop Priory Church on June 12th. The test piece was 360 changes in any method from Doubles upwards. Although the Priory has a fine eight, recently rehung, only six-bell teams competed, being Warsop 'A,' Warsop 'B,' Ordsall, Gamston and East Retford. After being close runners-up for the last four years, Ordsall, who rang a fine 360 of Single Court, finally wrested the cup from Warsop, who have held it for the last five years. The judges were Mr. C. Glenn, of Nottingham, and Mr. W. E. Critchley, of Doncaster.

Mr. Crawford, the donor of the cup, who lives at Rampton, is still an active ringer at his local tower and gives the greatest encouragement to young ringers. Difficulty in negotiating steps, owing to his 'gammy' leg, prevents him attending many meetings. He was taught to ring by his father, Mr. C. Crawford, himself a great ringer, at East Markham, which then had only four bells, in 1895. The following year, at the age of 12, he was given a set of handbells by his father for ringing his first 720 at Ordsall. At 14 he was apprenticed to a joiner at Everton, and was reserve ringer at that tower, always having to attend but only getting a ring when one of the others didn't turn up. In his early ringing career transport was by horse and buggy, and he recalls attending a meeting in company with Mr. O. Street (still ringing at East Retford) at Shireoaks. It was decided to let the two lads have tea, which, incidentally, was rabbit pie, at half-price—fourpence. This was the first and last time, as apparently they ate twice as much as the men!

Mr. Crawford gave the cup to the North Notts Association in 1927 in memory of his father. He had met Mr. Blagg in Retford market place and he suggested it was a good idea, so went to Lincoln and had it made at Ushers, the silversmiths.

The cup was first competed for in 1928 at Cuckney. Four companies entered but only two brought a full band, viz: South Anston and Shireoaks, South Anston winning. The judge of this contest was Mr. J. Brearley, of Sheffield.

The results of the competitions show the rise and fall of various bands: Anston, winners many times in the early stages, have only entered once since the war, East Markham now without a band, Worksop again learning the rudiments of change ringing and Shireoaks, whose band broke up about two years ago with the death of some of the older hands and the bells now unringable. Ordsall, this year's winners, have always featured prominently, sometimes entering two teams. May their success continue.

E. P.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

Despite the inclement weather 36 ringers met at Bishopstone on June 12th for the half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch. The usual ringing was followed by the Association form of service conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. Hatherley-Jones), and tea had been arranged in the school by Mr .J. Durham.

At the business meeting the Branch secretary (Mr. W. B. Kynaston) gave a brief report of the Central Council meeting held at Newcastle and it was announced that a Ringers' Sunday would be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on September 12th. Places proposed for the next three meetings were Wanborough, Ashton Keynes and Castle Eaton. Visitors attended from Bristol and Fairford, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Bishop of Lichfield Meets Ringers

THE annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at Lichfield on June 19th. The weather was fine and the pleasant cathedral city was looking at its best in the bright sunshine. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

The service at St. Michael's was conducted by the Vicar, Prebendary H. S. Cresswell who also gave a most interesting address. Mrs. Chasney, deputy organist, kindly officiated for this service.

Tea was served in St. Mary's Schools and before the commencement of the annual meeting the Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. A. S. Reeve, accompanied by Mrs. Reeve, put in an appearance, which gave much satisfaction to the large attendance of 106 members and friends. Addressing the meeting, the Bishop said he had always had a profound respect for the people who, Sunday after Sunday, were prepared to climb innumerable steps to the belfries of our churches. He was very encouraged when he saw some of the boys returning from National Service going up into the tower to ring, and also to see some of the ladies taking their part. Mr. H. Knight and Mr. C. Wallater, who have been members of the Society for 60 and 50 years respectively, were presented to the Bishop and Mrs. Reeve.

FINANCIAL RECOVERY

At the annual meeting which followed the Bishop's visit, Mr. F. Brotherton, hon. treasurer, presented the accounts, which showed an increase in the balance in hand of £17 9s. 4d. Compared with two years ago, when the Society's finances were giving cause for concern, the balance at the bank had increased by over £20.

The committee's report, presented by Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, made special reference to the ringing throughout the Archdeaconry on the occasion of the Queen's return from her overseas tour on May 15th. Members of the Society had rung four peals that day in honour of the event. The number of peals rung during the year, 57, was a decrease of 33 compared with the previous year.

Mr. Maurice Turner, retiring Ringing Master, gave a detailed account of the year's ringing activities and progress made.

Following these reports, the Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford and president of the Society, thanked all the officers for their services during the past year and said that he was very impressed with the happy spirit which prevailed in the Society. The Archdeacon said the fact that there had not been so many peals rung in the last 12 months did not worry him one little bit, for the simple reason that the older and more experienced ringers were doing a wonderful job of work in bringing on the Society's younger ringers.

The election of officers then took place. Mr. Dennis Holden was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. Maurice Turner. Mr. Turner was thanked for his good services during the past two years. Other elections were: Mr. F. Brotherton, hon. treasurer; Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary; Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary; Mr. Eric Speake, peal secretary and auditor.

Meetings for the next 12 months were provisionally arranged as follows:—August, Yoxall; October, Brewood; January, Bushbury; March, Christ Church, West Bromwich; May, Rugeley; June (annual) Lichfield. The third annual dinner will take place on November 13th.

After some discussion it was agreed to publish the report for 1953-54 with full list of peals rung, at a charge to members of 1s. per copy.

Mr. B. G. Key then gave members a very full and interesting account of the recent Central Council meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for so efficiently taking the chair, and Prebendary Cresswell for conducting the service and allowing the use of the schools, ended the meeting.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A Visit to Tiverton

On June 12th a coachload of ladies and their escorts from the Bath-Bristol District attended the quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild at Tiverton. Braving the unexpected hazards of a June day—torrential rain and dense fog on the high ground— the coach eventually arrived at Ottery St. Mary. Apparently the Devon pixies, whose threats of revenge upon the bells of this, one of the county's finest churches, have become almost national news, approve of lady ringers because some very good ringing took place upon this fine octave.

After a magnificent lunch in the comfort of the London Hotel at Ottery, the party set out for Uffculme, where the visitors were met by several friends from the Exeter District and a further hour's ringing was enjoyed.

At Tiverton the party received a warm welcome from the local ringers and the ladies were able to ring a creditable service touch of Stedman Triples. The service was conducted by the curate. During the short business meeting three new members were elected and it was decided that the June meeting next year should be held at Minchead.

The last tower of the day was Huntsham, a completely unspoilt village in the depths of the country, approached through a maze of narrow, twisting lanes. An entertaining hour was spent on the eight bells in this home of Acland Troyte of 'The Art of Change Ringing' fame.

Thanks are especially due to Mr. E. J. Taylor for his invaluable help in making the arrangements. M. J. T.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District at Skipton

The summer meeting of the Western District was held on June 19th at Holy Trinity, Skipton. The approaches to this fine old church are flanked on both sides with well-tended lawns, and on this fine, sunny afternoon provided a pleasant rendezvous for ringers' wives awaiting their husbands and for ringers seeking respite from the crowded belfry. The musical Taylor octave (tenor 22 cwt.) were given little rest between 2.30 and 9 p.m., apart from the necessary interval for tea and the business meeting. Methods ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise, and well over 50 members and friends were present including three visitors from Clitheroe, over the Lancashire border.

The business meeting was held in the choir vestry with the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) in the chair. Votes of thanks were accorded to the church authorities and ringers of Skipton for their hospitality. New members elected were Mr. Peter Atkinson (Horbury) and the Misses Beryl M. Sanderson and Sheila M. Schofield (Leeds). An invitation was gratefully accepted to hold the September meeting at Sowerby, where the bells, having been recently recast, are to be rededicated in July.

A welcome visitor was Mr. W. Ambler, of Queensbury, a past District secretary, who was compelled through illness to give up tower bell ringing a few years ago. By taking part in a touch of Bob Major on handbells, he showed that he has not yet lost any of his old enthusiasm for ringing.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

At High Ercall After 60 Years

The Shropshire Association has this year continued its policy of mixing 'the old familiar' with the new and strange. The May meeting, held at Market Drayton in conjunction with the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild, produced a large attendance, good ringing and good fellowship, as is usual at this centre of Surprise Major ringing.

The June meeting at High Ercall was the first to be held there and, as far as can be ascertained, it is 60 years since the defunct Salop Guild paid a visit.

The bells are of four periods. Starting with four from the Gloucester foundry, one treble and then another were added. In 1812 the octave was completed with two of Briant's, and the result is an agreeable surprise. Unfortunately the frame has never been properly modified, the last two bells each swinging in an extension into windows.

New bearings in 1869 and again last year have been supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' seems satisfactory enough. The bells are rung from the ground, and a very high ceiling without guides makes the lighter bells, at least, difficult to control. The total length of rope is considerable, as the bells are at the top of a tall tower. To add to our difficulties, they are hung anticlockwise.

It is not surprising that visitors have never been very popular with the local band, who ring call changes in exemplary style, the ropes falling in smooth array which the most experienced ringer might envy.

However, we first tried Grandsire and Plain Bob, and after a while became a little more accustomed to the unusual conditions. Mr. A. Pritchard, our Ringing Master, startled us by calling for Cambridge for the service ringing, but his judgment was vindicated as a very good course resulted. Personally I found Surprise methods easier than Plain, as in the latter I looked in the wrong direction, as the order is so well known.

The Rev. W. G. Beale (Vicar) conducted the service, Mr. F. H. Bennett (Deputy Ringing Master) was the organist, the secretary counting the verses for him and blowing the organ at the same time.

Thirty ringers crowded the Cleveland Arms for tea, and when we returned to the church, another dozen or so were waiting. Stedman, Yorkshire, Superlative and London methods were rung, which I certainly did not expect to hear on this occasion. W. A. F.

Memorial Plaque to Pioneer Ringer at Idle

An interesting ceremony took place at the Holy Trinity Church, Idle, near Bradford, on June 27th, when the Rev. R. P. Walters dedicated a plaque during the morning service to the memory of Mr. Willie Feather, who died in August last after 39 years of faithful service as a bellringer for the church. Willie was one of the original band of ringers, formed when the bells were installed in 1914, and was one of the most consistent and regular attenders which any band could wish to have. He had a serious illness a few years ago but took a keen and prominent interest in all ringing matters right up to the last.

The bells were rung before and after the morning service by past and present Idle ringers some of whom, although living out of the district, had returned to pay their last respects to a loyal friend. The ringers were: T. Hill, R. Umpleby, F. Davison, H. Davison, G. Duck, H. Buckley F. Wilkinson, F. Rayment, M. Ryder, S. Spensley, D. White and T. Spensley. Mr. T. Hill, who is in charge of the local company, is now the only surviving member of the original band formed in 1914.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward (aged 14, first quarter) 1, G. Lewis 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, J. Hughes 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, M. Roberts 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Savage 1, G. Newman 2, P. Manning 3, C. Wood (first quarter) 4, F. Wilton 5, A. Palmer 6, F. Read (cond.) 7, B. Bladon 8.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks 1, J. Bass 2, Miss D. Hicks 3, C. W. Cooper 4, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A welcome home from Canada to Mrs. M. May, daughter of tenor ringer.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clarke 1, D. Miller 2, M. Stone 3, K. Prime (first of Minor) 4, F. Sweet 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maurice Bagg 1, Mervyn Bagg 2, K. Prime (cond.) 3, J. Walton 4, W. Cavill 5, P. Clarke 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for National Service.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On June 11th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: Miss J. Halliday 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Pritchard 3, Miss S. Higham 4, J. A. Somers 5, A. Ward 6, A. W. Stone 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Rung for the annual Whit-Walks.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Pettigrew 1, C. A. Harding 2, A. Short 3, R. Ingram 4, G. Davis 5, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 6, E. Franklin 7, A. H. Rainey 8. A farewell to the ringer of the fifth, who is shortly leaving for Cardiff.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On June 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Green (first quarter) 1, S. T. Ford 2, Christine Ford 3, A. W. Beard 4, C. Fenn 5, F. Tomlin 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, G. Cottis 8. First of Major for 2 and 3.

BARROW, SUFFOLK.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Rickwood 1, A. Ballaam 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

BEDFORD.—On June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. J. Ivin (first as cond.) 1, J. B. Long 2, P. J. Shipton (first 'inside') 3, W. Stapleton 4, J. R. Taylor 5, H. Cottam (first quarter) 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Miss J. Cox 1, P. P. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss M. Andrews 3, Miss M. Ward 4, I. H. Oram 5, J. L. Morris 6, Miss J. Elliott 7. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. A. Thompson 1, J. L. Morris 2, I. H. Oram 3, P. P. Brown 4, P. Beresford 5, Miss M. Andrews 6, D. Beresford (cond.) 7, Miss D. M. Ward 8. First of Stedman for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8. Average age of band just under 19 years.

BICESTER, OXON.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jones 1, E. G. Jones 2, Miss M. Skelton 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Whiting 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Kenneth E. Kirk).

BICKER, LINCS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Howard 1, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 2, A. J. Randall 3, G. R. Dawson 4, J. P. Morriss 5, N. B. Fovargue 6, A. H. Bennett 7, C. A. Stubley 8. To celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Croft, of Bicker.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Haffenden 1, F. Goodearl 2, H. Payne 3, H. Baker 4, G. Waters 5, L. Payne (cond.) 6, C. Deacon 7, R. Watts 8. Rung with 7, 8 cover.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Rolls 1, R. Lidbury 2, M. Upstone 3, Betty Gregory 4, Diana Spice 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, P. Aslett 7, J. Norsworthy 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick Joseph Russell, for over 40 years ringing master at this tower.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pearce 1, W. R. Hill 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, W. H. Cholwill 4, C. Sangwin 5, J. H. Bowden 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, H. Stacey 8. Rung for Corpus Christi.

BRISTOL.—At St. John-on-the-Wall, on June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Lee (first of Minor) 1, F. G. Leaker 2, R. O. Fry 3, D. V. Smith 4, R. G. Hooper 5, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 6. Also at St. Michael's Church, on June 16th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Angela Faulkner (first quarter) 1, Enid Roberts (cond.) 2, T. Edwards 3, K. Kear 4, D. Marshall 5, A. Pedlar 6.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On June 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Lyman (first quarter) 1, Lorna Briggs 2, F. Dewey 3, R. Hazell 4, S. Jessop 5, A. Freeston 6, W. E. Clarke 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Borley (first of Triples) 1, W. Benton 2, P. A. Ruch 3, G. Oliver (cond.) 4, A. Armstrong 5, A. E. Barker 6, G. Bradbury 7, H. Butler 8.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Duffield 1, Miss P. Gray 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, J. B. Long 4, W. Stapleton 5, C. H. Harding 6, S. Foskett 7, C. E. Jeffries 8. Rung on the anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

QUARTER PEALS

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Smith 1, H. Goakes 2, W. Young 3, S. Shipp 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, F. S. Parsons 6. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. P. Smith.

CHESTER.—On June 20th, at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Griffiths 1, Miss H. Close 2, Mrs. D. Griffiths 3, P. Swindley 4, J. W. Best 5, A. B. Close 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8. For the dedication festival.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On June 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Elsa Murray 1, C. Hague 2, G. Smith 3, G. Thackray 4, A. E. Hartley 5, Margaret Barker 6, Jean Lawn 7, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for all the band.

CORPLE, BEDS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Shipton (first away from tenor) 1, S. J. Ivin 2, J. R. Taylor (first 'inside') 3, J. B. Long 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, H. D. G. Brooks (first quarter) 6. For the Feast of St. Barnabas.

DROGHEDA, EIRE.—On June 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. George 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, T. McMorran (cond.) 3, C. J. Reede 4, W. H. Wilson 5, W. Farrell 6, R. Tait 7, J. M. Magill 8. Rung by St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on June 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Reynolds 1, L. Baldock 2, O. Wood 3, G. Beeney 4, H. Lewin 5, R. W. Pankhurst 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, J. Rollison 8. First quarter in the method for 2 and 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, J. Gordon 2, G. Bishop 3, D. Bosley (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. Jordan 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, W. Corderoy 8.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On June 16th, 1,272 Minor (being 432 of Kent, 840 of Oxford): J. Taylor 1, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 2, D. J. Ward 3, B. O. Hughes 4, H. E. Clayton 5, R. G. Ouston 6. First of Kent and Oxford for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Rawlings 1, I. Oram (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, J. Hurrell 4, E. B. Crowder 5, B. Aldridge 6, F. Hurrell 7, G. Daynes (composer and cond.) 8. For the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist. Also on June 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (third quarter of Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, Miss M. Hunt 2, H. D. Holland 3, F. Richardson 4, J. Hurrell 5, F. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder 7, W. Daynes 8. For patronal festival Evensong. Also a welcome to the Provost of Southwark (the Rev. H. E. Ashdown).

EVERSHOLT, BEDS.—On May 9th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: D. Broyd 1, R. Sharp 2, M. Orme 3, R. Piron (first of Norwich) 4, J. Sinfield 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. M. Newby (cond.) 1, Miss B. Fairer 2, C. H. Ford 3, J. Mackereth 4, R. Suart 5, A. Edgar 6.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Cullingworth 1, Miss D. Colgate 2, G. Pearson 3, B. F. Baker 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, E. J. Ladd 6, T. E. Sone (cond.) 7, R. Collins 8.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. Eves 1, E. W. Furbank 2, Mary Dowsett 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, Joan J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, E. E. S. Johnson 6. A birthday compliment to E. W. Furbank and John Symonds.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Mecks (first quarter) 1, R. Saunders (first quarter) 2, F. Cooke (first quarter) 3, R. Hornby (first quarter) 4, C. Springham (cond.) 5, C. Pawsey (first quarter) 6. Rung for a Confirmation service held in the church, at which two members of the band were confirmed by the Bishop of St. Albans, who was paying his first visit since he dedicated the bells on February 21st.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cooke 1, Evelyn Gibson 2, Heather Bonner 3, E. E. Gosling 4, J. T. Clay 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Croft 1, K. Timbury (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd 4, J. Church 5, P. Croft (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Corderoy 1, D. Lawson 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, F. Corderoy 4, P. Davies 5, Miss M. Luker 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. With 4, 6, 8 covering. Rung half-muffled in tribute to the late Dr. Kirk, Bishop of Oxford.

HATTON, WARWICKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Palmer 1, Miss M. Middlemiss 2, A. A. Upton 3, A. J. Hobley 4, A. C. Morris 5, D. Harrison (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. A. Wood and Miss J. Harrison, sister of the conductor.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On June 23rd 1,280 Whitwick Surprise Major: J. R. Cooper 1, G. Pearson 2, T. E. Sone 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, R. Swift 6, B. F. Baker 7, T. Cullingworth 8. First quarter in the method for all.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Brunt (first quarter) 1, P. Barnes 2, F. Erith 3, G. W. Moss 4, G. W. Barnes 5, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 6.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Drew (cond.) 1, R. Dean 2, F. Welch 3, T. Locke 4, R. Gillard (first quarter) 5, J. Stenner 6.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On June 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Wood 1, A. Bowers 2, H. Rowley 3, J. W. Milner 4, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 5, M. T. J. Axford 6, I. Slack 7, E. Atkinson 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Ilkeston Variation): Miss P. Smee 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, J. Fowler 5, C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: D. Sims (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, Mrs. K. Smith 3, W. Harris 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, B. Nash (first quarter) 6, W. Cleaver 7, A. Harris (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James L. Smith, former ringing master, South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, interred at Gloucester the same day.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, A. W. Palmer 2, F. S. Parsons 3, W. Moore, jun., 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, J. Moore, sen., 6. Rung on the 70th birthday of J. Moore, a bellringer at St. Wendreda's Church for 53 years.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Foster 1, S. L. Barley 2, G. E. Foster 3, A. W. Barley 4, F. W. Midwinter (cond.) 5, J. B. Smith 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Stackhouse 1, H. Claridge 2, E. Claridge 3, G. Cooper 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, K. Williams (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Rev. A. G. Clough (Vicar) on the eve of his departure to Longnor.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Talbot 1, A. Harris 2, S. Atwell (cond.) 3, M. Reilley 4, E. Lambert 5, E. Lewis 6, First quarter on the bells by an all local band.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, R. Dean 3, J. Gilbert 4, R. Welch 5, T. Hill 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At St. George-the-Martyr, on June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Mudd (first quarter) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, Miss J. Hill 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. F. Bryant 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Gullick (cond.) 1, H. Wittering 2, G. Johnson 3, W. Lawrence 4, F. Croft 5, A. Harris 6, W. Brown 7, P. Croft 8. Rung for Confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of St. Albans.

STOKE (HARTLAND), DEVON.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sangwin 1, A. Bissatt 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, H. Stacey 4, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 5, F. Pearce 6.

STRANTON, CO. DURHAM.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. James 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, Miss M. James 3, Miss K. Lawson 4, K. Lawson 5, J. Maughan 6, H. Short 7, W. Maughan (cond.) 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on June 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (with tenor covering): J. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, G. A. Parsons 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. A farewell to John Hales, who was leaving for a three months' stay in France.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Jones (cond.) 1, R. Castledine 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, A. Tuttle (14, first 'inside') 4, Miss A. Willes 5, M. Orme 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Chapman (first quarter) 1, R. Lumsden 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, J. Hales 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. A. Hughes 7, B. Collard 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, H. Clayton (first of Major) 2, S. Warwick 3, W. Wenban 4, D. K. Adkins 5, R. Rowley 6, S. Hoare 7, J. Mayne (cond.) 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and 300 Grandsire): Mervyn Bagg 1, F. Sweet 2, K. Prime (first in more than one method as cond.) 3, C. Clarice 4, R. Short 5, E. Rollit 6. First quarter in more than one method by 1 and 6.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,280 Doubles (520 Bob, 520 Reverse Canterbury and 240 Grandsire): F. Hall 1, V. Roberts (cond.) 2, F. Sandy 3, R. Gardiner 4, G. Salmon 5, B. Weare 6.

A HILLINGDON WEDDING

Mr. F. C. Price — Miss Sheila Coles

A pretty wedding of particular interest to ringers took place, as announced in our columns last week, on June 19th, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Hillingdon, between Mr. Frank C. Price and Miss Sheila M. M. Coles. The father of the bride is Mr. William H. Coles, vice-president of the Middlesex Association, and the father of the bridegroom is Mr. A. R. (Tony) Price, Ringing Master of the same organisation.

Arranged by Mr. T. G. Bannister, the ring of ten was rung before and after the ceremony by members of the local band assisted by friends from Uxbridge, Ealing-and Sunbury.

A very beautiful and impressive fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. F. C. Tyler (Vicar of Hillingdon). Miss Margaret Price (sister of the bridegroom) acted as bridesmaid, and his brother, Mr. Richard E. Price, was best man.

Sheila, although not a ringer, has since childhood been a popular figure at ringing meetings and functions, and in recent years has always supported her mother and her godmother, Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, in arranging and preparing tea for the annual October meetings at Hillingdon.

Frank, now on terminal leave from the R.A.F., is well known in many parts of the country, where he has been a welcome visitor to many towers during his Service career; his ringing includes a peal of Minor, ringing two bells, at Cranford, Middlesex, the tower where he rang his first peal when he was 10½ years of age.

At the reception the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed in affectionate and happy vein by the Vicar to 'Sheila and Frank.' The union of the two ringing families was, he said, an obviously happy event. He remarked on the young couple's love for their church, and paid tribute to Frank's service not only as a ringer but also as organist.

Congratulatory telegrams included one from Peterborough, U.S.A., one from South Africa and one from 'Uncle George' (Mr. S. G. Coles), of Taunton, Somerset, Sheila's godfather, who, due to a recent accident, was unable to be present.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deaneries Branch

The pretty little marshland village of Lutton, which lies about 1½ miles from Long Sutton, was visited by the Elloe Deaneries Branch on June 19th. Its red brick church with stone spire rising to about 150 feet is mainly 15th century and was restored in 1859.

There were four bells in the tower in 1770, by Eayres. In 1806 Osborn cast a tenor to make five. Then, in 1905, Taylors recast the front four and rehung the bells. The same firm also cast and hung the new treble in 1953 (the tenor weighs 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.; note C sharp).

These were kept going to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening. At the service a very thoughtful address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Fenton). Tea was served in the schoolroom by members of the Mothers' Union and was a most excellent spread of chicken and salad with the usual array of cakes and a good cup of tea, all for 2s. A short business meeting followed at which a collection was taken for the Belfry Repair Fund. A few touches on handbells finished off the meeting and then all returned to the tower where ringing continued till past nine o'clock.

R. C. N.

DEDICATION

ST. GEORGE'S, BARKINGSIDE

After 22 years the Rev. A. C. Comer-Stone has had his ambition fulfilled of hearing a ring of eight bells proclaim their message from the tower of St. George's, Barkingside, Essex. Not only as Vicar had he collected funds for the building of the church, but it was to his own design.

The dedication of the new tenor, which completes the octave, took place on May 9th during Evensong. During the singing of the hymn 'Ring Forth, Holy Bells,' the choir, sacristan, Vicar and churchwardens made their way to the ringing chamber, where the Vicar dedicated the tenor and rededicated the second, fifth and sixth. Immediately afterwards rounds were rung.

In his address the Vicar spoke of the history of the bells and the art of change ringing. He followed this by particulars of the bells, all of which were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Details are as follows:—

Treble, Faith, 3 cwt.; second, Hope, 4 cwt.; third, Love, 4½ cwt.; fourth, Joy, 5 cwt.; fifth, Long Suffering, 5¾ cwt.; sixth, Peace, 7 cwt.; seventh, Thanksgiving, 8 cwt.; tenor, Praise, 10½ cwt.

The first three bells were hung March, 1932.

After the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the London County Association (Northern District), including John Barrance, Ringing Master of St. George's, who arranged the ringing for this occasion.

The ringers in the quarter peal were:—H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, H. Corney 5, J. Barrance (first in the method) 6, L. W. Bullock (conductor) 7, J. R. Brice 8.

JOINT MEETING AT THETFORD

After a lapse of 20 years the South Norfolk Branch and the Mildenhall District of the Suffolk Guild held a joint meeting at Thetford on June 19th. Thirty ringers attended from 13 parishes in Norfolk and seven Suffolk parishes with visitors from Heston (Middlesex) and Sawston (Cambs). The bells of St. Peter's, Thetford, and the Elvedon Memorial Tower were available.

The Rector of St. Peter's, Thetford, the Rev. R. Jackson, conducted the service. After tea the business meeting followed with the Rev. F. E. Vokes in the chair, supported by the Rev. R. Jackson, Mr. E. Whiting (South Norfolk Ringing Master), Miss E. A. Peckett (secretary for the Mildenhall District) and Mr. A. G. Harrison (South Norfolk secretary). It was decided to continue the monthly visits to isolated towers where help was needed, the next to be at Dickleburgh on July 15th.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, organist and to Mr. H. Fuller, who carried out the local arrangements, also to the Suffolk Guild. Miss Peckett suitably replied for the Suffolk Guild.

LATE NOTICES

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Harwich, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Numbers for tea, please, to W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 4727

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4726

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 24th, New Alresford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Bell Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 4725

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BIRTH

HICKS.—On Wednesday, June 30th, 1954, at 17, Imberhorne Lane, East Grinstead, Sussex, to Evelyn (nee Capon), wife of Frank H. Hicks, a daughter (Elizabeth Mary). 4724

DEATH

HOLLIS.—On June 25th, 1954, Sidney M. Hollis, of Godshill, Isle of Wight, verger of the parish church and a ringer at Godshill since 1887. 4725

WANTED

FOR SALE OR LOAN to the Central Council Library. A copy of hymns Ancient and Modern in bell notation. Published about 50 years ago. Author believed to be W. Haley. Details to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 4686

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MISCELLANEOUS

TEIGNMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON.—Sunday ringing during the season from 9.30 to 10 a.m. and, for the special 9 p.m. holiday-makers' service, from 8.15 to 9 p.m. 4657

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—St. Mary's, Alderley, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, early, please, to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street. 4652

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turner's Hill (8), July 10th. Names to Ivan Butcher, East Bungalow, Mount Noddy, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 4662

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4673

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch (6), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Coach will leave Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, 1.30 p.m. Those requiring coach and/or tea please notify A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4618

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (8), Saturday, July 10th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. Note that the Four Guilds' Festival in the Basingstoke area is now on August 28th, not 21st, as on District meeting cards.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 4651

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Flamstead (6), July 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts. 4689

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Boughton, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Free conveyance from church to tea room and back.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. This meeting will celebrate the 1,350 years' history and 27th jubilee of the Rochester Diocese, and a warm invitation is extended to everyone. To ensure effective arrangements please send names or numbers to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4619

LADIES' GUILD (North West District) and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Macclesfield Branch).—Joint meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Nether Alderley, Cheshire, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4706

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Pinner on Saturday, July 10th, 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea in shops nearby. Ringing at Ruislip 7 p.m. onwards.—T. J. Lock. 4715

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — West Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting to be held at Gaywood, July 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers and friends welcome. Names and numbers to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 4681

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Powerstock, July 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4677

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, July 10th. Bells (10) at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4670

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Blaxhall, July 10th, 2.30 p.m. Arranged tea 5.15 p.m. Tunstall 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. 4685

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Street, Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 13th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 4661

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Chew Deanery.—Meeting Wraxall, July 17th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Wraxall Social Club, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4707

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Chard, Saturday, July 17th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 4705

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Leighton Buzzard (10), July 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Dennis Knox. 4713

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Marske (6) on Saturday, July 17th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4720

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, July 17th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Denbigh Arms. Notifications, please, by Wednesday, 14th. Business meeting to follow tea. Bells again until 8 o'clock. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone: Nuneaton 3296. 4708

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Important Notice

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the forthcoming meeting due to be held at Flamstead on July 10th has had to be cancelled.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4704

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Rattery, Saturday, July 17th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 4700

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4716

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Sec. 4714

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Capel, July 17th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5 (The King's Head). Numbers for same, by July 16th, to Mrs. Tullett, Baker's Cottage. It is hoped to have Oakley or Newdigate bells also available. 4666

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Brenchley, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by 14th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 4696

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hinxworth, Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4709

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Essenden (6), July 17th, 3 p.m. Tewin (6) from 6.30 p.m. Tea at Essendon. Special methods: Primrose and Cambridge Surprise Minor.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Swinton, July 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by July 13th, to H. Rothwell, 43, Shakespeare Road, Swinton. Bus from King Street West.—R. Benson. 4723

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting at Haslingden, Saturday, July 17th. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 4718

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Bosworth on July 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 sharp. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Central Cafe. Names, please, by Wednesday, 14th, to Mr. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. General committee meeting, Cathedral, Thursday, 15th, at 7.30.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4667

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Gainsborough District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Epworth, on Saturday, July 17th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. Mrs. R. Richardson (Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild). 4694

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, July 17th. Note change of venue. Ringing meeting and service only; no business. Please make own arrangements for tea. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells available after service. All holiday-making ringers welcome.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 4699

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Lane End, Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. (Note date.) Names for tea by 12th.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 4697

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available: Checkendon, 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; Nettlebed, 6.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, before Tuesday, July 13th, to G. Hearns, The Garage, Stoke Row, Reading.—N. E. Swann. 4701

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting, Sulgrave, on Saturday, July 17th. Service 3.30. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretaries not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham, or A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 4653

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Deeping, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea **essential** by July 13th, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 4633

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Summer meeting, Dingley (5) with Brampton Ash (6), Saturday, July 17th. Towers open 2.30. Service at Dingley 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to D. Haynes, 5, London Road, Kettering. 4711

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 17th, Wilton. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. South Newton (6) after meeting. Names for tea by 13th, please.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 4671

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Bremhill (6), July 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to G. Freegard, 30, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts. 4710

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Twickenham, July 17th. Service 4.45, St. Mary's. Tea 5.15, St. Mary's Hall. Names, please, by previous Monday, to Miss P. Russell, 15, Craneford Way, Twickenham. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4.45 and after tea; All Hallows' (10), 2.15 to 4.15 and after tea. Both towers within easy reach of Twickenham Junction (S.R.)—P. N. Bond and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 4676

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury–Lavenham District.—Meeting at Hartest, July 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, to Mr. G. Garwood, The Green, Hartest. 4703

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted, July 17th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea only for those who notify Mr. E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted.—C. W. Linington, Hon. Sec., 4695

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival, St. Columb Major, Saturday, July 17th, 2.30. Service 4.30, St. Columb, followed by tea. Bells: St. Columb (8), St. Enoder (8), St. Wenn (6), St. Mawgan (8), St. Eval (6), Little Petherick (6), Withiel (6). Replies by Monday, July 12th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 4660

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 13th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 4717

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hayfield, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise, before July 20th, Mr. J. Hadfield, Spring Vale Road, Hayfield, via Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 4721

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Downe, Saturday, July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, July 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4702

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Caistor (6), July 24th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by July 21st, to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 4/19

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Heydour (8), July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 4678

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 24th. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. Applications, by July 21st, to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing: Cathedral, Merton, New College, Magdalen, St. Giles', St. Thomas', St. Aldate's, Holywell, St. Mary Magdalen, Carfax, St. Ebbe's, All Saints'. Choristers please write F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4693

ITEMS CONCERNING PEALS

The peal at Tannington, Suffolk, on June 14th, was not the first on the bells. The first was on December 8th, 1894.

The peal at South Collingham, Notts, appears to be the first on the bells.

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THE SCISSORS AND THE HOMES

By J. SEGAR

THIS is not an article on dressmaking for lady ringers. It is not necessary to compare each of the 112 rows of Double Norwich Court Bob Major with the rows of Double Oxford to find they are the same. This pair of methods are placed together in Snowdon's Diagrams. Write out a course of Double Norwich and cut it with the scissors into leads and half leads. The cuts should be made between the rows with the treble at lead, and then between again when the treble is at the back. The lines in the Diagrams are wrongly placed. The rearrangement of the fourteen pieces, guided by the diagram of Double Oxford, will not cause any difficulty. Further rearrangement will produce Hereward Bob and Pershore Bob. These four methods are numbered 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major. It is time now to look at the result of this experiment with the scissors and to see what use can be made of it.

(1) In a plain course all four have exactly the same changes. For splicing Minor extents and Triples composers have used the 'scissors splice' extensively, but its use in Major and above is not common. Scissor splicing can be applied to all numbers from Minor to Maximus and to all classes of methods from Plain to Surprise. An examination of a large number of methods will show that in many the opposite place cannot be used at the half lead. In other cases the opposite place at the full lead produces rounds and a group of three methods only.

(2) In my Four-Way Table of Minor methods a group of methods is arranged A B
C D so that A and C in one column have the same work above the treble. The same applies to B and D. The lines across show methods with the same work below the treble as A and B or C and D. In a table of Major methods A would be Double Oxford, B Pershore, C Hereward and D Double Norwich.

Now I must look at the Homes of these four methods. Everyone knows that a bob at 5 in Double Norwich brings the tenors together in 7.8. This Home is not at the seventh lead as it would be in seconds place methods with a fourths place bob. The C.C. Collection shows that this Home

1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 4 2 6 3 5 7 8

can occur at the first second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth leads according to the method, but never at the seventh lead of methods which have eighth place at a plain lead. In seconds place method the Home is always at the seventh lead and the row is 14235678. Referring again to the group of four named methods the number of leads to the Home position of the tenors is Double Oxford 7, Hereward 7, Double Norwich 5, Pershore 4.

So far I have dealt separately with the Scissors and the Homes without saying anything new, but by combining them I think I am able to introduce an entirely new type of composition. I have dispensed with the usual headings of the calling position such as W. M. H. or F. I. O., etc. The calling is Homes and nothing but Homes until the peal comes round. The compositions show the number of leads and therefore have a similar appearance to Grandsire Triples.

A	B
5,088 Plain Major	5,280 Surprise Major
2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6
4 2 6 3 5 — 4	4 2 3 5 6 — 7
6 4 2 3 5 — 7	3 4 6 2 5 — 6
2 6 5 4 3 — 4	6 3 4 2 5 — 7
5 2 3 6 4 — 5	4 6 3 2 5 — 7
3 5 2 6 4 — 7	3 4 5 6 2 — 6
2 3 5 6 4 — 7	Four times repeated.
5 2 4 3 6 — 5	
4 5 2 3 6 — 7 (S)	
2 4 5 3 6 — 7	
Five times repeated.	

S in 3rd and 6th parts.

Example of methods for A:—

Course of 7 leads, Double Oxford or Hereward.
Course of 5 leads, Double Norwich.
Course of 4 leads, Pershore.

If Double Norwich is rung throughout instead of Pershore the peal is 5,280.

Methods for B: 7 leads Yorkshire or Belgrave, 6 leads Woodstock.

I have other compositions for other methods in Major, Royal and Maximus, all called Homes and nothing but Homes. The publication of peals of Royal and Maximus is postponed for a short time owing to the interest of a prominent conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Geoffrey Paul	6
Gwen I. Rusby	2	Sydney A. Chambers	7
Stanley E. Bennett	3	*Robert Brown	8
Denis A. Frith	4	H. Leslie Pask	9
Donovan R. White	5	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
A birthday peal for Mrs. H. L. Pask.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*Stella Hughes	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
Howard Howell	2	Walter R. Hughes	7
Edgar T. Smith	3	George W. Hughes	8
Samela Thomas	4	Maurice G. Turner	9
Christopher Wallater	5	Gordon Howlett	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung to commemorate the quatercentenary of Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, and the visit of Field Marshal the Right Hon. the Earl Alexander of Tunis, K.G.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

* Margaret Barker	*Treble*	D. Margaret Hawley	5
†Alan E. Hartley	2	G. Fred Terry	6
*Geoffrey Thackray	3	Alan Sheppard	7
Walter Hick	4	Edward M. Bradley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Edward M. Bradley.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12 Part (7th Observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*John H. McTear	*Treble*	*Geoffrey Tembey	5
A. Rex Agg	2	John A. Haile	6
Alfred Eilbeck	3	Stanley Richardson	7
*James R. Mossop	4	Harold Wilson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Richardson.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung to mark 21 years' service by Messrs. H. Simpson, A. Eilbeck, A. Williamson and F. Forbes as choristers of St. Mary's. Also on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. John H. Boadle and Miss Elizabeth Bates, which took place at Maidstone on that day. Also a 71st birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

Norman Mallett	*Treble*	William J. Ridgman	5
Gillian A. Smith	2	Cyril A. Hurst	6
Margaret Swann	3	Chris. M. P. Johnson	7
Richard W. Housden	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor and 200th peal. First peal in the method for the Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Cedric Curson	*Treble*	*Arthur G. Bason	5
George Sayer	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
H. William Barrett	3	Nolan Golden	7
Stanley W. Copling	4	*Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 100th peal together.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Olive M. Boulden	*Treble*	‡Geoffrey Pearson	5
John R. Cooper	2	Albert J. Lancefield	6
†Maisie Vantom	3	Mark S Lancefield	7
*Alan Pendlebury	4	Robert Swift	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary de Castro,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Ralph Elkington	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
John A. Acres	2	*Alan Carveth	6
Ernest Morris	3	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Ernest W. Rawson	4	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method
A compliment to the Rev. Canon J. R. Collins on his 25th anniversary as Vicar of St. Mary de Castro. Also an 87th birthday compliment to Josiah Morris, the G.O.M. of Leicester.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Frederick Price	*Treble*	Thomas Price	5
*Harold F. White	2	†Stanley R. Hills	6
Raymond Hazeldine	3	William A. Farmer	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss D. Price, of Market Drayton.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael, Stoke,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 13½ cwt.

Paul K. Williamson	*Treble*	Hubert E. Ashley	5
Frank W. Perrens	2	John A. L. Thompson	6
Arthur H. Beamish	3	Frank E. Pervin	7
Adolphus Roberts	4	James L. Garner-Hayward	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.
Rung for the 84th birthday of A. Roberts. Also as a farewell peal to the Rector of Stoke, Archdeacon L. Ashcroft.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1953 *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Andrew, Hampton,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Sidney T. Holt	5
R. George Morris	2	Allan Morgan	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Gerald C. Hemming	4	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
Arranged for the conductor during a visit to his native Worcestershire.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*ROY K. MOWFORTH .. ..*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
*EDMUND MALIN 2	†PETER BERESFORD 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	†DENNIS BERESFORD 7
J. EDWARD CAWSER .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CARSHALTON BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's 10 Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ..*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
*JOHN W. BEST 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
BRIAN HARRIS 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
ROBERT W. HINDE 4	H. STEWART BAILEY .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 150th peal. The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*JOAN FOWLER .. .. ..*Treble*	*HILARY APPLETON 3
BRIAN MAKEHAM 2	†ELIZABETH MARSH 4
RAYMOND LUCAS .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN MAKEHAM.

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

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz., College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

SHIRLEY WISEMAN .. ..*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS 4
EVELYN WRIGHT 2	CHARLES E. BROWN 5
BETTY BROWN 3	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung in memory of Frederick W. Stokes.

NEWTON PORTHCAWL, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 2,160 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ERNEST STITCH .. .. ..*Treble*	EDMUND J. MORRIS 4
BENJAMIN J. WILLIAMS .. 2	*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 100th peal. 75th peal as conductor.

Rung on St. John's Day for Patronal Festival.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH .. .. ..*Treble*	BRIAN SMITH 4
*MAURICE HOLGATE 2	GORDON WHEWELL 5
WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. 3	DEREK WHITFORD .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Brian Smith, who has since entered the Army.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 45 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Canterbury, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree College. (2) Oxford, Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise, Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Donottar Delight. (3) Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Crowland Delight. (4) Old Oxford, Wragby, Neasden, Willesden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Newdigate and Charlwood Delight. (5) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise. (6) Norfolk and Ipswich Surprise. (7) London and Wells Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4
HOWARD SCOTT 2	DANIEL SMITH 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The most methods rung to a peal of Minor by all and for the Association.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. BOWLEY .. ..*Treble*	L. WOODBURN 4
WM. MARTIN 2	S. A. MARTIN 5
BRIAN MARTIN 3	A. E. ROWLEY .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MAUREEN STOKES .. ..*Treble*	GEORGE TALLIS 4
*DONALD GOVAN 2	WALTER BEEBE 5
ALAN TWIGGER 3	JOHN TURNER .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE TALLIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Ordination of the Rev. J. Woodward-Court, the sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Beebe, and the Sunday School treat.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ..*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
RONALD SUCKLING 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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LITTLE DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. David,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, five extents of Clifford's Pleasure, four extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 13 six-scores of Grandsire and 240 Morris's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Anthony P. Morris ..*Treble*	Reginald T. Jones 3
†Philip G. Morgan 2	*Mollie Tilbury 4
John J. Webb .. .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

* First peal in six methods. † First peal in six methods 'inside.'

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Robert Hyder .. ..*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting .. 4
†Mervyn Latter 2	Charles A. Bassett .. 5
Frederick J. Lambert .. 3	William A. Kitchenside..*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Kitchenside.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to Mervyn Latter, who is leaving Ticehurst.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Jane Thorpe .. .. ..*Treble*	Eustace W. Bullman .. 4
Margaret A. Swann .. 2	Marie K. Roberts 5
L. Victor Chamberlain.. 3	William J. Ridgman .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

* First peal. Rung for the Festival of St. Peter.

WARBOYS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

John R. G. Spicer .. ..*Treble*	John J. Pawley 4
*Michael J. Dyer .. 2	Norman Mallett 5
Harold S. Peacock .. 3	William J. Ridgman .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720's in 16 methods: (1) York and Durham. (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (3) Rossendale. (4) Stamford. (5) Berwick and Hexham. (6) Beverley and Surfleet. (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Bourne, Norfolk and Hull. Tenor 13 cwt.

James H. Musson .. ..*Treble*	Leonard C. Blanchard .. 4
Albert E. Scott 2	William H. Oldman 5
Cecil Wade 3	James W. Haw .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by James W. Haw.

First peal as conductor in 16 methods.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

Denis A. S. Symonds ..*Treble*	Ernest W. Furbank.. .. 3
*Joe E. G. Roast 2	*Peter J. Came 4
Ernest E. S. Johnson ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

*50th peal together.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 600 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 600 Grandsire, 3,840 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

William F. Rickwood ..*Treble*	*Richard Stannard 3
*Leonard Sharpe 2	Arthur F. Ballaam 4
*Kenneth G. Brown.. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. Gordon Lawrence ..*Treble*	Reginald W. Worrall .. 4
Victor Neal 2	Henry Parker 5
David Godfrey 3	Harry W. Howard .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Alfred E. Barrett ..*Treble*	Margaret J. Llewellyn.. 4
*Sybil Higham 2	Albert W. Stone 5
†John A. Somers 3	Alan Ward .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Ward.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the 108th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*Trevor Wm. Greaves ..*Treble*	William H. Redfern .. 4
Horace L. Dawson 2	Sidney H. Jones 5
Mrs. S. H. Jones 3	William E. Minor .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney H. Jones.

* First peal.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

MARCH BALDON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 480 changes of Grandsire, 360 changes each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints", St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place, and 240 changes of Stedman. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Linda R. Binnington ..*Treble*	Harry P. Floyd 3
Marie R. Cross 2	*Malcolm S. Cloke 4
Alan R. Pink .. .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in more than four Doubles methods.

The first peal on this recently augmented ring and rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Peter. Rung also as a farewell to the Rev. N. E. Hope, until recently Rector of this parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

LITTLE ASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
At Arborfield, Rosemary Hill Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*David W. Barr .. .. 1—2	†Clive M. Smith .. .. 3—4
*Michael W. Fairey .. 5—6	

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal on an 'inside' pair. First peal in the method as conductor.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 27, 1954, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
In the Belfry of All Saints' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Double Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 13 in F.

*John S. Harrison .. 1—2	†Maurice Bailey .. .. 3—4
†W. Rodney Harrison .. 5—6	

Conducted by W. Rodney Harrison.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First handbell peal of Minor in two methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Harrison, mother of the ringers of 1—2 and 5—6.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM COLLISON

In his 91st year, Mr. W. Collison died at his home at Tunbridge Wells on June 21st after a long illness patiently borne.

His early ringing was done at Crawley Parish Church, Sussex, where he was a member of the local band, and it was here that he rang his first peal, on July 5th, 1885. Whilst living at Crawley he also rang peals at Charlwood, Horley, Worth and Lindfield. He moved to Steyning in 1892 and while there he rang several peals with the then famous Brighton band, including the late G. Williams and K. Hart. When he moved to Tunbridge Wells in 1901 he at once joined the local band at St. Peter's, and remained a member until he was unable to climb the belfry stairs. He last rang at St. Peter's on VE-Day, 1945.

On his 90th birthday in March of this year a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. Peter's in his honour. In all he rang 105 peals in the standard methods up to Superlative Surprise.

During the evening on the day of the funeral at the Borough Cemetery the bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled to his memory.

MR. SIDNEY M. HOLLIS

Godshill, Isle of Wight, have lost their oldest member by the death of Mr. Sidney M. Hollis, who for the past five years had been verger of the church and will be remembered by many ringing members.

He learnt to ring soon after the bells were augmented to six in 1887 and rang for the last time about a week before his death. In all he rang for 13 Royal occasions, the first being for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and the last a quarter peal for the homecoming of the present Queen. He was a good striker and rang in three peals.

He was carried on his last journey by six fellow-ringers, who with visiting ringers rang half-muffled touches after his burial. On Friday, July 2nd, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled to his memory by the following: E. Westmore 1, C. Callaway 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (conductor) 5, C. Morris 6.

MR. M. H. PALMER

The interment took place on Monday, July 5th, of Mr. M. H. Palmer, for nearly 40 years a bell ringer at Morecambe Parish Church.

Mr. Palmer was one of the founder members of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association. He was the last active member of the old six-bell band, and with his colleagues was largely responsible for installation of the present lovely ring of eight.

The writer's most vivid memory of Herbert was that cheerful smile and ever ready help he was always willing to extend to his devoted young learners, and the present bnad is perhaps his best memorial.

The funeral was attended by a large gathering of Lancaster Branch members and representatives from Furness and Blackburn Branches. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' J. W.

MR. JAMES F. PRIEST

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes:—

When my father left Ross for London in or about 1880 he went to lodge with Mr. Priest's parents at Wanstead. He was already a ringer and he interested Mr. Priest; both were members of Wanstead belfry.

Somewhere about 1882 my father left London for Monmouth, Mr. Priest following him there about two or three years later. Both of them rang in the first peal on Monmouth bells in 1886. Mr. Priest lived with my parents and he became my godfather.

He left for South Africa on May 21st, 1890 (not 1902), and four days earlier he rang his farewell peal with the Cumberlands at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. This was his first and only peal on ten bells.

About ten years ago there was some correspondence in 'The Ringing World' as to who was the oldest member of the Cumberland Youths, to which at the time there were several claimants. I remember writing to suggest that it probably lay between Mr. Priest and the late Rev. W. C. Pearson. Both of them replied, but who was the older member I have forgotten.

An 1899 Peal at Bristol

Dear Sir,—I do not doubt that Mr. Hooper is correct about there being only six bells at St. George's, Bristol, in 1899, but that would mean an error in the following entry in 'Bell News,' Vol. xviii., p. 379:

BRISTOL

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association

On Thursday, December 21st, 1899, in Two Hours & Fifty-Two Minutes At the Church of St. George

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES

Brooks' Variation. Tenor 18 cwt.

Fred G. May	Treble	Stephen Thomas	5
Gilbert Pearce	2	Frank Gooding	6
Henry Pring	3	George T. Daltry	7
Raymond J. Wilkins ..	4	William Bevan	Tenor

Conducted by George T. Daltry

I should be very pleased to know where this peal was rung if it wasn't at St. George's.—Yours sincerely,

Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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By WILFRID G. WILSON

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XV. GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

There are two commonly used ways of calling Grandsire Triples. One is to learn by heart the bells which will be Before (i.e., will make thirds place) at the lead end where a bob is due. Most people who call Holt's peal (the 'Original') use this way, as the peal is a one-part, and there is no one bell which repeats its work at regular intervals and can therefore be learnt easily.

The other way is to learn the work of an observation bell and call the bobs and singles when this bell is in the correct position to do the work you have learnt. For instance, Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples can be arranged so that either the 2nd, the 6th or the 7th does the same work in each of the twelve parts. It is not at all difficult to learn the exact work of this observation bell throughout one part (fifteen calls in thirty leads) and simply keep repeating this calling.

In either of these ways, if this is all you learn, plus a few particular course ends (or the twelve part ends in the second example) so as to check that the bells are right at particular places, you are only bob-calling. To be sure of being able to correct any mistakes as they occur you must also watch the Coursing Order of the bells all the while.

When you try to do this, you will see some vital differences from the Plain Bob type of method. You must allow for a bell in the hunt as well as the treble—and it will not always be the same one. And you will have no fixed bell to make a 'framework' to each course, as each bell (except the treble and the bell making thirds place) is affected by a bob and each bell (except the treble) by a single. It is, however, equally as easy as in Plain Bob to pick up the Coursing Order from the order in which you follow the various bells as you go up to the back or down to the front. So if you should lose the thread of the Coursing Order at any time during a peal, you can pick it up again speedily, unless a trip happens at the same time.

Now let us examine a typical composition of Grandsire Triples—the first part of Parker's twelve-part, with the 7th the observation bell—and see what happens to the Coursing Orders:—

Lead Ends		Coursing Orders
234567	Call 7th	234675
— 752634	In	— 752346
765423		765234
746352		746523
— 237546	Out at 3	— 237465
S 562437	Single H.	S 562374
546723		546237
— 375246	Before	— 375462
327654		327546
362475		362754
346527		346275
— 753246	In	— 753462
— 627453	Out at 1	— 627534
642375		642753
634527		634275
653742		653427
— 276453	Before	— 276534
247365		247653
234576		234765
253647		253476
— 762453	In	— 762534
746325		746253
— 537246	Out at 2	— 537462
S 265437	Single H.	S 265374
— 742365	In	— 742653
— 537642	Out at 1	— 537426
S 625437	Single H.	S 625374
642753		642537
— 376542	Before	— 376425
357264		357642
— 423657	Home	— 423576

Eleven times repeated. Single for Bob halfway and end.

At the start of this peal the Coursing Order of the bells (the order, if you like, in which the treble passes the others on the way up to the back) is 234675. The bob at the first lead end makes 7 go in the hunt, 5 will make thirds place anyway, and 2 (which was in the hunt) falls in behind 7 and 5. The new Coursing Order will, therefore, be 752346—so that, although the bob varies the work of five bells, its effect on the Coursing Order is merely to make the last two bells become the first two. Now until we have another call, we must remember that 7 is in the hunt and we must keep track of our Coursing Order without changing this bell.

At the second lead, which is plain, we write down our Coursing Order, starting with 7, then altering the last five bells by moving the last one (6) to be the first of the five (752346 becomes 765234). The next lead is also plain, so again we start with 7, then alter the last five bells by moving the last one (4) to be the first of the five (765234 becomes 746523).

The next lead is bobbed so, as in the first lead, we transfer the last two bells (2 and 3) to the front of our Coursing Order—2 going into the hunt and 3 making thirds place. (746523 becomes 237465.) At the next lead a single is called and we make the same alteration to our Coursing Order as at a bob, except that in transferring the last two bells to the front we change them round as well (237465 becomes 562374). And so on to the end.

In the example I have emphasised the one bell at the plain leads and the two bells at the calls which are altered. These are the only ways in which the Coursing Order varies from lead to lead.

(To be continued)

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

Despite rather indifferent weather 35 ringers attended the meeting of the Southern District at Nutfield on June 12th. An excellent tea was provided by the local band at the Rectory.

Mr. A. P. Cannon (District Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting at which Messrs. F. Lambert, W. Kitchenside, A. Lewry and E. Jenner were elected compounding members and Miss F. Hankey (Redhill) resident member.

Reviewing the half year, Mr. C. J. Champion (District secretary) said meetings had been better attended than in 1953. Seven peals had been rung, producing three 'first pealers.' Combined practices were arranged for Redhill and Bletchingley, and Mr. W. F. Oatway (general secretary) reported on the Central Council meeting.

Before the Rector closed the meeting with prayer he and the local band were thanked for their hospitality. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 1s. 3d.

North-West District

The visit of the Surrey Association to Dorking on July 3rd coincided with the Patronal Festival of the church (St. Martin's), and this happy choice of date was referred to by the Vicar (the Rev. K. D. Evans), who conducted the service and gave a short address.

Before the meeting started those present stood in memory of Mr. J. Hoyle, of Epsom, who passed away recently. Mr. F. E. Collins, the District Master, was in the chair.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford Ringing Master Retiring

The summer meeting of the Ashford District was held at Folkestone on June 26th. Ringing started at 3.15 at the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Eanswyth, and continued until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. Ian Whyte-Thomson) conducted a service, during the course of which he welcomed the ringers to his church. Mr H. C. Chandler, the secretary of the Cheriton band of ringers, was the organist. The collection was given to the Church Restoration Fund.

Mr. L. J. Whittaker, secretary of the local band, had made admirable arrangements for tea in the Church Hall, assisted by his wife, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Henderson and Miss Godderidge. At the business meeting, with Mr. J. Willis in the chair, Mr. C. W. Everett announced that he did not intend to seek re-election as Ringing Master at the next annual meeting. He has been in the position now for over 30 years and captain of the Ashford band for 42 years.

Mr. S. G. Waters voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar, organist and the members of the local band upon whom the onus of making the arrangements had fallen.

A return was then made to the church for further ringing.

Mayor Welcomes Rochester District to Queenborough

Approximately 80 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District at Holy Trinity, Queenborough, on July 3rd. The Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Daws) conducted the service, at which the collection was given to the Church Tower Restoration Fund.

After the service tea was taken in the Church Hall and was attended by the Mayor of Queenborough, who, with the local ringers and townsfolk, gave the tea.

The Mayor gave a few words of welcome to the assembled company and remarked that the local ringers recently rang a quarter peal in honour of her wedding 50 years ago, as they had done on her wedding day. Mr. F. Cheal briefly responded on behalf of the District.

Ten new members were elected at the business meeting at which the Vicar took the chair, Mr. F. Cheal was chosen the District representative for 'The Ringing World.'

The secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor for honouring the company with her presence on this occasion, to the Vicar for taking the service and the chair at the meeting, to the choir and organist and also to Mr. Stanley Rayfield, the local tower secretary, for making the arrangements for the tea and meeting, and also his lady helpers who looked after the gathering so well during tea. The Vicar briefly responded with the hope that it would not be long before the District once again returned to Queenborough. C. S. J.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

South Oxon Has Over 100 Members

A membership of over 100 from 17 towers was announced by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Badger) at the annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch at Watlington on June 19th. Mr. Badger was re-elected secretary, but the Branch has a new chairman, the Rev. F. E. W. Lewis, Vicar of Watlington, succeeding the Vicar of Benson. The Rev. F. Stuart, Vicar of Bledlow, is vice-chairman.

The meeting was attended by the Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert), Miss Cross, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, Mr. Alan Pink and over 50 members.

Members of the Branch formed the choir for the service at which the Rev. G. E. Russell (Vicar of Didcot) was the preacher.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rowley (cond.) 1, J. Southey 2, T. Clark 3, C. Evans 4, N. Jenks 5, L. North 6, J. Rootes 7, T. Norris 8. Rung for the wedding of David Llewellyn Simon to Patricia Ann Kendrew.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Norton 1, J. G. Geary (cond.) 2, C. T. Whitman 3, R. Russell 4, A. N. Geary 5, E. Lewin 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Norton, who has been a bell-ringer at Billesdon for 65 years.

BOW, E.—At St. Mary-atte-Bow, on June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, I. H. Oram 3, B. G. Moore 4, J. L. Morris 5, F. W. L. Blewer 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, C. W. Ottley 8. Rung for Evensong.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On June 29th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Emery 1, P. Spice 2, D. Randall (first of Triples) 3, D. Brown 4, D. Martin 5, K. Minter (first as cond.) 6, D. Kirby 7, E. Mounter 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to I. Emery (83 on June 25th) and P. Spice (63 on June 29th). Also rung on patronal festival.

BUCKINGHAM.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Vickers 1, F. Vickers, jun. (cond.) 2, F. Vickers, sen., 3, F. Townsend 4, C. W. Gough 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. H. Yates 8. Three generations of the family of Mr. F. Vickers rang in this quarter. Rung for Confirmation service.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary, on July 4th, 1,231 Stedman Caters: P. Pigg 1, S. Brown (first of Stedman Caters) 2, J. W. Ward 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. G. Gipson 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, C. W. Smith 7, C. Hurst 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, A. Rayner 10. Rung for children's service.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On June 20th, 720 Duke of York and 600 Violet: W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. Moxon (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Pontefract at Confirmation service.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Perry 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, G. A. Hartland 3, Miss R. Burge (first quarter) 4, H. C. Burge 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. J. Taylor 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, H. K. White 2, Pam Webb 3, A. Woodley 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. Gordon 7, J. Napper 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ELFORD, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Barr 1, B. J. Townsend 2, J. B. Webb 3, I. A. Townsend 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, M. Knight 6. Rung prior to Evensong in honour of the Dean of Lichfield's visit.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Howells (first quarter) 1, Ann Howells (first 'inside') 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Cherie Payne 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, D. J. Oakshott 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

EYE, HEREFORDS.—On July 4th, 1,440 Doubles (240 Stedman, 1,080 Plain Bob and 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Leslie Evans 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, Philip Morgan 3, Laurence Mainwaring 4, Reginald Jones (cond.) 5, Sydney Daniels 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On June 27th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Rawlins 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, B. Lunn 3, J. Waters 4, H. Ellis 5, Miss H. Snowden 6, J. Stephenson 7, James Phillips 8, John Phillips 9, H. M. Page 10.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, R. Simmonds 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Rickwood 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Pierce 3, A. Balaam 4, H. King 5.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On July 4th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Drury (first quarter) 1, W. Mumby 2, S. Bromfield 3, F. Bloomfield (first of Grandsire as cond.) 4, G. I. Rusby 5, J. B. Budd 6, A. Pashley 7, H. Hadwick 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, G. Perkins 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On June 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, H. S. Peacock 3, C. M. P. Johnson 4, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 5, N. Mallett 6. Rung on the eve of St. John-the-Baptist Day.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On June 27th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: H. B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, N. Mallett 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 20th, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise and 180 Bob Minor: D. A. Theedom 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. Jesson 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on June 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss N. Hales (first in the method) 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, M. Sinden 4, G. A. Parsons 5, J. W. Euston (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, G. Peters 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On June 27th, 1,376 Little Bob Major: H. F. White 1, F. Price 2, B. Madeley 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, R. G. Edwards 7, G. R. Edwards (cond.) 8.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hodgkins (first away from tenor) 1, B. Whitworth (first 'inside') 2, T. G. Cox 3, J. M. Clarke 4, D. Priestley (first as cond.) 5, W. G. Dickens 6, A. L. Priestley 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. The first quarter by a local band and for 3, 6 and 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. I. E. Douglas-Jones, who was recently inducted Rector of St. Mary's.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 13th, 1,440 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Richardson 1, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 2, E. Treagus 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5, F. H. Hicks 6. Rung as a compliment to the Bishop of Chichester, who has now been Bishop of this Diocese for 25 years.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, E. J. Taylor 2, W. Cockram 3, E. Richards 4, P. Mayne (first of Triples as cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. J. Musgrove, for 40 years secretary of the P.C.C.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Stannard 1, A. G. Ballam 2, J. G. Stannard 3, R. L. Stannard 4, A. E. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Higgins 1, Miss R. Snell 2, D. R. Whalley 3, Miss S. M. Collins 4, G. W. Biddulph 5, P. S. Whalley 6, W. Massey 7, E. H. Edge (cond.) 8.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Endall 1, R. Keeley 2, T. E. Marks 3, R. J. Fox 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, G. Gaylard 7, H. J. Sanger 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, J. Bennett 10. Rung to mark the centenary of the borough.

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Quarterly and half-yearly postal subscribers, whose renewals have not yet been paid, are reminded that this is the last week of grace. Remittances to be sent to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro.

BELFRY GOSSIP

B.B.C. 'West of England News' records that at a meeting of Lympstone Parish Council a councillor complained that he could not follow the proceedings owing to the noise made by the band practising in the next room and suggested that Council meetings be held on Wednesdays in future. The chairman pointed out that Wednesday was the bellringers' practice night and they made more noise than the band!

We are sorry to learn that Norman Smith, of Chichester, has his leg in plaster after an accident.

'Pipe's Pilgrims' Tour of Cornwall' starts on August 1st. There are two vacancies. Applicants should write to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Maurice Holgate is the first of the band formed when the new bells were installed at Accrington, to reach peal standard. We are looking forward to other members of the band emulating his example.

Correction.—The name of the ringer of the third in the peal at Totternhoe on June 5th (see 'The Ringing World,' June 25th) should read Frederick J. Plummer.

Mr. Alan Ward, 8, Hadley Avenue, Manchester 13, has been elected as the Manchester area correspondent to 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. Allen Twyman, 9, Queen's Road, Hale, for the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch.

In the peal of Stedman Caters in honour of the quatercentenary of Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, was Miss Stella Hughes, a pupil, and Miss S. Thomas, an Old Girl, and daughter of a former Grammar School Art Master. Stella started ringing 13 months ago—Stedman Caters is good progress.

Holy Trinity, Bolton, and Cambridge University have lost a good ringer with Mr. Ronald Edge accepting an appointment at Canberra and sailing from this country on July 2nd. His peals constitute a comprehensive list, including Surprise methods, and he has also rung handbell peals up to ten bells. It is to be hoped that he can make the journey occasionally to Melbourne Cathedral, where his help will be most welcome to Mr. Philip Gray.

Guildford has been selected for the next annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild on July 2nd, 1955.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, who had a happy reunion last Saturday with friends at Shrewsbury, left Guildford for America on March 6th, 1924, and rang his farewell peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on March 3rd, 1924.

Mr. D. G. Wheeler informs us that Edlesborough is situated in Buckinghamshire and not Bedfordshire (see page 427). The Vicar will probably note the correction. His main concern is, however, raising £563 to restore the bells.

An American visitor who arrived this week is Mrs. William C. Scott, of St. Petersburg, Florida. She is specially interested in ringing and hopes to visit towers in London, Devon and Cornwall, Scotland and York. Her address will be Bentham Hall, 31-43, Cartwright Gardens, London, W.C.1.

Two enthusiasts from Bedford—P. J. Shipton and J. R. Taylor—have submitted for our consideration a quarter peal of Minimus 'in hand' (Plain Bob and Grandsire). Piquancy to the performance is added by the footnote, 'First quarter on bells (home-made).' We do not normally accept quarter peals 'in hand' and have no intention of adding 'Minimus,' not recognised by the Central Council, to our records.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Macclesfield

ON Saturday, June 12th, the annual festival of the Chester Guild was held at Macclesfield, when, despite transport difficulties, some 60 members were present.

Ringing was enjoyed on the bells of the Parish Church (12), Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8) and Sutton St. James' (6) until the usual service held in the ancient Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tom Clarke. The Rev. John Kingdon (general secretary) assisted and the Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, read the lesson.

In the course of his address the Vicar said that a visitor to the church that very afternoon, an Englishwoman who had lived in America for nearly all her life, and had brought her daughter to revisit the old country, had been overjoyed that on this, her first day in England, she had heard after so long, and her daughter for the first time had heard, the sound of the church bells. Ringing, though a pastime full of interest, was also a vital piece of work for God, and ringers were at one with the clergy, choir and organist in bearing witness to the whole world. In this world of confused values the bells reminded people of the true sense of values. 'Again, ringing is only effective if the team works as a whole, for in the tower there is no room for individualism, which serves to remind us of the great truth that we cannot live to ourselves alone. In this ancient church we might feel that we are surrounded by the legions of past ringers, but we should be awake to the fact that while tradition is valuable and useful, the church to-day requires not dead but live men.'

At the annual meeting which followed tea the meeting stood in silence to honour the members who had passed to higher service in 1953: The Duke of Westminster, Messrs. Robert Sperring, John Hayes, Harry Overton, Joseph C. Hough, Jack Price, Arthur W. Howard, Wilfred Matthews, Charles Edwards, Alfred Roberts and Samuel Bowker.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

The report disclosed that Sunday service ringing was at a high level in all branches and that the paid-up membership was: Honorary members 26, ringing members 713, arrears being one honorary and 67 ringing members. Membership represented 89 towers.

The accounts showed that expenditure still exceeded income slightly but the Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund had grown nicely and was now £84 1s. 10d., after paying a grant to Handley.

Among the 101 peals rung by the Guild in 1953 were the first peals of Liscard Imperial Bob, Westminster Imperial Bob, St. Valentine's Imperial Bob, Malpas Imperial Bob, Bebington Imperial Bob. Poulton Imperial Bob, Cholmondeley Bob and Christleton Bob Major.

Cheshire has many grand old men ringers and mentioned in the report were the birthdays of William Rigby (92), of Lawton, Joseph Ashmole (90), of Northwich, Samuel Jones (85), of Eccleston, Alfred Barnes (85), of Reddish and William Gayes (80), of Macclesfield. All except Mr. Rigby still ring when opportunity offers, some of them very regularly, and Mr. Rigby still takes a lively interest in church affairs.

The social activities of the branches continue to be popular events and young ringers continue to come along and the youngsters of yesteryear are beginning to assume posts of responsibility in the branches.

RESTORATIONS — A WARNING

The committee expresses concern at the standard of workmanship of some of the recent restorations and urges ringers to ensure that when their bells are restored some knowledgeable ringer is appointed by the Church Council to keep an eye on the work. It also suggests that steeplekeepers should be on the lookout for loose stonework on the tower at all times and should advise the churchwardens of any suspected structural defects or damage so that appropriate action may be taken in good time.

A peal of Plain Bob Triples rung in memoriam George R. Newton is printed at the end of the report with a note to say that it is included there as the method does not conform to the Central Council's definition of a regular method, but that a tribute to such an old friend should not go unrecorded. The comment on this peal took the same lines as the debate on the subject at Newcastle, i.e., some taking the line that decisions should be adhered to, others that due notice should be given after such a lapse of time.

Mr. R. G. Corby gave an excellent report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting and was cordially thanked.

After some discussion it was decided to abandon the annual dinner for this year with a suggestion that Branches should hold some comparable function and the matter be discussed again next year.

The following resolution was adopted: 'That this meeting deplores opportunity being afforded to introduce synthetic bells into any church of the Church of England where there are rings of bells in existence and to prevent such occurrences urges all members to do all in their power to get existing bells rung regularly.'

The meeting showed its confidence in its officials by re-electing them en bloc, with a cordial vote of thanks to them for their services.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar of Macclesfield, the organist and verger of the Parish Church and the incumbents of Christ Church, St. Peter's and Sutton for their assistance in making the meeting such a success.

The next annual festival of the Guild will be held at Frodsham on the Saturday before Trinity Sunday, 1955. C. K. L.

A MEMORABLE SERVICE AT RIPON

A special service held in the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, June 27th, to commemorate the granting by King James I., in 1604, of the two Charters, one to the City and the other to the Cathedral.

The Charter of King James revised and renewed the Royal Charters dating back to the reign of King Alfred in A.D. 886 granted to the city and advanced the civic constitution from a Wakeman and Town Council to that of a Mayor, 12 Aldermen with 24 assistants, a Town Clerk and a Sergeant at Mace.

The Charter of 1604 to the Minster—not then a Cathedral—reconstituted 'the late dissolved Collegiate Church for ever' to consist of a Dean, six Prebends, Organist, six Lay Clerks, six Choristers, a Parish Clerk and two Vicars Choral for the cure of souls. This Charter rescued the Minster from ruin and restored it to working order.

H.R.H. the Princess Royal, a Freeman of the City, attended the service, supported by dignitaries of Church and State together with the citizens and visitors to the City.

The Cathedral bells rang out to greet their Royal visitor, and in honour of the 350th anniversary of the two Charters, a touch consisting of 700 Grandsire Triples was arranged. The Master of the Essex Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel), being a guest of the local ringers, was invited to conduct the ringing. The music of these fine bells provided a grand prelude to the great service which followed. F. T.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Correction

The resolution passed by the Central Council meeting at Newcastle following the motion on anonymous letters should read:—

'That this Council expresses complete confidence in the ability of "The Ringing World" Committee to select such letters as it considers suitable for publication.'

The report of the resolution appearing on page 410 stated 'anonymous' letters.

The full implication of the correct resolution, which the Editor feels was not appreciated at the time, is under consideration by 'The Ringing World' Committee in consultation with the general secretary of the Council. Until a decision is reached correspondents, as heretofore, send their letters intended for publication direct to the Editor, who will deal with them as he has done in the past. Any anonymous letters received will be passed to the Editorial Committee for their approval before publication.

The name of Mr. W. E. Critchley should be added to the Peals Collection Committee (see page 410).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

A Week-end in the Lake District

Instead of the customary day's trip the Company of Ringers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Lincoln, decided this year on a week-end from Friday evening until Sunday evening, with the Lake District as their objective.

Leaving Lincoln on June 18th at 6.30 p.m. the night was spent at Ilkley. On Saturday morning ringing took place at Skipton for three-quarters of an hour, and the main headquarters, Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, was reached at lunch time. Here Mr. Newby, the local secretary, whose arrangements and guidance meant so much, met the party.

After lunch the tour and ringing of the Lake District began, Dalton-in-Furness being first on the list, where we found a good ten, and then on to Broughton to find a very nice eight, where the local lady ringers were waiting to greet us. Soon we were on our way again, passing through some of the finest scenery we had seen, travelling by Lake Coniston on to Ambleside, then by Lake Windermere on to Bowness, where our ringing was curtailed owing to our late arrival. Then back to our headquarters at Grange.

On Sunday morning we reached Kendal later than schedule but were in time to ring two touches for morning service. Leaving Kendal en route for Sedbergh, we were able to visit Mr. Woodhouse to see his ringing machine, which interested our members, and hear his description of the same. Ringing at 12.15 to 1 p.m. followed this and some good touches were accomplished, which brought us to lunch time.

Ripon was reached at the appointed time, 4.30 p.m., and on arrival we found our friends from Newcastle (Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness) were waiting to meet us, also Mrs. Richardson. After tea we made our way to the Cathedral, where we much appreciated the local ringers giving us permission to ring with them for evening service for an hour. After saying farewell to our friends we were soon on our way home. After two short stops on the way Lincoln was reached at 10.45 p.m.

During the week-end, methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Major, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Oakham Royal. One of the most pleasing things was that every member of the Company was able to go, which at one time did not look like being so, owing to illness. Approximately 400 miles were travelled, this being one of the longest and most successful outings yet undertaken by the Company.

48 METHODS OF SPLICED SURPRISE

Another Achievement for Yorkshire Band

A new record was established by the Yorkshire band conducted by Mr. W. Eric Critchley in a peal of 48 Spliced Surprise Major methods rung at Conisbrough on June 18th.

The conductor had a 'rocky' time, in a very real sense; about halfway through the peal what seemed to be 'a major portion of the tower' entered his right eye and remained there for the rest of the peal.

The umpire, Mr. D. A. Chapman, sat in the ringing chamber throughout the peal, and checked all figures, bobs and methods. So many of the band complained that his face would put them off that the poor man changed his position three times before the peal could start!

The peal was composed also by Mr. Critchley.

THE COMPOSITION

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN 48 METHODS

2345678 Framley
4263857 Tring
2357486—Wembley
4523678—Lindum
2465837 Hitchin
5347286 Barnsbury
2453678—Hanbury
5264837 Trowbridge
4327586 Radlett
5243678—Watford
4562837 Lincolnshire
5237486—Falmouth
4352678—Derwent
5463827 Aldenham
3247586 Rutland
5432678—Uxbridge
3564827 Painswick
4257386 Campsall
3542678—Shoreditch
4365827 Langley
3527486—Scawthorpe
4235678—Lindoff's London
6342857—Superlative
2537684 Vauxhall
6325478—Chester
2643857 Warwickshire

Continued:
3567284 Claybrooke
2635478—Ramsey
3246857 Pudsey
6527384 Eastcote
3265478—London
4632857—Apsley
6257483—Lessness
5642378 Ickleton
4536827 Yorkshire
5627483—Wembley
4256378—Lindum
3542867 Cherwell
2657384 Rutland
3526478—Derwent
4235867—Bristol
3425867—Pyrford
5647382 Otley
3456278—Stockport
5324867 Jersey
3467582—Cray
5623847 Cambridge
6347582—Dublin
4637582—London
5346278—New Gloucester
4536278—Deben
2345867—Minsmere
5637284 Maulden
2356478—

Twice repeated.

The methods Campsall and Scawthorpe are now rung for the first time.

NEW METHODS RUNG IN THE 48 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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21436587	21436587
12463578	12346578
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24351867	85241367
24538176	82543176
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34218657	24813657
43126875	42186375
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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The first summer meeting of the District was held on June 19th. The nice light eight (too light for some!) at Welwyn were open in the afternoon, when, among other methods, Single Norwich was attempted. Then, before and after tea, Kimpton bells were open, when up to London Minor and including Single Court (a 'method for the day') were rung.

The tea and business meeting were held in the garden of Mr. Wells cafe. Mr. Wells has been ringing at Kimpton for very many years. The next meeting is hoped to be at Essenden (newly rehung) and Tewin on July 17th. G. D.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Stockport Branch

Some 40 members and friends attended the meeting at Wilmslow on June 19th when the Rector at the service based his address on 'Worship.' He associated with worship—fellowship, which existed more among ringers than any other branch of the church; witness, they would never know how deep the influence of their bells was; and service, which was closely related to witness.

In the absence of Mr. James Fernley through illness, Mr. Elkins presided at the business meeting. The members heard with regret that Mrs. Hough, of Knutsford, was still in hospital and a message of good wishes was sent to her. Mr. Michael Sage (Wilmslow) was elected a member and Mr. Allen Twyman appointed Branch correspondent to 'The Ringing World.' The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the Rector, wardens, local ringers and the ladies who prepared tea.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Yorkshire, Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Superlative were rung at the meeting of the Northern District on June 26th at Barkway, but Cambridge would not go. Twenty-three members and friends did justice to a good spread at the Three Horseshoes, and at the business meeting presided over by Mr. S. Carter, Hinxworth was selected for the July meeting with London Surprise Minor as the special method.

The band who took part in the peal at Newball, Derbyshire, on July 3rd. would like to express thanks to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dawson for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

DRIVE FOR NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

Where the First 250 Came From

'Ringing World' correspondents are getting to work in our drive to increase our list of postal subscribers. We are happy to announce that the first 250 have been received. There is still plenty of spade work to be done.

Keen rivalry exists between Hertfordshire and Essex for the county showing the best response. This week's leader is Hertfordshire. Who is to depose them?

To enable correspondents and officials to assess their contribution to this great effort we append the total of new subscribers by individual counties:—

24.—Hertfordshire.
22.—Essex.
17.—Surrey.
15.—Wales.
13.—London, Staffordshire.
11.—Lancashire.
10.—Birmingham, Leicester.
9.—Norfolk.
6.—Bedfordshire, Derbyshire, Somerset.
5.—Devon, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Sussex, Australia.
4.—Cambridgeshire, Hunts, Middlesex, Northants.
3.—Cheshire, Dorset, Durham, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Worcestershire.
2.—Bristol, Bucks, Cornwall, Oxfordshire. Warwickshire, B.A.O.R.
1.—Berkshire, Cumberland, Herefordshire, Suffolk, Wilts, Scotland, Canada.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Resignation of Clerical Secretary

An enjoyable meeting was held at Woodbridge on July 3rd, when methods on the fine bells ranged from Bob Major to London Surprise. The Ringing Master occupied the chair at the business meeting and gave a welcome to the visitors, who came from as far as St. Albans.

The resignation of the Rev. C. P. Newell as clerical secretary was received with regret, and the general secretary was instructed to write the Rev. G. D. R. Taylor, of Ottley, with a view to filling the vacant office.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Cribb appealing for a grant towards the cost of restoring Tannington bells was read and it was decided to grant £20.

The general secretary (Mr. C. W. Pipe) made a further appeal for 'The Ringing World,' which resulted in six members promising to become postal subscribers. Mr. Alan Bridges (Saxmundham), Miss Patricia Clark (Ipswich) and Mr. George Pipe (Woodbridge) agreed to act as 'The Ringing World' representatives.

A brief report of the Central Council meeting was given by the general secretary, who also asked members to let him have particulars of peal boards recording performances prior to 1825. It was agreed that the next general meeting be held at Stradbroke on September 25th. when, if enough names were given to the general secretary, a bus would operate specially from Ipswich. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Stanley Woodard for arranging tea.

Halesworth District

When the Halesworth District held their quarterly meeting at Southwold on June 19th the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Macfarlane) not only took the service but participated in the ringing. About 30 ringers attended, including those from Colchester, Ardleigh, Mistley and Acle.

At the business meeting which followed an excellent tea at the Pier Avenue Hotel, it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Chediston in September. Ringing was comprehensive, varying from call changes to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WEIGHTS IN STEEPLES

Dear Sir,—The effects of hanging a weight in a steeple are:—

(a) To lower the centre of gravity,

(b) To add to the weight of the comparatively light top part, without raising the centre of gravity, and prevent its being blown away in heavy wind, and

(c) To allow the spire to oscillate freely so that it shall not roll the top part overboard.

Most spires are kept stable by building the top few feet solid and integrating the mass of stonework by putting an iron rod through it. This rod usually appears externally as a weathercock or other ornament.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend, Kent.

CHURCH SPIRE WITH STONE

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Ernest J. Rowe's letter re church spires, the church he is thinking of is Worfield Parish Church

It is a very fine church with a high spire believed, I think, to be the third highest in the Midlands. This spire has a stone like a small millstone suspended by a chain from the top of the spire to just above the bell. There is a wooden platform a few inches below the stone in case the chain breaks.

This stone swings slightly if any of the bells are rung, but I cannot say if there is any movement when they are silent and there is no wind.—Yours faithfully,

R. INSTON.

Norton, Shropshire.

'RINGING WORLD' AND SENTIMENTAL ENERGY

Dear Sir,—I am dreadfully afraid that a Friday morning will come and no 'Ringing World' will arrive, or that, if it does come, it will contain a notice to the effect that from such and such a date the committee regret that they must discontinue publication.

Then, and **only** then, Mr. Editor, will the Exercise realise the magnitude of its loss.

I am convinced that such a day will come unless our weekly paper is subsidised by the 40-odd Guilds affiliated to the Central Council. If each Guild subscribed £5 per annum surely 'The Ringing World' could go forward with confidence; could the sum be doubled per annum the paper could be improved and thus win more readers. I have been told that such a scheme has been discussed and turned down as impracticable. Why?

At the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild's annual meeting held recently one speaker objected to the idea on the grounds that 'The Ringing World' was a **business** proposition and not a **sentimental** concern. Surely we should be without the journal to-day but for the 'sentimental' energy and devotion of its underpaid officers.

Recently the same Guild has effected a saving of some £20 to £25 by publishing an abridged annual report—a very necessary step, in view of the high cost of printing. May I suggest that some of this annual saving would be well spent if used to preserve our weekly paper. Better be without a report entirely than lose 'The Ringing World.'

It is my belief that the remedies now recommended by 'The Ringing World' Committee are but palliatives; with rising costs continuing another crisis is round the corner.

Those ringers interested in 'The Ringing World' are **taking** 'The Ringing World,' the others turn a deaf ear to our pleadings. Why should they listen? They will never miss that which they have never enjoyed.—Yours faithfully.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

KNARESBOROUGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is reported in your issue of July 2nd that, on their outing, the Manchester Cathedral ringers were unable to ring at Knaresborough 'as the tower is unsafe.'

Not only is the tower safe but the bells, which were increased to eight and rehung in a cast iron frame by Messrs. Taylor as a war memorial after the 1914-18 war, are in perfect ringing order except that only the treble bell has a rope, at least it had when I visited the tower three months ago.

The bells have only been sounded by Ellacombe hammers for the past 17 or 18 years (except when I pulled the treble up recently!), since the ringers were provoked into striking by a former Vicar, who detested bells but who sheltered behind his Church Council.

When the Kent tourists came to Yorkshire two years ago I made strenuous efforts to obtain permission to ring. I begged and pleaded and offered every inducement I could think of, all to no avail.

Although he has since had experience of another church where cordial relations exist between the Vicar and the ringers, the present Vicar happened, unfortunately, to have been curate here when the 'incident' occurred and he is quite adamant.

The only reason that the bells are not rung—and I gather there is still local opinion in favour of ringing—is that the Vicar will not allow it.

If one could trace back to their origin all cases where bells have been stopped 'because the tower is unsafe' it would probably be found that the majority are quite safe and that the bells have fallen into disuse through other reasons, as, in this case, the personal dislike of one man.

Not far from Knaresborough lies the six-bell tower of Hunsingore, where the bells were also reputed to be unsafe. Investigation showed that ringing lapsed during the war and was never resumed. The bells were chimed from an Ellacombe machine and a new vicar came along who took it for granted that because the bells **weren't** rung they **couldn't** be— an impression I was able to dispel when I took a band to ring on them.

Still more recently I took a band to a Nottinghamshire six-bell tower, where, 30 years ago, ringing was stopped on the grounds that the tower was bulging under the weight of the bells. We found that, despite lack of oil and 30 years' idleness, the bells ran remarkably well and there was not a tremor in the oak bell frame. My latest information is that steps are now being taken to ring the bells regularly, another architect having pronounced the tower to be safe although in need of some pointing.

The excuse that the tower is unsafe can often be a cover for idleness or indifference—sometimes for deliberate dishonesty. It should never be accepted without question nor, if possible, without a personal examination.—Yours faithfully, R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

MR. WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Macey's suggestion that the late William Weatherstone may have been a tailor by reason of his never working on Mondays, I am able to say he was not. He was a furniture maker by trade.

I knew him well for many years. He never wore a collar and tie but always a narrow black and white check scarf, and he always wore a frock coat.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

RINGING TOURS

Dear Sir,—Your excellent leading article concerning ringing outings prompts me to write concerning those other pleasant summer activities known as ringing tours. The West Country is very popular for these, and Cornwall, with its magnificent scenery and excellent bells, is a ringer's paradise. Also, in the delectable duchy, with its kindhearted and hospitable people, permission to ring, even at very short notice, is very rarely withheld without a really legitimate reason.

When applying for the use of bells for a peal it would save perhaps misunderstanding if the time of ringing was stated, for in many parts of the West the word 'peal' has not the technical meaning given to it by a change ringer, but implies a 'touch.' When visiting a tower a small courtesy, which is often appreciated, is to ask the locals to stand in for a touch of call-changes, but if the visitor is not well versed in the West Country variety he would be well advised to let the local captain do the conducting, and he himself to keep his ears and wits alert. Also, the covering of a well-struck touch of Triples or Doubles with a round ringer on the tenor, ringing solely by ear, has to be heard to be believed.

Change ringing is not widely practised in Cornwall (or parts of Devon either) but the round or call change ringer strives to and usually does attain perfection in rising, falling and striking. A good rise followed by a well-struck touch of Doubles or Triples will bring the commendation deserved. A ragged or one-at-a-time rise or a rough touch brings forth the equally well-deserved comment of, 'Why can't the scientific ringers learn to strike their bells?' What answer should be given? Surely not the explanation given the other day by an 'Easterner' when he said, 'Oh, we have to raise our bells singly otherwise by the time the whole band was in the tower there would be no time for ringing after raising the bells in peal,' for punctuality is one of the Cornishman's many virtues.

You 'Surprise' bands who this year are contemplating a tour in the West Country, why not devote the remaining practices before your departure to 'Rising and Falling'? It is really quite simple, will add to the enjoyment of ringing and also remove the one real prejudice now remaining against 'Scientific' ringers. The 'West' is famous for its hospitality and courtesy to visiting ringers: surely it is not too much to ask visiting bands to show their appreciation by rising and falling properly in peal.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

HAS SURPRISE OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS?

Dear Sir,—As a student of ringing I have always understood that the basis of producing changes was 'to move not more than one place at a time and not more than two consecutive blows in one place.'

I am aware of some departures from this, chiefly as concession to five-bell ringing.

But Bob Triples and the 4th place bob in Kent Treble Bob, well, I ask you?

What, however, concerns me more is the rubbish that is now being rung because the label 'Surprise' may be attached to it.

Surely it is time to revise the definitions and open the field to a wider variety of good but yet neglected Treble Bob methods.

I would suggest only two types of Treble Bob methods—the simple and the difficult. The term 'Surprise' as at present defined has outlived its period of usefulness.—Yours faithfully.

K. A. ROE

Wigston, Leicestershire.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Bishop's Views on Recorded Bells

The 26th annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held on June 26th in the lovely Cathedral town of Brecon. The town can boast of many rings of bells, but sad to relate, no ringing bells at the Cathedral. Perhaps some day a generous donor will make good this omission.

The service was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. W. Edward Jones) and an inspiring address given by the Lord Bishop (Dr. Glyn Simpson).

Over 60 members and friends attended the annual meeting in the Chapter House. The hon. general secretary opened the proceedings by welcoming the Bishop to the chair as the Guild's new president.

Acknowledging the welcome, Dr. Glyn Simpson referred to the difficulty they had in getting the bells of Llandaff rung, and thought, generally speaking, they had not quite overcome the setback caused by the silencing of the bells during the war. As to recorded and synthetic bells, he said that no faculty would be given by him to have any of these substitutes installed.

A tribute to Dr. Williamson, the late Lord Bishop, was given by Mr. D. J. Williams.

The general secretary submitted a short report on ringing throughout the Diocese, the hon. treasurer presented the statement of accounts, and Mr. G. I. Lewis reported on the Central Council meeting at Newcastle.

Before the election of officers took place a motion was submitted by Mr. S. Edwards, 'that in future only members within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon be eligible for the office of Master of the Guild.' After a great deal of discussion the motion was withdrawn.

The officers elected were:—Master, Mr. Cyril Rowles; hon. general secretary, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare; hon. treasurer, Mr. David Stokes; hon. auditor, Mr. Trevor Roderick.

A motion to alter three of the rules was received.

Several members promised to buy 'The Ringing World' after a circular letter re the financial position of the journal was read.

Knighton, Radnorshire, was selected for the 1955 festival, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the president.

After tea, ringing took place on the eight- and six-bell towers. Younger members, however, preferred rowing on the Usk to the bells ringing out their music to Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was most successfully held at Llangibby on June 19th. Favoured with glorious weather, 65 ringers gathered at this delightful church.

The Master, Mr. David King, arranged ringing for all. Canon E. T. Davies, Rector of Llangibby, conducted the service and, after a most encouraging address, stressed that ringers accomplished far more for the church than they knew—a clergyman's voice could be heard only by a few, but the voices of the bells by many. The Rev. F. A. Oswell (Llanfrechfa) was organist and the singing was unusually hearty.

Tea was prepared by Mrs. E. T. Davies, who fed the 'multitudes' in the Church Hall and the 'overflow' on the grass outside! Mrs. Davies and her helpers were sincerely thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles. Ten young ladies and two boys were elected new members. Progress was reported from St. Woolos'. Mr Luff, supported by Mr. Clench, invited the Branch to hold its next meeting at Usk. This invitation was accepted.

DEDICATION

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD

Guildford Diocesan Guild have a new light ring of six at St. John-the-Evangelist, Stoke-next-Guildford. The two new bells and the four old bells, which have been retuned, were dedicated on Trinity Sunday morning by the Rector (the Rev. F. Hurd). The bells are hung with modern fittings in cast iron framework, the contract having been undertaken by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Rector, in his address, said the restoring of the old bells and the provision of the two new bells was made possible by a legacy of £850 from the late Mr. Albert Shrubb, and gifts from the relatives and friends of the late Mrs. Bowyer.

He paid a tribute to the ringers of S. Nicolas', Guildford, for their help in training the band of local ringers being formed, and called for volunteers to augment the existing band. The Rector thanked Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the successful way they had carried out the contract.

Particulars of the bells are:—

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. F sharp. Mears and Stainbank, 1954.

Second.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. E. Richard Phelps of Whitechapel, 1700.

Third.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. D. Mears and Stainbank, 1954.

Fourth.—4 cwt. 1 qr. C sharp. Brian Eldridge, Chertsey, 1600.

Fifth.—5 cwt. 2 qr. B. Brian Eldridge, Chertsey, 1600.

Tenor.—7 cwt. 14 lb. A. Brian Eldridge, Chertsey, 1600.

The opening touch was rung by: W. J. Robinson 1, F. Bowden 2, G. L. Grover 3, E. John Walls 4, A. Harman (conductor) 5, R. H. Kenward 6.

84th BIRTHDAY PEAL AT COVENTRY

When Mr. Adolphus (Bob) Roberts, father of the band at St. Michael's Church, Stoke, Coventry, was asked, 'What would you like to ring for your 84th birthday?' he replied, 'A peal of Stedman Triples for the College Youths; it is 65 years since I rang my first peal in the method for the Ancient Society.' So a band was arranged and an excellent peal rung at Stoke on July 3rd.

When recalling the 1899 peal, which was rung at Evesham, old Bob said there were three men on the tenor, the composer of the peal rung at Stoke, J. W. Washbrook, a famous heavy-bell ringer, being on the box, assisted by two strappers. The conductor was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a firm believer in raisins as an aid to peal ringing, but the seedless variety was unknown in those days, so the belfry floor got the pip. Bob looks good for many peals yet, and was booked for another peal before the band dispersed.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS

Selston Bell-ringer 79 Not Out

East Derbyshire and Notts Association of Church Bellringers' quarterly meeting at Selston on June 26th had special significance. It was the 79th birthday of Mr. Wilson Dobb, a member of a well-known Selston family, who was for some years president of the Association and is now vice-president.

A good company assembled at the church during the afternoon, and ringing was enjoyed until 4.15 p.m., when the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Biddell), who gave a short address. The president, Mr. J. W. England, read the lesson.

Members, their wives and friends then adjourned to the Vicarage for tea, provided by the Selston members. A short business meeting followed, and the president extended the best wishes of the company to Mr. Dobb.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' July 17th, 1914

THE YOUNGEST PEAL BAND

Stimulated by the achievements of the veterans, youth has now shown what it can do on tower bells. As we recorded the other day, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Saxlingham by a band whose average age was 18¼ years. Despite their youth, however, the band were not by any means novices at peal ringing for their aggregate on leaving the tower at Saxlingham was 262 peals. The ringers, with their peals and ages, were:—

	Age	Peals
George H. Cross (Norwich) ..	20	83
James F. Duffield (Tasburgh) ..	14	7
Edward P. Duffield (Tasburgh) ..	15	10
Alfred Funnell (Saxlingham) ..	21	46
Cecil R. Chamberlin (Wroxham)	21	16
William C. Duffield (Tasburgh) ..	18	9
Bertie F. Turner (Tibenham) ..	19	48
Frank R. Copeman (Saxlingham)	20	43

A CRICKET MATCH

On July 14th, 1914, a cricket match was played on the Cricket Green, Mitcham, between the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths. The Cumberlands won by two runs. Scores were: Ancient Society of College Youths 30, Royal Cumberland Youths 32. After the match a social was held at a nearby hostelry. The proprietor, Mr. Charles Bance, a well-known personality and ringer in Surrey circles, granted the use of a special room for the occasion.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Bridlington Priory

Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association, was a welcome visitor to the annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association at Bridlington Priory on June 26th. During the service, conducted by Canon Lamb (Rector), a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

At the business meeting Mr. A. E. Sellers was re-elected vice-president, and Messrs. L. Rodmell, T. Southwick and L. M. Woodhead to the District committee. Mr. Rodmell was elected for a further period of three years on the general committee of the Association.

An appeal was made by the vice-president for more postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' which was strongly endorsed by Mr. Heazel.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Good weather again favoured the Society for the monthly meeting held at St. Mary's Church, Beverley, on June 12th. Ringing was held up during the afternoon for a wedding.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon T. H. Tardrew, the Rev. G. Storer read the lesson, and the Rev. J. A. Harlow was the organist. For his parting sermon the Canon spoke on the various motives that made a man enter a tower, and on the higher motive which he hoped was the cause of ringers entering a belfry.

Tea was taken in the Market Cross Hotel, where the clergy and ringers were joined by the Vicar of Beverley Minster, the Rev. R. C. Collwyn Hargreaves. After tea, tributes were paid to Canon Tardrew for his services to St. Mary's Parish and to ringing in particular. He had made a point of getting to know all the ringers in both churches in the town and the ringers who visited the church. A keen critic of the standard of ringing, both at home and when on duty away, he never failed to compliment good ringing or inquire what was the matter with the bad ringing.

The standard of ringing improved as the evening wore on and ended with a good touch of Caters.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD

Organised by Miss Winifred Keys, the Guild of Chichester Cathedral Bellringers had an ideal outing on June 26th

After ringing at Romsey Abbey there was a brief halt for 'elevenses' and then to Downton, where Peter Blackman, from Salisbury Theological College, joined the party. The highspot of the day was the grand eight at Kingston.

At Lymington, the last ring, the incumbent gave a warning that Mr. C. Arnold, whose name appeared on the tablet recording the first quarter peal on the bells in 1902, lay in bed a stone's-throw from the church and would be most upset if the striking was amiss.

Dick Blackman was an able Ringing Master for a programme ranging from rounds to Cam bridge Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The counties of Warwickshire and Worcestershire were visited by Loughborough Parish Church ringers and friends on June 26th.

Ringing took place in the ancient and massive tower of St. Denis', Monks Kirby, St. Michael's, Stoke-in-Coventry, now restored after the blitz, and on the grand ten at St. Mary's, Warwick.

A break in the traditional routine took place in the afternoon when the famous and well-preserved Tudor house of Compton Wynyates was inspected. Evesham was visited for tea, followed by ringing on the nice new eight at Great Hampton, in which several local ringers joined in some good ringing, and finally came the heavy twelve in the Evesham bell tower, cast at Loughborough in 1951. Loughborough was reached soon after 10 p.m., thus bringing to a close a most enjoyable trip.

ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA

About 200 miles were covered by St. Mary's, Portsea, on their annual outing, the band being augmented by ringing friends from Chichester, Washington and Southampton.

An excellent choice of towers had been made, the first being the heavy-going eight at Gillingham. Then followed the fine ten at Evercreech. (unfortunately the acquaintance of the local band could not be made as they were on a similar errand to Hampshire), the magnificent eight of Chewton Mendip, and Warminster where challenges were exchanged between aspiring tenor ringers. Home was reached about 11 p.m.

Methods rung were Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Yorkshire, Bristol and five Spliced Surprise Major.

ST. MARY'S, READING

A coachload of 29 ringers and friends left Reading at 6.30 a.m. on July 3rd en route for Canterbury. On the journey down, the recast bells at Bromley were enjoyed, a small contribution was made to the 27th jubilee of the Diocese on Rochester Cathedral bells and a quick call at Sittingbourne.

At Canterbury there was ringing at the Cathedral, a sumptuous tea at Long's Cafe and a short visit to St. Stephen's, Hackington. The day passed all too quickly.

RHYL, NORTH WALES

Eight ringers from Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor and Reading had an outing to Gresford on June 19th.

Visits were paid to Halkyn (6), Mold (6), Buckley (8), Hawarden (6), Eccleston (8), Pulford (8) and Hope (6). The conducting was shared by Messrs. J. Evans (Rhyl), L. S. Griffiths (Llandudno) and A. Salisbury (Bangor and Hornchurch).

Owing to the rather lengthy programme, no time was taken for lunch and it was a very hungry party that partook of a fine tea provided at the Gresford meeting.

OUTINGS

BALDOCK AND NORTON

For the first time Baldock and Norton, for their outing on June 12th, crossed London and into Kent. In the morning ringing took place at Sevenoaks, where the party were met by Miss Colgate, and Tonbridge, where Mr. W. H. Dobbie awaited their arrival. West Malling and Chatham were in the afternoon's programme and then followed the best ring of the day at Gravesend and Dartford, where the name and address of one of the members was taken for the local Press, he being the youngest and smallest ringer ever to call a touch of Stedman in Dartford. Home was reached at 12.30 a.m. Special thanks to Mr. R. Wood, of Tonbridge, and Mr. C. Norris, of Chatham, who arranged the meals. 'Thank you, Kent.'

BRAINTREE ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD

An enjoyable outing to Windsor and district took place on June 19th. Ringing took place at Rickmansworth, Uxbridge, Windsor, Old Windsor and Denham. A pleasant afternoon was spent by some of the party looking over the Castle and grounds. Methods rung included London and Bristol Surprise Special thanks are due to Mr. Glass, of Windsor, and Mr. Goodfellow, of Iver Heath, for helping to make this one of the Guild's most successful outings.

HELMINGHAM

Some 240 miles were travelled by Helmingham ringers for their annual outing on June 26th, when the Thames Valley was the objective. A start was made at 6 a.m. and home reached at 2 a.m.

Beaconsfield was reached at 10.30, ahead of schedule, then followed Marlow for lunch and ringing for a smiling bride-to-be. Other towers visited were Farnham Royal, Slough and Stoke Poges. Methods rung included seven spliced, London and Bristol Surprise Major Mr. W. Birmingham is thanked for his valuable help in the organisation.

PRESTBURY, GLOS

On July 3rd a very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent in the North Cotswolds ringing at Willersey, Chipping Campden, Blockley and Bourton-on-the-Hill (in which local ringers participated). Tea was taken at Chipping Campden and ample time allowed to see something of the beauty of these lovely places with their grand stone buildings. The ringing ranged from rounds and call changes for the learners to Kent Treble Bob for the more advanced members.

The bells were found to be to the liking of the Prestbury ringers, who would like to see someone in the district with enthusiasm enough to get things moving. There is the material to form a very good branch,—enough towers, some ringers, and at least one interested parson (Blockley), but the start must be made from within the area if it is to succeed. C. R.

SYSTON

Syston, Leicester, ringers spent a pleasant day in Lincolnshire on June 26th. Before lunch at Lincoln, ringing took place at Barrowby and Caythorpe. Everybody managed the climb to Lincoln Cathedral belfry although a number looked worried as they rang Maximus for the first time though the result was creditable. Afterwards, on St. Giles' bells, a course of Surprise Major was rung.

After an extra large tea, Barkston, a six-bell tower, was visited. An all-ladies' touch of Minor concluded the ringing here. Coming into Waltham, bells were heard and some energetic members 'grabbed' the tower and renewed acquaintance with friends of the Melton District.

ALFORD

Members of the St. Wilfrid's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, Alford, together with their Vicar (the Rev. P. E. Mann) and Mrs. Mann, accompanied by ringing friends from Mablethorpe, Sibsey and East Keal had a most enjoyable day on July 3rd, touring some of the towers of Norfolk.

The first stop was at Long Sutton, where ringing on the eight bells was greatly enjoyed. Further stops for ringing were made at Walpole St. Andrew's (6), Gaywood (6), a visit to Sandringham Church, then on to Dersingham (6) and Hunstanton for tea. The eight-bell tower of Terrington St. Clement's was visited on the return journey.

APSLEY'S LONG DAY

The annual ringers' outing from St. Mary's, Apsley End, is one of the most popular ringing occasions in Hertfordshire, and several patient friends of the local band are obliged to wait several years before a seat is available for one of these ambitious tours. This year the party set out at 6.30 a.m. on the long trip to Westbury, where the grand ring of eight seemed to set the tone for the excellent day that was to follow.

The next tower on the programme was Trowbridge and this gave the six-bell experts from Apsley an opportunity to show their skill on twelve. It was a successful experiment and the happy couple who were married at Trowbridge on June 26th should be well content with the ringing for their big occasion.

After lunch the party moved on to Melksham, where the countryside (as at Newcastle) resounded to the music of Bob Triples, conducted by an elder statesman of the Peals Analysis Committee. During the afternoon there was further ringing at Wootton Bassett, and, after tea, the company spent a pleasant hour at Burford, where the ringing commenced with rounds and finished with a delightful course of Bristol.

Mr. W. Ayre arranged the programme in his usual masterly fashion and no doubt it was not accidental that the last stop should be at a six-bell tower. The six at Eynsham surely have never been rung to so many methods in the space of an hour. The younger ringers of Apsley are very keen on Mr. Ayre's 'gymnasium' touches of Spliced Plain Minor methods and, as befitted the occasion, there were so many changes of method that your weary correspondent failed to count them.

Refreshments were arranged at the Red Lion at Eynsham and the evening concluded with a lively selection of tunes, old and new, played on the handbells by Roy Shutter and Reg Shepherd. B. M. B.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS

Ringers of St. Laurence, Stanwick, and friends had a half-day's outing on June 19th. Towers visited were Lower Hayford, Weedon (a fine eight), Lichborough, Lois-Weedon (where the Rev. T. P. Hamerton, son of a former rector of Stanwick, had tea ready), Green's Norton and Gayton (where the day ended with Cambridge, Double Court and Stedman). The Rev. D. A. and Mrs. Brown, of Stanwick, joined the party for tea and visited the tower.

WALTON-ON-THAMES

Ely was selected for the Whit Monday outing of Walton-on-Thames ringers and friends and they found interest not only in the bells but in the Cathedral and Cromwell's house and in the lunch at the Cutter Inn by the side of the Ouse, where they were met by Mr. Leslie Houghton, a former member, now residing at King's Lynn.

An hour's ringing at Sawbridgeworth, tea and ringing at Harlow Town, and finally Epping, completed a happy day.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Summer Meeting at Windsor

The summer meeting was held on June 12th at Windsor Parish Church. Following a wedding, members and friends enjoyed ringing on the fine octave in methods up to London until the service at 4.15, conducted by the Vicar of Windsor, the Rev. Creed Meredith.

About 40 members and friends enjoyed an excellent tea in the W.V.S. Hall, and the business meeting took place after tea. In the unavoidable absence of the Master (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne), the senior steward (Mr. T. H. Francis) took the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Master, who was still in Newcastle following the Central Council meeting, Mrs. Matthews, convalescing after an operation, and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

The following belfry elections were confirmed:—Miss K. Marwood, Mr. A. H. Sturgess, Fareham; Mr. J. A. Russell, Quex Park, Birchington; Miss M. R. Andrews, Bexley; E. A. Wilcox, Knightsbridge. The following new members were elected:—Miss M. Rule, Miss A. Cox, S. Nicolas', Guildford; Mr. F. Cherryman, Pirbright; Miss E. Turner, Worplesdon; Miss A. Berry, Rickmansworth; Mr. H. Douglas, Malins Lee. The secretary gave an account of provisional arrangements for the annual dinner and again asked for members to support this function.

The secretary announced that the next meeting would be a joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association at Twickenham on July 17th by kind invitation of that Association, and he asked members to come along in large numbers. The next quarterly meeting will be at Croydon on September 18th.

Following the meeting the ring of ten at Slough was available and the Society was cordially welcomed by the Rector and Mr. Birmingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A very enjoyable meeting of the Chertsey District was held on June 19th at Thames Ditton, the church being 800 years old and containing some very fine brasses.

The tower has flint-faced walls some three feet thick and is surmounted by a wooden bell chamber which houses the six 18th century bells by Thomas Swain. Above the chamber is a lead-covered spire.

The bells hang in a wooden frame which also forms the base of the spire, the whole weight and thrust being taken by wooden beams resting on the walls of the lower part of the tower. Ringing is from the ground floor.

The Vicar not only conducted the service but acted as chairman of the business meeting. 'The Ringing World' finances were discussed, during which it was mentioned that if every tower took a copy by post, financial difficulties would be largely solved. The Vicar promised to see that the Parochial Church Council purchased one for Thames Ditton and suggested that perhaps other Church Councils would do the same if approached.

Mr. J. Dodson promised to act as 'The Ringing World' representative for the time being

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild held a ringers' service at Godshill on Sunday, July 4th. The address was given by the Rev. R. H. Bassett, R.D. (District vice-president), and instead of an anthem a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Mrs. C. F. Guy 1-2, F. Taylor 3-4, W. Upton 5-6, C. F. Guy 7-8.

Ringers from most island towers attended and among the visitors was one from Grimsby.

A LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR

On a bright yet cool Easter Monday a party from the Lincoln area set off on a day's 'tower grabbing' expedition.

The first church visited was St. Mary's, Stow, the mother church of Lincoln Cathedral, which acted as the Cathedral until the present Minster was built. The six bells here are housed in a central tower and go quite well despite the considerable time they have been rung. After a short time here way was made to Willingham, a very pleasant six, although they are not heard to their full advantage due to the elastic quality of the ropes, and the fact that the tenor is up wrong side, making it very odd-struck.

The next tower was Upton-cum-Kexky (5), a moderate ring of the much tug, grunt and sweat variety. Here we were entertained to tea by the wife of a local ringer—a gesture which was greatly appreciated.

After taking a short cut over a U.S. aerodrome we arrived at Corringham (6), a ring in the same class as Upton, the fifth loose on its headstock being added for good measure.

Then came Blyton (5), the notes of the bells being deep and melodious. (Dove gives 5 cwt. but it sounded more like 15 cwt.)

Dinner was had before the next tower, Sturton-le-Steeple, was visited. Strangely enough this tower does not possess a steeple. The tower here is really vast and could quite comfortably house a heavy ring of twelve. The five ropes hang in the middle of this vast tower and look completely out of place.

The next two towers visited were both new sixes, Rampton and East Drayton, the latter being voted the best six of the day. At this latter tower we were very interested in the cheese rings, some dating to the middle 18th century. These are circles with the initials of the bride and bridegroom inscribed inside, and were put up when the happy pair gave the ringers a barrel of ale, a cheese and a cake, a tradition which has now, unfortunately or fortunately, ceased, depending upon the outlook of the person reading this report.

The last tower of the day was Dunham-on-Trent (5), quite a pleasant five, recently rehung after being out of action since the 1914-18 war.

The thanks of the party are due to the incumbents and local ringers and Miss Margaret A. Swann, who so ably arranged the tour.

Methods rung: Cambridge, London, Bourne, Norwich and Plain Bob Minor and Plain, Grandsire, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles.

J. E. C.

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The Guild selected Surrey for their summer outing on June 26th. Towers visited were Dorking, Albury, S. Nicolas', Guildford (where the problem of noisy bells has been overcome). Bramley (bells went well to London), Ewhurst (the carpeted staircase to the ringing chamber is not in keeping with the bells, but a good course of Superlative was brought round) and Capel.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The meeting on Saturday, July 17th, will take place at SALTBURN, not Marske as previously announced.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4755

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, July 17th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Denbigh Arms. Business meeting to follow tea. Bells again until 8 o'clock. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone: Nuneaton 3296. 4708

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4716

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Sec. 4714

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Capel, July 17th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5 (The King's Head). Numbers for same to Mrs. Tullett, Baker's Cottage. It is hoped to have Ockley or Newdigate bells also available. 4666

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Brenchley, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 4696

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hinxworth, Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4709

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Essenden (6), July 17th, 3 p.m. Tewin (6) from 6.30 p.m. Tea at Essendon. Special methods: Primrose and Cambridge Surprise Minor.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4712

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, July 17th. Note change of venue. Ringing meeting and service only; no business. Please make own arrangements for tea. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells available after service. All holiday-making ringers welcome.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 4699

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Lane End, Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. (Note date.) 4697

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available: Checkendon, 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; Nettlebed, 6.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—N. E. Swann 4701

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Summer meeting, Dingley (5) with Brampton Ash (6), Saturday, July 17th. Towers open 2.30. Service at Dingley 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. 4711

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Twickenham, July 17th. Service 4.45, St. Mary's. Tea 5.15, St. Mary's Hall. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4.45 and after tea: All Hallows' (10), 2.15 to 4.15 and after tea. Both towers within easy reach of Twickenham Junction (S.R.).—P. N. Bond and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 4676

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury–Lavenham District.—Meeting at Hartest, July 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, to Mr. G. Garwood, The Green, Hartest. 4703

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted, July 17th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. 4695

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4717

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Congresbury, July 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 4738

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting, North Petherton, July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4742

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Charlton Mackrell, July 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 4745

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting in belfry at 6 o'clock. Look up Bristol and London.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 4747

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hayfield, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise, before July 20th, Mr. J. Hadfield, Spring Vale Road, Hayfield, via Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 4721

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, July 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by July 21st—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4739

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Capenhurst, July 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 20th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4750

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, July 24th, 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own food arrangements. Cups of tea available. — A. B. Cooper. 4737

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.— Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton (6), July 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Baker, 40 St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 4732

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, North Nibley (6), July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by July 21st Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4753

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Downe, Saturday, July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, July 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4702

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Churchtown, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 4751

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Calverley July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting after tea.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 4734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District. — Broughton Astley, July 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Please notify by July 20th: Mr. Drury, Willowbrook, Cosby Road, Broughton Astley. 4736

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, Saturday, July 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Royal Oak 5 o'clock prompt. Names, by the 21st, to T. H. Bonshor, Great Dalby. 4746

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Caistor (6), July 24th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by July 21st, to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 4719

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Heydour (8), July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 4678

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH.—Rededication of 10 bells after tuning and rehanging, on Saturday, July 24th, at 3.30. Ringers cordially invited. Ringing until late in the evening.—J. W. Raithby, Ringing Master. 4735

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 24th. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. Applications, by July 21st, to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing: Cathedral, Merton, New College, Magdalen, St. Giles', St. Thomas', St. Aldate's, Holywell, St. Mary Magdalen, Carfax, St. Ebbe's, All Saints'. Choristers please write F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4693

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodford (6), July 24th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—L. R. C. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 4748

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Salehurst (8), July 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Special method: Stedman Triples. Names for tea, 5 p.m., must be received by July 21st.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4741

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 24th, New Alresford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Bell Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 4725

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cleeve Prior, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Names, please, by Tuesday, July 20th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 4744

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Saturday, July 31st, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 3.30. The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4730

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (close to Kilburn Park Underground Station) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in School Room. Names for tea to Miss A. Barker, 37, Summerfield Avenue, N.W.6. Telephone: Ladbroke 3733. 4743

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden, July 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 28th, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, Thetford, Norfolk.—Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 4749

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—At Basingstoke, August 28th. Towers available: Basingstoke (2), Oakley, Deane, Overton, Upton-Grey, Odiham, Bramley, Sherborne-St.-John and Monk-Sherborne.—J. Chesterman. 4740

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Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, April 8th, 1954.

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By PERCY GREEN

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Rung at Lavenham, Suffolk, on Saturday, April 24th, 1954.

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'ORANGES AND LEMONS'

THE fact that this book is dedicated to 'The Ancient Society of College Youths, who have rung the bells of London Town since 1637,' is sufficient to whet the curiosity of any London ringer and also those many hundreds of College Youths in the provinces. Miss Gladys Taylor bases this book on London churches, with many references to their bells, on the nursery rhyme of 'Oranges and Lemons,' in which a couplet is the message of the various bells. There were two versions of the rhyme—the shorter embracing the churches of St. Clement Danes, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Sepulchre, Holborn, St. Leonard, Shoreditch, St. Dunstan, Stepney, St. Mary-le-Bow, all famous churches beloved of ringers in the pre-blitz days. The long version adds such churches as St. Giles', St. Peter's, Whitechapel, St. John's, St. Ann's, 'the slow bells of Aldgate, St. Helen's and Old Bailey,' the last couplet running:—

Gay go up and gay go down
To ring the bells of London Town.

Fascinating and terrifying is how Miss Taylor describes her visit to the bell chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral, high up in the south-west tower. She is not alone. A ringer of over 1,000 peals once commented to the writer that the only bells that 'put the wind up him' were those of St. Paul's revolving. Perhaps other ringers have had a similar experience. 'Oranges and Lemons' gives this expressive version which has or should have a definite place in ringing literature:—

> 'Suddenly—with such force as though a heavy blow had hit one's ear-drums—the bells went into action. We were swamped in an immense and deep reverberation that hummed all around, deafening us and cutting us off from the outside world, a reverberation threaded by the high sweet whistle of overtones.
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> 'It was quite terrifying at first. The bell chamber was a mass of heaving metal. The bells were dipping, tossing, somersaulting in wild gaiety. Four lively smaller ones plunged over almost simultaneously; two bigger ones bowed to each other as though setting to partners, and then when the order of ringing changed, bowed to those on their other side. Over in a corner the great tenor bell dived and swung up, dived and swung up in a solemn "pas seul," while before him the smallest bells romped and flung themselves about in a frenzy.
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> 'On and on the bells danced madly till one turned dizzy. So rapid were the repetitions that movement never ceased. And all the time the deep deafening throbbing and its shrill whistle persisted. I leaned over to try and catch the note of a bell just below me, but no single sound could be distinguished in that all-pervading hum. . . .
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> 'Going into the ringing room was like entering a church, so hushed was the atmosphere. Thirteen men and boys in shirt-sleeves, their faces glistening with sweat, were manipulating the ropes in a tense calculating silence broken only by the conductor calling the changes. The ringers stood on big box-like pedestals of varying heights, with arched metal grips into which they could thrust their feet to avoid being pulled off them by the weight of the bells. The tenor bell is so heavy that it takes two men to ring it. . . .'

After such an expressive picture of the ringing in St. Paul's on a Sunday it is almost tragic to read: 'The hands of the clock on the wall moved inexorably towards service time. Grandsire Triples drew to a close.' We hope that in the subsequent editions of this book—and it deserves to go into many editions—the words 'Stedman Cinques' will be substituted on these two pages. We cannot imagine St. Paul's scroof permitting Grandsire Triples with cover bells!

But the great appeal of this book will be to those who love the churches of London. They will want to take Gladys Taylor's book with them and capture the inspiration of her words. Alas, many of the churches are victims of the blitz, and Harold Adshead's war-time poem, 'On Passing St. Clement Danes',' is quoted:—

Clement Danes stands all forlorn
And destitute;
Bells that rang out yestermorn
To-day lie mute.

But this church, whose heavy bells had rung to welcome every monarch who visited the City of London from William and Mary onwards, is to be rebuilt and to contain memorial tapestry recording the stirring days in which we have lived.

While the dedication of this book is to the College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths come well into the picture, particularly in relation to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Reference is made to the peal boards of 1770 and 1781 and there is an appropriate quotation from a 16th century book entitled 'Old London Bridge,' which reads: 'Now began all over London the ringing of bells; but the bells to hear which crowds upon crowds were seen hurrying, were those of Shoreditch, those bells long maintained their celebrity, and were such great favourites with Queen Elizabeth that she never passed them without making a halt to listen to their music—the people all bareheaded kneeling around her.' Can we picture such a scene in this 20th century with the bells of St. Leonard's, again now happily in full harness, beating down their music into the streets below?

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It is appropriate that in chapter 10—

'Two sticks and an apple
Say the bells of Whitechapel'

there should be references to the Whitechapel Foundry, which goes back to 1567, and that successful Elizabethan founder, Robert Mot. Up to the outbreak of the last war eighty of his bells existed, and two of the finest, dated respectively 1583 and 1598, are in Westminster Abbey.

A word for the Epilogue, '. . . to light you to bed.' We will quote Miss Taylor: 'Neither burning nor bombs can destroy the spirit of the past: if we look and listen we can find it even in the busiest part of the City.' The spirit of the past is very closely associated with the art of change ringing, and because of that past, 'Oranges and Lemons' (published by Peter Nevill, Ltd., price 15s. net) will make a strong appeal to our readers. Miss Taylor is to be congratulated in looking at churches very much from the angle of ringers—through the inspiration of the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	7
FRANK E. DARBY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
*ALBERT M. TYLER	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5	ROGER O. FRY	11
GEORGE W. MASSEY	6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Surprise. The first peal of Surprise Maximus in the county and by the Guild. The 50th tower in which the tenorman has rung a twelve bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 5, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*ANGELA M. BRIGGS	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	WILFRED F. WEBB	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER	8
†BRIAN GRINTER	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	5	ALAN A. HILLIAR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt.

*HERBERT G. JILLINGS	*Treble*	*HARRY D. LISTER	6
*DOUGLAS A. COLLINS	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	*HARRY J. MILLATT	8
*ALAN A. ANDREWS	4	ERNEST BLAKE	9
*CHARLES A. ANDREWS	5	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES MOTTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Double Norwich Royal.
Rung on the eve of the conductor entering his 80th year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*ALAN CARVETH	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

C. AUBREY HARRISON	*Treble*	HAROLD MORWOOD	5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	2	FRANK LORD	6
RONALD CHAFER	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
JACK BRAY	4	*ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

FOBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PORTSMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS	*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAROLD LEATHERS	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
†MURIEL M. PIPE	2	FRANK RUFFLES	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
‡WALTER W. MILLER	4	‡RUSSELL G. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on a working bell. ‡ 25th peal together. R. G. Palmer has now completed this 'circle' to a Surprise peal.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	†BRIAN S. LEWIS	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*JOHN A. ACRES	4	*HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method.

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ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	*Treble*	A. ROBIN GUY	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
DAVID A. CARPENTER	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Adolphus Roberts.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	*DENNIS KNOX	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	*JOHN M. JELLEY	7
*WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to John M. Jelley.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS	*Treble*	*JOHN R. NASH	5
*STANLEY WALMSLEY	2	*†JAMES BLACKBURN	6
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	4	*FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal in this Variation † 50th peal. First peal in this Variation on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
TERENCE A. THORNBER	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

*EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
PETER F. BORER	2	ALBERT BEANEY	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*MARIELLA E. MUNDY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WILLS	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	HARRY J. GAYLARD	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal of Major.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Ryall, of Exeter.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN KING	5
*ANN M. COX	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	†BURLEY P. MORRIS	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 150th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Ford, late curate at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on the first anniversary of his induction.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
MICHAEL J. BEST	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 6144 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

MICHAEL A. MAISEY (16)	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER (14)	5
LESLIE A. TREMEER	2	PETER NASH (15)	6
*BERYL R. PITTAWAY (14)	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH (18)	7
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN (15)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Bob Major.
A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. T. Parrott, a Winchester Cathedral ringer, whose grand-daughter rang the 3rd.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	ROGER BALDWIN	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.
First peal in method by all the band, and first peal in the Major of the method for the Guild.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
The 'Barrabool' Peal. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALAN WARD	*Treble*	CHARLES CLEGG	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	JACK CLEGG	6
GEORGE A. BELL	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
ALBERT W. STONE	4	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by the REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

SIX BELL PEALS

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH TAYLOR	*Treble*	ARTHUR HALLAM	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	THOMAS KELLAM DEACON	5
GEORGE HURD	3	PETER HALLAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents (10 callings) and six 240's. Tenor 11 cwt.

GILLIAN CLIFT	*Treble*	*FRED DAVIS	4
WILLIAM COLLINS	2	*FRED PUGH	5
WALTER H. RAXTER	3	RAYMOND BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.
* First peal.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	PETER J. CAME	5
*ALAN CARVETH	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in five Minor methods.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

HAROLD MORWOOD	*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4
*ALAN CARVETH	2	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in seven methods.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, two different extents of Plain Bob and three different extents of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	JOHN P. GIBSON	4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	FRANK W. G. LACK	5
JOHN J. PAWLEY	3	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.
First peal of Minor as conductor.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Ryall, of St. Thomas', Exeter.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720 (all calls being singles). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	*SIMON L. BARLEY	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	†CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

HARWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1954. in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN WARDLE	*Treble*	HARRY BARNES	4
ALEC WILSON	2	*FRANK LAMB	5
JOHN J. TAYLOR	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* 25th peal for the Yorkshire Association.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th bell.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PATRICIA M. REEVES	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4
HOWARD SCOTT	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
ELIZABETH BATE	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
A farewell peal to the Rector, Rev. L. Murphy.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., July 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 120 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	4
MARGOT R. THOMPSON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
REGINALD J. DARCH	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Kerrison, who has now 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	C. AUBREY HARRISON	7—8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Pamela Law 3, H. W. Brown 4, Valerie Mepham (first as cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Q. Morris for their brief stay in this parish in the absence of the Rector.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On July 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Hinman 1, Cecilia Cowley (first quarter) 2, G. R. Edwards 3, J. H. Cook 4, R. Looker 5, H. Myatt (cond.) 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On July 11th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Davis 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, L. W. Moses 4, S. A. Read (cond.) 5, Miss B. Russell 6.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, CO. DURHAM. — On July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. McGuiness 1, Miss E. Softley 2, B. Buswell (cond.) 3, Miss J. B. Softley 4, Miss M. A. Softley 5, R. Bell 6, T. W. Crowe 7, Miss K. Softley 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4.6.8 covering): H. D. R. Bryant 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. W. Evans 5, E. W. Coles 6, C. A. Gerrish 7, H. Reece 8. Rung by the Sunday service band on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of eight.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — On July 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Rouse 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, A. T. M. Perry 3, K. Everett 4, G. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS. — On June 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Busby (first of Major) 1, D. Jones 2, Miss P. E. Hart 3, T. N. Lanaghan 4, A. Sweetzer 5, S. Osborne 6, J. Taylor 7, H. Osborne (cond.) 8. Rung for evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX. — On July 11th, at St. Peter's, a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, H. F. Pye 2, Pauline A. Nice (first in method) 3, E. P. Duffield 4, G. W. Moss 5, E. J. Butler 6, U. W. Wildney 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 1st, 5th and 6th.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON. — On July 11th, 1,296 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Board 1, C. Deem 2, C. Savage 3, J. Carter 4, S. Skinner (cond.) 5, J. Quick 6. First of Spliced for all. Believed to be the first quarter peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford in Devon. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, F. Hurrell 3, Miss M. Ashdown 4, J. Hurrell 5, F. Richardson 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, J. Sims (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Eltham Council of Churches' open-air service at Well Hall, and also an 84th birthday compliment to G. Daynes.

QUARTER PEALS

FRAMPTON, LINCS. — On July 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose, 360 St. Clement's, 180 Plain Bob): E. Flintham (first quarter in more than one method) 1, J. R. Kemp 2, A. Young 3, H. E. Flatters 4, E. Fisher 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Garnett (first quarter) 1, J. Waters 2, W. Rawlings 3, B. Lunn 4, James Phillips 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, A. B. Peck 7, H. M. Page 8.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Garrett (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins (first 'inside') 2, F. Arnold 3, J. Fisher 4, E. Martin (cond.) 5. For the 21st birthday of Miss Doreen Arnold, daughter of Mr. F. Arnold.—Also on July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Timpson (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins 2, C. Johnson 3, J. Fisher 4, E. Martin (cond.) 5.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS. — On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, R. E. Dean 2, Evelyn Gibson 3, Heather Bonner 4, J. T. Clay 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. Silvey 8. For evensong, and to mark the christening of Pamela Jane and Patricia Mary, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clay.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS. — On July 11th, 1,356 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, E. J. Parish 3, O. Norman 4, G. E. Crisp 5, G. Lucas 6. Rung before matins.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On July 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: K. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, R. Biggs 3, Miss D. Coker 4, J. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, A. Cox (first in method as cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1 and 2.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Clifton 1, P. A. Clifton 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, A. E. Shrimpton (first quarter, Redditch) 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, R. Richards 6.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: W. Fulker 1, J. West 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3, P. Gatter 4, R. Gatter 5, O. Gatter 6, E. Piper 7, H. West 8.

MEREWORTH, KENT. — On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Warner 1, W. R. Manser 2, L. J. Honess 3, M. H. Osborne 4, G. Fry (first quarter as cond. and first quarter of Bob Minor) 5, J. T. Medhurst 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY. — On July 11th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Uden 1, H. Allen 2, V. Shefford (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. E. Eveleigh 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, F. Uden 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, his father (4th ringer) and the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Johnston, whose birthdays all fall on the same day.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS. — On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sapwell 1, R. Howson 2, E. Lathall 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, A. H. Kemp 6, R. Hall 7, C. Harris 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Buckingham. The ringer of the 6th came from Hawkhurst, Kent, to attend the confirmation of his godson.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET. — On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. H. Tarr 1, A. H. Reed 2, F. Chidgey (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, R. W. Shire 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, W. Burston 6.

ROYDON, ESSEX. — On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Terry 1, F. Wright 2, W. C. Sams 3, B. G. Burton 4, A. A. Livings (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. Rung in honour of the patron saint.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, BRIDGEND, GLAM. — On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Hiddins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. W. Evans 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, D. L. Hughes 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Southerndown.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX. — On July 12th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Collins 1, Monica Howard 2, D. Stone 3, M. Harbot 4, F. Blagrove (cond.) 5. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Kensington to preach at the Staines Deanery service commemorating the 27th jubilee of the Diocese of London.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX. — On July 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans; 720 Oxford, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars): Monica Howard 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, D. Stone 3, V. Griffin 4, M. Hatchett 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6. Rung for the 27th jubilee of the Diocese of London.

WALLINGTON, HERTS. — On July 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Dixon 1, Miss P. Hutton (first in the method) 2, R. Castledine 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, C. Harwood 5, E. Buck (cond.) 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Fisher 1, G. W. Hughes 2, Miss S. Hughes (first quarter as cond.) 3, A. Botterill 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, R. E. Woolley 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Green (cond.) 1, F. C. Case 2, W. A. Yates 3, Miss K. M. Cowley 4, J. Chambers (first in the method) 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. W. Holland 7, D. Taylor 8.

WIDCOMBE, BATH, SOMERSET. — On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Burgess 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, P. Bate 4, C. Conway (first as cond.) 5, H. Newman 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Col. Guy Rogers, late churchwarden.

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ITS FACILITIES FOR THE RINGING TOURIST

Recently 'The Ringing World' presented its readers with a special article dealing with a tour of the Lake District. This has induced Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, to plan a tour which would encompass some of the fine towers of Lancashire. He writes:—

Running roughly down the centre of Lancashire is a range of hills. Draw a line down each side of the hills and the lines would meet about Bolton. Now Bolton would make a good starting place. There are seven rings of eight and one of six in the town.

Passing along the east line we are soon in Blackburn. The Cathedral here has a modern ten (tenor 25 cwt.), a beautiful ring. The same can be said of Whalley (22¼ cwt.), an historical old beacon church and ruins of an abbey. Whalley is only seven miles north of Blackburn.

Following the Ribble Valley another four miles and we are at Clitheroe, a modern eight (18 cwt.), and, crossing the Lancashire-Yorkshire border, we are in Gisburn (six bells, 9 cwt.). We are now at the top of the east line, and if time permits, with very little diversion, a number of towers can be visited.

We now cross those hills to the west line, joining it at Milnthorpe and in doing so pass through pretty scenery. Leaving the Ribble Valley we are soon in the Lune Valley. In the Settle district there are a number of 'pot holes' and subterranean rivers. 'Pot holing' is becoming an interesting pastime. At Ingleton there are caves with their stalactite and stalagmite deposits. Back to ringing—Settle has eight bells (14 cwt.); Ingleton has six steel bells (12 cwt.).

We now leave for Kirkby-Lonsdale, a beauty spot, part of which has been taken over by the National Trust (seven miles). The church has a fine six (12 cwt.), recently rehung. Twelve more miles brings us to the top of our west line, at Kendal, Kendal is often described as the gateway to the Lake District. It has a ring of ten (24 cwt.). North of this has been very ably described, so we will follow our west line southward and in so doing what a feast of bells we get! Heversham (6, 13 cwt.), Milnthorpe (6, 10 cwt.), a touch of the seaside, Morecambe (8, 10½ cwt.).

LANCASTER'S BELLS

Another four miles brings us to that beautiful and historic city, Lancaster. Here amongst many points of interest there can be seen, near the entrances of some dressed stone-built houses, a number of torch snuffers. When visiting Lancaster one would be advised to contact that veteran, John Woods; he would make the visit very interesting. He is a ringer at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, a tower with ten bells of unusual weight. Prior to the added trebles, the treble was ten cwt., and the bells went up in stages of just over two cwt. per bell to the 25 cwt. tenor. The new trebles are not in the same ratio. The 'go' is excellent. Lancaster also possesses another fine ring at the Priory Church within the Castle Grounds (8, 31 cwt.).

Scorton, next, is a pretty, unspoilt, publess village with a beautiful eight (20 cwt.). In the next parish, Bilsborrow, there is a new eight (14 cwt.); Garstang, a recent rehung six (12½ cwt.); Preston (10, 25 cwt.); Penwortham, a suburb of Preston (8, 8½ cwt.); Walton, a new eight (15 cwt.); Chorley has two eights (17 cwt. and 12½ cwt.); Adlington, a comparatively new eight (14 cwt.); same at Horwich (8, 13½ cwt.) and back to Bolton.

With very little diversion a choice of more than double these towers could be arranged, including two fine rings of ten at Wigan and Leyland.

Should one desire a shorter tour, with Bolton as a starting place, follow the east line to Clitheroe, then take the Hodder Valley and through the Trough of Bowland to Lancaster. Included in this will be yet another beauty spot, Hornby, with its castle and church with its peculiarly-built tower. It is octagonal, at half-way the octagon is one-eighth turned. It has a nice and easy-going eight (12½ cwt.). Hornby is a good centre for salmon fishing.

From the west line the seaside is within easy reach. Morecambe, Blackpool and Southport and other smaller places on the Fylde coast. After passing through the Trough of Bowland and on to the top of the hill the panorama of Morecambe Bay, with the mountains of the Lake District in the background, will not be forgotten.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Visiting ringers from a wide area were welcomed to the summer meeting of the Taunton Deanery held at North Curry on July 3rd. This recently renovated eight were put to good use in the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods up to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

Tea was taken at a local inn followed by a short business meeting with Mr. Arthur Hayward in the chair. He recollected a repair carried out to one of the old bells by a local 'bellhanger' over 30 years ago, to prevent a crack spreading to the lip of the bell. The bellhanger who carried out the recent rehanging stated that this repair was still evident when the bell was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

During the afternoon and evening ringers were present from all parts of the Bath and Wells Diocese and also from Guildford (Surrey), Halesworth (Suffolk), Kent, London and Tiverton and Exeter (Devon). F. W.

NEW SUSSEX TOWN'S NOVEL CHURCH

At the request of the Rector, the bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley, Sussex, rang out on the evening of July 7th during the consecration of the new Church of St. Richard by the Lord Bishop of Chichester.

The local ringers had hoped to ring a peal to mark this important occasion but holidays and examinations prevented an attempt, and a quarter peal came to grief in spite of some excellent ringing.

St. Richard's Church is built in an unusual style. Underneath the lantern tower stands the altar, the axial point of an L-shaped design of nave and hall, and behind which are the seats for the clergy.

The light, warm, contemporary building seems strange to those accustomed to worshipping in 700-years-old St. John's or the Saxon Chuch of Worth in which parish the new church would have been, prior to a boundary change.

The consecration was a big step forward in the church life of the new town and great blessings are hoped for.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Boughton Made the Ringers Welcome

Set in the midst of cornfields, orchards and hop gardens, Boughton-under-Blean was the venue of the latest meeting of the Canterbury District. Sixty-five members attended, the belfry being packed most of the afternoon and evening, becoming so hot that it was refreshing to sit in the churchyard and take in the view as well as the fresh air. Situated a good country mile from the main part of the village, the church does not, as yet, enjoy the luxury of having electric light, nevertheless it was very pleasant to sit in this ancient church and sing our service in candlelight, to be welcomed by its Vicar (the Rev. C. V. Coleman), and to leave sharing a few thoughts with him. Mr. S. G. Epps had come over from Faversham to play for us, with our chairman reading the lesson.

Thoughtful Boughton ringers had very kindly provided a special coach to take us to tea, members sitting down to a glorious meal provided by ladies of the village. During the tea a guess-the-weight competition was held; the prize, a hamper containing a chicken dressed for the table with all the necessary vegetables to go with it, and even to the sweet course of cherries, strawberries and raspberries, and to add to the weight, a dozen eggs, was won by two-year-old Susan Page.

Following tea six new members were elected, Great Mongeham voted for a by-meeting, and the collection given to the Church Repair Fund. It was also decided to send a letter of greeting to the District's oldest member, 90-years-old Mr. A. H. Sayer.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; needless to say the thanks to the ladies for the tea and the floral decorations, to Roy Long and Eddie Wanstall for the hamper, and the local ringers for providing the coach and for doing so much to make us welcome, were more than warm. We left feeling that it must not be too long before we go again. B. J. L.

Tonbridge District at Marden

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Marden on July 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Eagling) conducted the service.

From church to chapel—the Methodist schoolroom having very kindly been placed at the disposal of the ringers as the Church Hall was already occupied. Here an excellent tea awaited the members, provided by the Parochial Church Council, who received a very hearty vote of thanks.

Six new members were elected at the business meeting, all under the age of 16. Reference was made to the recent death of the oldest member of the District—Mr. W. Collison—who had passed away on June 21st at the age of 90. Although unable to attend meetings since the war, he had retained his interest to the last, and always wanted to hear the latest news. In fact, only the day before he died he was talking about the ringers he had known.

In spite of the lack of public transport, ringing continued until 9 p.m., those with cars volunteering to take home those without.

ST. THOMAS', EXETER

St. Thomas', Exeter, ringers and friends had their annual outing on July 3rd. At Lyme Regis, a musical eight (tenor 11 cwt.), George Morris had made arrangements for the visit and the bells were soon ringing to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, also rounds for the learners. Then came Crewkerne, where Mr. and Mrs. G. Pike had also made arrangements for an excellent tea at the Primrose Lounge. This is a grand eight (tenor 21 cwt.) of the same tone and class as Heavitree and Tiverton. Good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were again much enjoyed.

Onward to West Coker to a lighter ring of eight (tenor 12½ cwt.), where the Rev. G. A. Nicholson greeted us. Then homeward bound, stopping for refreshments. The weather was perfect, thus making the trip very picturesque and interesting.

WELLINGTON AND ASHBRITTLE

Nine towers in the Exmouth area were visited by a party of ringers from Wellington and Ashbrittle on Whit Monday.

These were Topsham, Clyst St. George (an excellent six recently recast), Woodbury (melodious, but not going too well), Lympstone (almost inaudible in belfry but sound nice to Cambridge), Withycombe Raleigh (a complete Warner eight), Littleham (like sleigh bells, with tenor 7½ cwt.; bells hung in two tiers of four), Harpford (one descends into belfry; an excellent six), Otterton (a musical six; rather noisy in the belfry), East Budleigh (a fine six once one has become accustomed to 84 feet of rope).

A very enjoyable day was spent in spite of rain, and Cyril Dean is thanked for his excellent organisation. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor and Plain Bob Major.

OUTINGS

GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT

A bus load of members and friends from towers in the Gainsborough District, aged eight months to 80 years, visited Lincolnshire and Norfolk towers on July 3rd. Fleet, the only detached tower in Lincolnshire, was the first call. A foundation member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. B. Halifax, met the party and the nice six were put to good use. A very handy six were found at St. Faith's, Gaywood, and then on to Dersingham, an interesting church on the Royal estates. This was another six (tenor 9 cwt.).

A whiff of sea air, some tea and, unfortunately, a torrential shower, were experienced at Hunstanton. However, the sun reappeared before we left. A slight detour was made on the homeward journey to pass as near as possible to the Royal residence at Sandringham.

Crowland, where the first ring of bells was hung, must now claim the distinction of having the longest draught of rope. Several rope guides, however, make them quite easy to handle. Although only a fairly light six (tenor 11 cwt.), their sound fills the Abbey in an amazing way and it needs someone one like sergeant-major to do the conducting. The local ringers escorted some of the party up to the tower, and from here one could visualise the scene centuries ago, when the Abbey, now a fraction of its former size, would be the only habitation in acres of desolate country. Even to-day fields of symmetrical shape, straight roads and dykes and an odd farm here and there are the only signs of life.

Home, for most people, was reached by midnight after a thoroughly enjoyable day. The punctuality at each place was uncannily accurate.

ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER, DORSET

St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers held a half-day outing and were accompanied by some fellow members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and friends, making a total of 26.

The first stop was at Crewkerne, where a grand ring of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) was much enjoyed. At South Petherton (8, tenor 25 cwt.) misfortune overtook the party when the tenor rope broke. This was speedily replaced with a new one by two able members of the band and ringing continued satisfactorily.

After a short pause for tea the journey continued to Martock (8, tenor 25 cwt.), where a fine ring of bells with an equally fine church delighted all present. The last stop was at the tiny tower of Evershot (6, tenor 7 cwt.). a pleasing contrast to the heavier octaves.

Methods rung consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

R. H. D.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, went to the West Country for their annual outing on June 26th and selected towers for their weight and tonal qualities. Accustomed to ringing at a well-measured beat, they found the bells of Amesbury, Chewton Mendip and Westbury very much to their liking. Touches of Surprise Major in some of the most popular methods. Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, were rung and at each of the towers the company were complimented on the standard of their ringing . The company, however, ' blotted their copybook ' in the evening at St. Thomas', Salisbury, when a touch failed to come round.

Before the party dispersed Chief Inspector R. J. C. Hagley expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. T. Mark White, the organiser, and to Mr. F. A. Munday, the conductor.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Herbert S. Palmer, Morecambe's oldest ringer. A memorial peal was rung on July 10th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Those who took part in the peal at Eagle, Lincs, on July 8th feel that they might qualify for the Society of Roving Owls! Halfway through, an unknown person switched off the electricity at the main switch. A deep twilight turned darker and darker and the peal was finished successfully, the ringers peering vaguely for ropes.

Have you heard about the bellringer who got caught in the ropes? He got himself 'tolled-off.'—'Irish Bell News.'

Ringers attending the meeting of the Bicester Deanery at Piddington were intrigued by the Vicar's method of keeping the paths free from weeds by the use of a flame thrower.

Will Mr. H. Peskitt, who lives at Clonmere, Wyke Lane North, please inform the Editor of the town or village in which he lives and the tower where quarter peals were rung on May 15th, June 3rd and July 4th?

Our thanks to the 'Irish Bell News' for extolling 'The Ringing World' in an editorial. The suggestion that one copy should find its way to each belfry, where it should be kept for permanent reference, is to be commended to all towers.

A novelty for your next social. Stand six ringers in a straight line giving them the names Ping, Pong, Ding, Dong, Biff, Bang, and then tell them to 'ring Grandsire Doubles.' Instead of using handbells each ringer has to call his allotted name as he moves from place to place. This caused a lot of hilarity at Newcastle.

An example of public appreciation towards bells comes from Waltham, near Grimsby. The Rector held a gift day for the repair of his bells (6, tenor 11 cwt.). Hoping to raise about £150 towards the estimate of £250, he was agreeably surprised to collect £224 in 12 hours.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Winchester Diocesan Guild an iced cake was provided by an anonymous donor at their recent A.G.M. There was sufficient for each of the company, numbering over 100, to have a piece.

Ringers attending the Oxford Festival should note that there will not be ringing at St. Cross' or St. Aldate's.

The ringer of the fifth bell in the peal of Minor in seven methods at Wigtoft, Lincs, on June 26th (see page 436) was Leslie H. Haylor and not Ronald Padley

Thanks and appreciation are expressed to all those who made it possible for a bus load to go to and from Berrington and have a ring on the occasion of the Three Guilds' Festival at Shrewsbury on July 10th.

Mr. W. J. S. Brunt, secretary of Woodchester tower, Gloucester, informs us that the famous Roman pavement at Woodchester will be open to the public between July 26th and August 8th. This is well worth a visit by ringers on outings or privately.

Cpl. R. K. Russ, R.A.F., of Checkendon, Oxon, wishes to thank, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' both the Devon Guild and Association ringers in and around Exeter for the welcome they extended to him during his recent holiday. Their kindness and co-operation are much appreciated.

The mystery of the first peal at Upper Gravenhurst still continues. Mr. D. P. Jones writes that there was no peal for the Coronation, 1953, only some ringing. . . . call changes. The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead listed it as a pealless tower. 'I feel sure the claim of "first peal on the bells" will prove to be correct,' Mr. Jones concludes.

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PEAL RINGING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

PEALS at the 118 towers in Buckinghamshire are dwarfed by the number which have been rung at Hughenden. No less than 289 have been rung there since the first recorded on December 29th, 1883. To have reached this number means that ringing there has been very consistent, but the peak of achievement appears to have been reached in the 1930's, when peals in many different Surprise methods were rung, including the first ever of Hughenden Surprise and Newcastle Surprise. Thirty-nine have been rung since the war, so the tower is still going strong and will soon be celebrating its 300th peal at this rate. The first peal recorded doesn't say that it was the first on the bells, so perhaps here may have been a few previously. I hope it will be possible to find this out.

No other church has reached half this total, in fact only three others have passed the 100 mark. The first of these is the only 12-bell tower in the county—High Wycombe. Ringing here has also been consistent, but not on the same annual scale as at Hughenden, of course. The peal total since 1881 is 111, and since 27 of these have been hung since the war, the art is flourishing very well at the moment, with a yearly average higher than it has ever been before. The other two towers to have passed the century are Beaconsfield and Burnham, the former with 103 and the latter having the second highest total in the county—143. Most peals were rung at Beaconsfield between 1900 and 1914, but the 1930's were also good years. In the last ten years 16 have been rung, which is just about the average over the whole period. Burnham has been going great guns since 1945. Nearly half its total have been rung since then (67, in fact). The 1930's were also good years for this church, where the first peal was rung in 1897.

SLOUGH NEAR ITS 50th PEAL

Slough is the only ten-bell tower in Buckinghamshire and, actually, the original eight were only augmented three or four years ago. Forty-seven peals have been rung here, so there will be a 50th peal in the tower to celebrate soon. Most peals here were rung before 1914—30 between the years 1887 and 1913. Only ten were rung from 1914 to 1944. The five peals on the ten since 1951 means that peal ringing is above the average at the moment, so we hope it will continue, as surely it will, being the only ten in the county.

There are only four towers with totals between 50 and 100. West Wycombe is the highest of these with 90. Actually, this has been one of the most popular towers in the county between the two wars, for the first peal on the eight didn't take place until 1923 (there was one previous peal on six in 1914). From 1923 to 1939, 83 peal were rung, an average of over five a year. In the same period just over 100 were rung at Hughenden, so West Wycombe wasn't far behind. There has been a falling off since the war, unfortunately, and only six peals have been recorded since then.

Wraysbury comes next with 60. Thirteen of these were rung between 1891 and 1913, 36 between 1922 and 1939, and 11 since 1945, thus the 1922 to 1939 period was the best. A six-bell tower comes next of the four—Hitcham, with 58. The first peal was rung in 1920 and four more in the next ten years. The war years, fortunately, don't appear to have affected this tower except for the enforced break, for 28 peals were rung in the 1930's and 25 in the past ten years. This tower is well ahead of the other six-bell churches. Wooburn is the fourth tower to exceed 50 (55). Thirty of these were rung from 1886 to 1914 and 23 from 1919 to 1934. Only two peals have been rung here since then—in 1945 and 1946.

Only one eight-bell tower has not had a peal rung at it since the war—Newton Longville, where we have to go back to 1919 for the last peal. Actually, only three peals have been rung on the eight bells here, in 1907, 1914 and 1919. Six peals were rung on six bells between 1903 and 1906. The only other eight-bell tower with a point of interest to mention is Farnham Royal, which is nearing the 50 mark (47 peals).

CHURCHWARDENS RING A QUARTER PEAL

When the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held its last quarterly meeting a discussion around the tea table indicated that no fewer than seven of the members were churchwardens. A peal was at once suggested, but as some of the older members felt that three hours would be too long to stand a quarter peal attempt was agreed to.

This was successfully accomplished on July 3rd at Gayton, Northamptonshire, when 1,260 *Doubles* (480 *Plain Bob and* 780 *Grandsire*) was *successfully brought round.*

The band consisted of F. Hall (Grafton Regis) 1, *J. Higgins (Cosgrove)* 2, *G. Atkins (Grafton Regis)* 3, *W. J. Chester (Helmdon)* 4, *W. F. Eyden (Tiffield)* 5, *A. Booth (Green's Norton)* 6. *Conductor W. J. Chester. This is the first churchwardens' quarter peal for the Branch.*

Thanks are due to Mr. W. F. Eyden, who provided the transport and refreshments.

FOURTEEN TOWERS UNCONQUERED

All the eight-bell towers have been rung to a peal, but 14 of the 62 six-bell towers are still unconquered, as are most of the five-bell towers. Hitcham has been mentioned as the champion of the towers with fewer bells. Next comes Emberton, with 41. The period 1899 to 1914 was the heyday here, for 32 peals were rung then. Just after the first war was again a little spasm of activity and a 10,000 was rung in 1923. Was this too much for the bells or the populace, for since then only three peals have been rung, two in 1928 and one in 1929? Calverton follows with 36, despite the fact that it has been silent for nearly 25 years. Again it was the pre-first war period which shows the greatest activity, for 25 of the peals were rung from 1905 to 1914.

On the other hand, Fulmer (35 peals) had its best time between the wars, 24 peals being rung between 1927 and 1940. The tower has only appeared twice in the peal list since. Horton has been most prominent since the war, for 18 out of its 32 peals have been rung since then. The only other churches to have reached double figures are Clifton Reynes (22), Wendover (16), Sympson and Bradwell (15), Chalfont St. Peter (11) and Chicheley and Ellesborough (10). Of the six-bell towers where peals have been rung, Waddesdon has been silent the longest, its only peal having been rung in 1902.

Ten five-bell towers have had peals rung at them, but none has reached double figures. Beachampton has the most—five. Little Horwood's only peal was also rung in 1902.

THE LADIES' GUILD

An Encouraging Year Reviewed

The 35th annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild took place at Cardiff on July 3rd, when there was a good attendance of members and friends. The bells of St. John's, Cardiff, Penarth and Whitchurch were available and, as a special concession, Mr. Hannington had managed to obtain permission for us to ring at Llandaff Cathedral, a privilege we much appreciated.

The Guild's service was held at St. John's, Cardiff, conducted by the Vicar (Canon T. A. Hughes), who afterwards entertained the ringers to tea in St. James' Hall.

Most meetings leave their votes of thanks until the end, but the Ladies' Guild reverse this procedure so that the gentlemen may know how much their efforts on behalf of the Ladies' Guild are appreciated, and before the business meeting commenced the president (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. Barker for making all the arrangements at St. John's, Mr. Bailey (Whitchurch), Mr. Weaver (Penarth), Mr. Hannington (Llandaff Cathedral) and all those who had helped with the meeting in general and the tea.

At the business meeting which followed, ten new members were elected, nine from South Wales and one from Northern Ireland. The officers of the Guild were re-elected—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (president), Miss Colgate (secretary and treasurer) and Miss A. Bailey (auditor).

In her report the secretary stated that 1953 had been an encouraging year. The total membership of the Guild had increased and the two newly-formed Districts—South Wales and North-Eastern — had made steady progress. Two peals had been rung for the Guild during the year, both in the Midlands District, including the first of Yorkshire Major.

Guildford was proposed as the venue for the next annual general meeting and all members are asked to make a special note of the place and date—Guildford, July 2nd, 1955. Word has already reached us of the welcome that awaits us from the Southern District, and though we think they will have difficulty in improving on the arrangements made for us in South Wales we look forward to our visit there and hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend.

Before concluding the meeting, the president gave a special word of thanks to Miss J. S. Evans, not only for all the arrangements she had made for that meeting, but also for her work in forming the South Wales District, whose membership (now 76) was as high as many of the Districts which had been in existence for a much longer period.

Further ringing took place at St. John's and Penarth and catered for all tastes, from rounds to Surprise, and included several touches by all-ladies' bands. A. L.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

High Opinions of Piddington

Piddington, where the Bicester Deanery held its quarterly meeting on July 10th, has a special claim to fame. Tea provided by the local ringers' wives on the Vicarage lawn was voted as the best tea enjoyed by any of the company present at a ringers' meeting!

The five bells were rung in the afternoon till 7 p.m. to rounds, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. In the evening the eight at Ambrosden were available.

The service was conducted by the Branch president (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse). Mr. F. Sharpe read the lesson and the address was given by the Rev. Mr. Cragg, of Bucknell.

At the business meeting Mr. L. G. Godfrey, of Brill, was elected a member.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

75th Anniversary Meeting

THE annual general meeting held at Winchester on July 3rd was of special significance, being the 75th anniversary of the formation of the former Winchester Diocesan Guild (founded June 26th, 1879). Despite the unsettled weather over 100 members were present, representing the eight Districts of the Guild, and, in addition, several ringers from outside the Guild's area.

At the business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall, the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger), who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and hon. treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed), extended a welcome to all the visitors who had taken the opportunity to attend.

The meeting expressed its appreciation of the work undertaken and completed by the hon. secretary in connection with both the George Williams Memorial and the Guild War Memorial.

Arising out of the minutes of the last annual meeting directing that the question of whether or not a full report should be printed, should be deferred for twelve months, it was reported that owing to the still further reduction in the Guild's finances, the Executive Committee had been compelled to decide that only an abridged report should be published this year. The meeting endorsed the committee's action.

SPECIAL EFFORTS REDUCE BALANCES

The hon. treasurer, in explaining the balance sheet, stated that the balance had been reduced from £249 to £196 but during the year sums of £25 18s. 10d. and £29 11s. were transferred from the Central Fund to the George Williams Memorial and Guild War Memorial schemes respectively. As the committee had stated, the annual reports were still a costly item (compared with the 1934 report, at 4½d. per member, the 1952 report worked out at 1s. 6½d.). By printing an abridged report for 1953, it would represent 8½d. per report. Despite the economies effected and contemplated, the treasurer stressed that the only real solution was a drive to get an increased membership.

The report of the Master, hon. general secretary and hon. general treasurer stated that the past year had seen the fulfilment of two schemes for which the Guild was to be congratulated. The George Williams Memorial Library was completed and dedicated in May, on the anniversary of the late Master's birthday, and the War Memorial panels, which had been added as wings to the previous panel, were completed and dedicated in November.

Reports from the various Districts indicated that activity was on the increase and, on the whole, a useful year had been spent. Compared with the previous year the membership had remained fairly steady. Honorary membership was 81 compared with 89 in 1952, ringing membership 591 (592), compounding 15 (20). Two or three years ago ringing members totalled over 700. 'We must strive to regain our former membership.'

TWO RECORD LENGTHS

Peal ringing had showed a marked increase over a wide area; 52 tower bell peals had been rung compared with 30 in 1952. Although handbell peals had dropped from 17 to 14, it more than compensated to know that the Bournemouth handbell band had secured for the Guild the honour of holding the record lengths of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

The peal recorder's report stated that 156 members took part in 52 tower- and 14 handbell peals, 16 ringing their first peal. There were 26 conductors among them. D. T. Matkin with 12 handbell peals and C. H. Kippin with 11 tower bell peals. Double Oxford Bob Major was rung for the first time for the Guild and there were two record lengths by the Bournemouth handbell band (mentioned above). Mr. C. H. Kippin, one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, presented a lengthy report of the Council meeting held at Newcastle at Whitsun, and the general secretary expressed his apology to the meeting in not being able to represent the Guild on that occasion.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Master, Mr. G. Pullinger; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. A. Reed; hon. auditor, Mr. L. Bailey; hon. librarian, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead; recorder of peals. Mr. N. Hayes.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

A discussion took place on how the Guild could give practical help towards the suggestions offered by 'The Ringing World' Committee in endeavouring to improve the position of that journal. Some of the Districts had appointed a representative whose duty was to persuade their members to support and obtain new readers for the paper, and it was hoped this effort would bear fruit.

Eventually it was agreed to send the following resolution to the secretary of the Central Council:—'That as an **immediate** measure to secure the maximum income from the present circulation, distribution of 'The Ringing World' be made through the post only, and supplies to subscribers through newsagents discontinued.'

Owing to the demand for Guild badges and the low stock in hand it was agreed to order a further supply of 300 brooch-type. In order to conserve further the Guild finances it was agreed to print the annual report for next year in the abridged form now in circulation.

The venue of the next annual general meeting was selected as Basingstoke on July 2nd, 1955.

BISHOP AT SERVICE AND TEA

The Guild service was held in St. Maurice's Church, at which the Bishop of Winchester was present.

At the tea which followed the Bishop joined the company, where an iced anniversary cake was supplied by an anonymous donor, each ringer present receiving a portion. At the conclusion the Master gave a résumé of the past 75 years of the existence of the Guild and its parent society. Mr. Lampard (Winchester Cathedral) was the oldest member present. Mr. W. Linter (late hon. treasurer) presented a portrait of the late Master (Mr. George Williams), which was accepted as a valuable contribution to the library.

Votes of thanks were extended to the various incumbents for the use of their bells and to the anonymous donor of the birthday cake.

Canterbury's Nonagenarian Ringer

On Wednesday, June 30th, the bells of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, were rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. A. H. Sayer, a member of the band. Although Mr. Sayer now resides at Chislet, some few miles out of Canterbury, he often travels on a Sunday morning to have a ring at St. Dunstan's.

On the evening of his birthday he took part in several touches of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, himself conducting one touch. To round off the evening's ringing he took part in a 'birthday' touch of 90 Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. Sayer started his ringing career in Birchington, Kent, at the age of 16. Both his father and brothers were ringers and lived to well over 90! He is a life member of Canterbury Cathedral band and until fairly recently had taken an active part in the ringing there, but he now says that the long climb to the ringing chamber is a little too much for him.

AN 80th BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER

Celebrations at Exeter

In the peal columns will be found the report of a peal of Bob Major in honour of Mr. E. J Ryall's 80th birthday. Mr. Ryall is a true friend of all ringers. A devoted member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, he is held in high esteem throughout the county. Still an active member at St. Thomas', Exeter, he is a vice-president of the Guild and a past Branch chairman and past hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch. No Branch meeting is complete without him.

After the peal the band, with other members of St. Thomas', were lavishly entertained to supper at Mr. Ryall's residence. His health was toasted with his own make apple cider, which proved rather much for the uninitiated—the conductor rang 1-2 to Grandsire Triples on handbells, to the surprise of all present, including himself.

The tenorman, referring to the peal, was rather concerned about the confidence of the conductor in the last few courses, thinking he was rather pale about the 'gills,' but, to his relief, found out later that it was owing to one of 'Bill's' infrequent visits to his tonsorial adviser!

Thanks, congratulations and best wishes were extended to Mr. Ryall and it was remarked that Sir Winston Churchill could think himself highly honoured to be born in the same year as Mr. Ryall and Mr. C. G. Glass, whose 80th birthday had already been marked earlier in the year.

The writer saw the conductor safely to his bus and crawled home with mellow thoughts of another 80th birthday well and truly celebrated. F. W.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

First Visit to Kentisbeare

July 10th was a red letter day for the N.E. Branch, when, for the first time in the history of the Guild, a meeting was held at St. Mary's, Kentisbeare. The eight members of the local band were enlisted as associate members. At present they are a call change band but in future they hope to change to half-pull ringing. It is hoped very shortly to hear these bells going to Grandsire and Stedman, as the band already ring these changes from cards, changing every hand stroke.

The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Baker) was most impressive. The Branch chairman (the Rev. J. H. Jones) read the lesson, and Mr. Cottrell was the organist. The collection for the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 0s. 3d.

About 40 members sat down to tea at the Wyndham Arms Hotel, arrangements having been made by the ringers of Kentisbeare.

Supporting the Branch chairman at the business meeting were the president (Preb. E. V. Cox), the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor) and the Branch secretary (Mr. W. H. Ware). A vote of thanks to all at Kentisbeare was passed with acclamation. Huntsham, the home of change ringing, was selected for the next meeting, on October 2nd.

Both the general secretary and the president addressed the meeting on 'The Ringing World' and urged increasing postal subscribers. Mr. W. H. Ware was appointed publicity officer for the Branch, to whom all matters of interest are to be sent, and he was also instructed to push the sales of the journal. Four new postal subscribers should be coming to 'The Ringing World' in the near future.

Mr. A. G. Selly was the Ringing Master, and standard methods were practised by the 50 members present.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLAIN BOB TRIPLES AND THE REPORT OF THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE, 1953

Dear Sir,—The proposition I made about the 12 peals of Bob Triples is incorrectly recorded on page 441 of 'The Ringing World,' July 9th, 1954. I never made any mention of Treble Bob. Here is the exact wording of the proposition I put forward:—

'That the 12 peals referred to in the report be included in the 1953 Analysis, and that the question of deleting such peals from any future Analysis be deferred until after the publication of the new Council's Handbook.'

In moving this resolution I made the following points:—

(1) It was a FACT that both ringers generally and most members of the Council did not know of any Council decision against Bob Triples, and it was, therefore, unfair, WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS WARNING, to reject such peals.

(2) Peals of Bob Triples have never previously been rejected, so, in effect, if it is out of order to include them in the Analysis this year, every Analysis since 1904 which has included Bob Triples has been out of order. So many have been accepted that it has really become 'Case Law' to do so, pending the consolidation and reprinting of the C.C. Rules and Decisions in the new handbook.

(3) Few members of the Central Council have a copy of the old Rules and Decisions, nor do they appear on the list of publications available from the C.C. Librarian.

(4) There is no doubt whatsoever that these 12 peals of Bob Triples were rung 'innocently' and not deliberately to flout rules and decisions. To my mind they are a worthy contribution.

When the vote was taken on my resolution one member submitted that it was out of order for the Council to pass such a resolution (it was obviously going to be passed), and this member's objection was allowed. Instead it was resolved to accept the report of the Peals Analysis Committee EXCEPT the paragraph about the peals of Bob Triples. This leaves the position rather confused, but presumably, since all the other statistics, percentages, etc., in the report refer to figures INCLUDING the 12 peals of Bob Triples, and since at the time of the Council meeting the peals had not in fact been deleted, they will remain in the 1953 Analysis unless next year they are retrospectively deleted by the Council.

In conclusion, a warning note. IT IS NOW KNOWN GENERALLY that in 1904 at least the Central Council did not see eye to eye with Bob Triples and that there is still a rule against peals of Bob Triples. It would be advisable for ringers to refrain from peals of Bob Triples until after a definite decision next year or their opponents will be able to argue that they are doing so to flout the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council.

Where rules are KNOWN, the correct procedure is to endeavour to secure alteration of the rules which are considered unsuitable. No doubt in the next year or two much time and careful thought will need to be devoted to bringing the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council up to date prior to re-publishing.

May I take this opportunity of congratulating our Newcastle friends on the magnificent welcome they extended to all visiting ringers? The thoughtful and spirited debates on the Tuesday, with touches of humour at appropriate moments, indicated that the new Council promises to be an energetic one, worthy to continue the good work and further emphasise the close relation between the Council and the ordinary ringer.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

EVERCREECH BELL RECORDINGS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. L. W. Bullock's enquiry, the recordings were made by a mixed band drawn from Evercreech and towers in the neighbourhood. Mr. Sayer, of Evercreech, made the rather extensive arrangements necessary.

I am glad that the striking finds favour, although those of us who took part are conscious of many faults. Some of our very best ringing was discarded on various grounds—the whistle of a train at the railway junction a mile away; a bus at the bus stop; fluff on the needle; started too soon, etc. Nine records were processed and so far five have been used regularly. I have recently suggested to the Director of Programmes that Double Court Minor on the back six should be added to the stock five. The record is quite good, and rather typical of this county of weighty sixes.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Som.

FIRST OF STEDMAN FOR ST. DAVID'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Tenby, Pembrokeshire, on June 29th, claiming it as the first peal of Stedman for the St. David's Guild, may I point out that the first peal of Stedman for this Guild was rung at St. Mary's, Pembroke, on September 11th, 1952, during a West Wales tour, and was conducted by Albert Diserens, who left some of us in no doubt as to his abilities in this direction.

During this tour the first peals of Pudsey, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major were also rung for the Guild at Llanstephan, St. David's and Tenby respectively.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Harrow, Middlesex.

Dear Sir,—I note that the peal of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. Harold Poole at St. Mary's, Tenby, on June 29th, 1954, is stated to be the first peal of Stedman for the St. David's Diocesan Guild. May I point out that I conducted a peal of Stedman Triples for this Guild at St. Mary's, Pembroke, on September 11th. 1952, whilst on a peal tour with Messrs. Wilfred Williams and Donald Clift.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT DISERENS.

Reading.

ROCHESTER SURPRISE AT SOUTHPORT

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent in Belfry Gossip of a recent 'Ringing World,' as conductor of both peals of Rochester Surprise Major rung at Christ Church, Southport, I think the footnote is in order. No doubt your correspondent hasn't been to Southport the last twelve months, otherwise he would know the present ring of bells is a new one, with the tenor 2 cwt. heavier, opened for the first time June, 1953.—Yours sincerely,

J. RIDYARD.

Southport.

WHEN FRAMSDEN WAS ALTERED TO LOUGHBOROUGH

Dear Sir,—If the Methods Committee will refer to 'The Ringing World' of January 20th, 1939, page 40, they will see that the late T. W. Last, of Helmingham, withdrew the name 'Framsden' for the peal rung in 1938, and requested the Analysis Committee to alter it to Loughborough so as to avoid confusion.

Corrigan's Part E of 'Dates of First Peals' (May, 1950) also has it corrected.—Yours faithfully,

P. LAFLIN.

Stockport, Cheshire.

NOT GOOD COPY

Dear Sir, — Some years ago one of the branches of the Herts County Association submitted for publication in 'The Ringing World' a certain composition of Stedman Triples. This the Editor (who was at that time Mr. Trollope) refused to do, in spite of repeated efforts and quite a deal of protests on the part of the interested parties.

The reason which Mr. Trollope gave for his view was that the subject was not 'good copy' and its eventual appearance in print was only obtained at the expense of the members of the branch, under the notice column. Apart from the general satisfaction derived by this group of ringers in 'getting one over' the Editor (it was all in good fun on both sides), I am not at all certain that the readers of 'The Ringing World' as a whole were particularly interested in the publication; in fact, I strongly suspect that Mr. Trollope was quite right in his judgment of its true value, as material to fill the pages of the journal.

This incident was brought to mind by the recent correspondence on the subject of the printing of reports of peals. Unless a peal is particularly brilliant in either composition or performance, it can only be of interest to quite a small group of individuals and must surely fall under the heading of 'bad copy.' That being the case, I feel that the Editor should exercise his judgment in this matter in the same way as in the incident which I have recounted, and only peals which he considers to be noteworthy should be published.

Having expressed that view, I must admit that were peal reports omitted I should miss them; not from the point of view of their reading material, but rather that 'The Ringing World' without its peal columns would be like a church without a ring of bells: in neither are they (let's face it) absolutely essential, but in both cases are a manifestation of what transpires within.—Yours faithfully,

RUSSELL G. SPEARS.

Datchet, Bucks.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—Your leading article in the issue dated July 2nd was very much to the point and opportune.

It is not always possible, however, to arrange for the party to consist mainly of ringers as so often the ringers' families like to join these outings. Under these circumstances the organiser should endeavour to provide for the interests of the non-ringers as well as for those of the ringers.

I would like to add one point not covered by your contributor. A letter of thanks to the incumbents and/or the tower captains of those churches who have put their bells at the service of the visitors should be considered a 'must.' Such a letter will usually be appreciated and completes a job otherwise generally well done. —Yours faithfully,

J. R. COTTERILL. M.I.E.E.

West Bromwich.

FALSE PEAL AT INGATESTONE

Dear Sir,—The peal of Minor in 19 methods rung at Ingatestone, Essex, on May 22nd, 1954, and published in 'The Ringing World' of June 18th on page 390, is false. This is entirely due to a fault of my own and I wish to tender my apologies to the rest of the band. — Yours sincerely,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' July 24th, 1914

IRELAND'S LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

Many eminent men have graced the ringing Exercise, but . . . . only one of His Majesty's judges, and that is he who now occupies the exalted position of Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

Born near Waterford on March 19th, 1859, Lord Chief Justice Cherry was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated B.A. in 1879 and was double gold medallist in mental science, and history and political science. Taking up the law as a profession [he] was first scholar in International Law at the Middle Temple, and was called to the Irish Bar in 1881, taking silk in 1896. He was examiner in Political Economy for the Indian Civil Service 1888-9, and professor of Constitutional and Criminal Law in the University of Dublin 1889-94. Turning his attention to politics . . . he was elected for the Exchange Division of Liverpool in 1906, which he represented until 1909, when he was elevated to the Bench as a Lord Justice of Appeal for Ireland, having since 1905 been Attorney General. . . . He regularly takes his place in the belfry at St. Patrick's Cathedral when he is in Dublin.

[Sir Richard Cherry took part in the first peal by an Irish Society, at Waterford on December 9th, 1873. His total at the time was about 20, including Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters and Kent Major.]

THE FUTURE OF HEXTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Last year I supplied some information about the ruined tower and three old bells at Hexton, near Hitchin, Herts. I have recently discussed this again with the Vicar of Barton-in-the-Clay, Beds, who is also in charge at Hexton.

There is a fund to 'restore' the tower to make it a safe ruin containing at least the 14th century(?) Rufford bell for chiming. The nave needs reorganising and decorating before being used again, even if the tower is made safe. The part still standing has not given way further since the collapse in 1947, and the bells are comparatively safe for the time being.

The village is doing its best to raise money, but, numbering only 200, the task is a long one. It may prove necessary to sell the two 17th century bells, and the Vicar wishes them to be used as church bells, a sentiment which will be shared, I am sure, by all lovers of old bells. The Vicar would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in opening up negotiations for their transfer, or I myself would be pleased to give further information if any should get in touch with me. The details are as follows:—

(1) Chandler made me 1697. Note C, diameter 32¼ inches. Canons retained, untuned. About 5 cwt.

(2) Chandler made me 1688 (churchwardens' initials). Note: a little flat of A, diameter 38 inches, weight about 9 cwt., canons retained, flattened by chiselling between waist and soundbow.

Both bells are of good tone, especially the larger. A neighbouring parish has already shown interest in the smaller bell for augmentation purposes.

I hope these good old bells will never go as mere scrap, and that if they cannot stay in their own tower we shall find a good home where they can be used once again for the purpose for which they were cast so long ago.

—Yours sincerely,

D. P. JONES.

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NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

Another Encouraging Week

A new objective awaits our correspondents who are working so splendidly in increasing 'Ringing World' sales. We need under 100 new readers to reach the 6,000 circulation mark. That is contingent upon the renewal of outstanding postal subscribers.

Essex has narrowed the gap to one in Hertfordshire's lead for new postal subscribers since the campaign started. There have been other welcome additions. The position on Monday morning was as follows:—

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17.—Surrey.
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14.—London
13.—Staffordshire.
11.—Lancashire.
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WHITBY ABBEY

It was the last tower of the day and a little rest and refreshment left us with an appetite for the pleasure to come. We made our way down to the harbour and then up the narrow streets edged with fishermen's cottages and their 'pubs' almost toppling into the water. A little sign said 199 steps to the belfry and Abbey. The breeze was salty and bracing; there was no mistaking the tang of the Yorkshire coast.

Our numbers were adequate so I felt no guilt as I passed the belfry door and sauntered along the cliffs. What an utterly glorious view! Behind me lay the Goathland Moors. Below, great waves rose and crashed against the cliffs. The two piers like arms outstretched hugging the little boats between them. The bay beyond, and lovely little Sandsend sitting snugly under the cliffs, and in the distance a light mist hanging over it all like a delicate lace curtain.

I could hear a low murmuring of the bells as the ringers gave them their voices. On and on they urged them until their full glory sounded over the hills. My heart filled with song—'Land of hope and glory, Mother of the free.' I thought of those who had died in the wars so that such as I could stand here as free as a bird and as happy as a king, and I thought of the man who had taught me to ring and of the women who by their efforts had given us the freedom of the belfry. I gave a humble prayer of thanks to them all.

E. DORICE KELLY.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Mr. Tom Page

Whether it was due to the 'closeness' in the belfry or to the dog-like noises each time the belfry door was heaved to and fro, the ringing was not of a very high standard at the Farnham District meeting held at Worplesdon on July 10th.

A good number turned up for afternoon ringing, which was followed by the ringers' service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. the Hon. A. C. V. Elphinstone).

An excellent tea was followed by a short business meeting at which the Rector took the chair, and Mr. C. W. Denyer (vice-president of the Guild) acted as secretary, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. S. Joyce and Mr. R. Mills. Seven new members were elected and Miss Myrtle Cass was appointed as District correspondent to 'The Ringing World.'

After Mr. Denyer had proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, the local captain (Mr. S. Petter) and the tea organisers, came the most important business of the day—the presentation of a breakfast set on behalf of the District to Mr. Tom Page (joint Ringing Master), who is to be married on July 24th. The presentation was made by the Rector.

After the meeting the ringers returned to the belfry, where various methods were rung from rounds to Cambridge Surprise until 9 o'clock, under the leadership of Mr. T. Page and Mr. E. J. Wells, his co-Ringing Master.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Huntingdon District Visit Bucks

A most enjoyable outing was held on July 3rd in 'leafy' Buckinghamshire, the party including that 'hardy annual' for Hampstead, and the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Warrington, who is not yet fighting fit. The fine air of the Chilterns proved most exhilarating.

The first ring was at SS. Peter and Paul's, Ellesborough, and these six were soon going to Cambridge; then came the grand octave of St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, bells made for Stedman.

After lunch at High Wycombe the weighty six at St. Mary's, Amersham, were rung for a wedding. Some good Cambridge and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung at St. Mary's, Farnham Royal.

A most refreshing tea at Burnham was followed by a visit to St. Peter's Church, where Mr. Gilbert's proud claim was amply justified. The last tower, Chalfont St. Peter's, reminded many of the party of 36 of their own rings.

Mr. Lack expressed the thanks of the company to Mr. Harold Peacock for the capable way he had organised the trip.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Wool

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wool on June 26th. The bells were rung prior to the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Whitter), the lesson being read by the Branch chairman (Canon A. W. Markby). Ladies of the church provided tea for the 35 members present in the Village Hall.

Afterwards the meeting was conducted by Canon A. W. Markby. In the absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Hayne) the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke) deputised. Three new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meetings at Litton Cheney and Fordington (in September). The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Towers represented were: Abbotsbury, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, East Lulworth, Preston, Upwey, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster.

R. H. D.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

XVI. GRANDSIRE CATERS AND CINQUES

When we ring an even bell method on a higher number of bells (Royal or Maximus instead of Major) we merely increase the size of our 'framework' and we do not affect in any way the Coursing Order of the working bells or our technique for transposing them.

But in Grandsire, when we ring Caters or Cinques, our extra two or four bells are concerned in the bob making and can be called in and out of the hunt just the same way as any of the other bells. At a plain lead the bell which is last in Coursing Order makes thirds place and becomes first (after the bell in the hunt). At a bob or single the last two bells in the Coursing Order become the first two (round the other way at a single) and then are followed by the bell which comes out of the hunt and all the remainder in the same order.

A short example touch of 180 changes of Grandsire Caters will make this clear:—

Lead Ends 23456789	Calling	Coursing Orders 23468975
25374968		25346897
—97285634	9 in Hunt	—97253468
98762453		98725346
—46938572	9 out at 2	—46987253
—53426798	with Double	—53469872
52374869		52346987
—87592634	8 in Hunt	—87523469
89765423		89752346
—46839275	8 out at 2	—46897523
—23456789	with Double	—23468975

On the left of the calling are the lead ends from rounds. These are obtained by transposing the preceding row by 25374968 at a plain lead and by 75293846 at a bob. He would be a clever conductor who could do these eight-figure transpositions in his head while ringing—they are not easy with pencil and paper.

But if you look at the Coursing Orders on the right of the calling you will see that the transpositions are just as easy as in Triples. I have emphasised the only figures which are altered—one at a plain lead and two at a bob. Try this for yourself, on paper, with this or a different touch—you will be pleased to find how quick and easy it is. Therefore it is clearly simpler when it has to be done mentally while ringing.

CONCLUSION

If you—the would-be conductor— have understood these articles you will be seeking opportunities for putting these hints into practice. And you may feel that it would not be fair to the rest of the band to risk making mistakes and spoiling their touches, let alone their peals, during your early attempts.

But you have no need to do anything of the sort. Every time you ring in a touch you can carry out mental transpositions of the Coursing Orders every time someone else calls a bob. You can tell whether the bobs are at W, B, M or H by the bells which are affected in the Coursing Order, and at the end of the touch you will be able to surprise the conductor by telling him what he called. What is more you may even, if there is a trip and the conductor looks as much at sea as those concerned in the trip, be able to put the bells right merely by knowing the Coursing Order. And you need never be lost yourself if you remember that Coursing Order.

If you show in this way that you know what is going on in a touch or peal it will not be long before you will be asked to conduct the touch or peal yourself.

You will also find that a conductor or bob-caller is often only too pleased if he has in the band at least one member of it who can keep his own place and help to put the bells right if need be. Many a conductor will admit that he has often asked another member of the band whether a certain call was the second or third of a group of three. If you have been following the calling by transposing the Coursing Orders you will be able to give him a confident answer and perhaps save a peal.

Some conductors have the admirable habit of telling other members of the band the composition before starting for a peal. This must clearly give a conductor more confidence if he feels that should he have a short mental lapse it does not mean that the peal will be lost. It is also, of course, excellent practice for someone learning to conduct to follow out all the calling and all the changes of Coursing Order throughout a peal, without that feeling of great responsibility that he would have had were he really conducting his first peal. Quite often, too, an incipient trip can be corrected or prevented without even the conductor knowing anything of it. This calls for a great deal of co-operation, not only from the conductor, but also from his band—it no doubt sounds like heresy to some conductors—but it does result in a high percentage of peals gained.

A further advantage of conducting by Coursing Order is that in an emergency you can call a peal or touch without learning anything except the position of the bobs. We have all admired the man who fills the breach when the arranged conductor is unable to turn up, or the method has to be changed to one that he cannot call.

It is an easy and speedy matter to learn the position of the bobs in some of the more simple compositions. So long as you can work out the Coursing Orders as you go along you need not worry that you had not time to write out the Course Ends or learn certain of them beforehand. For instance, it is a simple matter to learn the calls of a four-part peal of Plain Bob (only eleven courses usually) or a three-part peal of Kent, Oxford or Bristol which has five courses. Or what could be easier, while the band is trying to find a conductor for a peal of Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, New Cambridge or Painswick Surprise Major, to look up Pitstow's 5,088 in your notebook. It is only W. 3H., W. 3H., B. 2H., twice repeated, and if you can ring the chosen method you can also conduct it in the fullest sense of the word.

If the method is Surprise Royal or Maximus, the number of courses is less and the calling that much easier, but your reputation as a man who can call these things 'off the cuff' will be greatly enhanced.

A well-known ringer recently remarked that he wished he had never learnt transposition by course ends. He fully realised that not only was transposition of Coursing Orders so much easier, but that in the emergencies of actual ringing the former method was almost useless, while the latter was a necessity if he was to do his job as a conductor.

May I end as I began by appealing to the experts for helpful criticism and advice. Letters to the Editor on these lines, written as the result of years of experience, can do nothing but good.

MUSIC OF THE TENORS

Dear Sir,—I, for one, agree with the remarks of Mr. G. A. Halls in his letter regarding the musical qualities of such methods as Erin Caters and Duffield and wonder why there are not more peals rung in the methods. For those who require something more difficult I would suggest Spliced Erin and Stedman Caters. As regards Erin Caters I send figures of a composition which I consider very good and which is now published for the first time.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

5.411 or 5,033 ERIN CATERS

123456789							
432156978	1			5	6		
162453					6	7	
426153				5	6		
632451				5		7	
423651				5	6		
613452					6	7	
531462			4	5			
413562				5	6		
321465				5		7	
152364				5		7	
325164				5	6		
145362					6	7	
354162				5	6		
425361				5		7	
512463				5		7	
231564				5		7	
143265				5		7	
234165				5	6		
154263					6	7	
245163				5	6		
534261				5		7	
243561				5	6		
513264					6	7	
631254			4	5			
213654				5	6		
341256				5		7	
164352				5		7	
346152				5	6		
126354					6	7	
362154				5	6		
246351				5		7	
*614253				5		7	
231654			S	5	6	7	
143256				5		7	

Repeat, omitting bob at 1, call last two courses as follows:—

*612453978								
514392678		3	4			6		10
324561879	2					6	7	
542361					5	6		
214563					5		7	
431265					5		7	
213465					5	6		
453261						6	7	
235461					5	6		
513264					5		7	
341562					5		7	
124365					5		7	
452163					5		7	
125463					5	6		
435162						6	7	
153462					5	6		
325164					5		7	
152364					5	6		
342561						S 6	7	

Repeat as from 324561879 with bob for single gives 324165879. Round in five changes. For 5,033, seven courses may be cut out of first part as follows:—

213654			
231654		S	5

5,033 rung at Cardiff October 3rd, 1935, conducted by the composer.

A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Although the morning of July 10th dawned wet it did not damp the spirits of members of the Biggleswade District (Bedfordshire Association), setting forth on their annual outing, and by the time the first tower, Mildenhall (10), was reached, the rain had ceased. Ringing here was an added pleasure for many as we seldom have the opportunity of ringing on more than six or eight bells. North Lopham (8) was our second call, then on to Diss, where we were joined at lunch by Mr. A. J. Harris.

An hour's ringing was enjoyed at Diss (8) before journeying on to Redenhall (8). On the way to Bungay (8) a stop for tea was made at Harleston. Final ringing for the day was on the glorious ten at Beccles. A trip to the bells and to the top of the tower proved an added attraction here but, owing to the dullness of the day, the view was disappointingly limited.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major. Thanks were expressed to Mr. L. Bywaters for once again organising a successful tour. A. R.

IN SUFFOLK VILLAGES

For the fourth Whit Monday in succession a small party of ringers from Essex and Suffolk toured this year the lesser-known villages of Suffolk, the journey covering 230 miles and occupying for one car 18½ hours. Twelve towers were visited (ten booked and two 'grabbed').

The towers visited were Thornham Magna (6, tenor 9½ cwt.), Brome (5, 7 cwt., entry to belfry by straight vertical ladder in a hole in the wall), Oakley (6, 8 cwt.), Wingfield (6, 13¼ cwt.), Stradbroke (the ten can now be heard perfectly), Laxfield (6, 16½ cwt.), Heveningham (5, 10 cwt.), Peasenhall (6, 10½ cwt.), Yoxford (6, 11 cwt.), Sweffling (6, 6½ cwt.), Great Glemham (5, 15 cwt., bells a handful), Little Glemham (5, 14 cwt.).

Methods rung were:—Doubles: Plain, Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place. Minor: London and Cambridge. Surprise: Plain Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. On ten: Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS

An ambitious programme had Bury St. Edmunds' ringers for their annual outing on July 10th, which included two tens at Stradbroke and Beccles, Lowestoft (8), Gorleston (8) and St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich (12, with a 37-cwt. tenor).

The journey was not without its incidents, with cows impeding the coach and 'Fred' and his 'baccy.' He found some and it turned out to be his own!

The best ringing of the day was at Beccles, with Mr. A. E. Moore, the chief conductor, on the treble. At Lowestoft the band were happy to provide wedding bells. Ringing was limited to ten-bell work at St. Peter Mancroft, the company not being used to twelve. Our correspondent is candid about the ringing here, remarking, 'With new ropes and high sallies the ringing was not too good—only a touch of Stedman Triples.'

High tea was greatly enjoyed at Gorleston and there was also an opportunity for a look at the sea for a few minutes. A break was made for refreshments on the homeward journey and for a touch on handbells, Bury St. Edmunds being reached at 11.30 p.m. A big 'thank you' to J. Bank and W. Goodship for making the day such a great success.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

A 7 a.m. start was made by St. Thomas', Brentwood, for their 26th annual outing on June 24th, and by 9 a.m. two laden coaches had pulled up at Beaconsfield and the day's ringing programme started with a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

A good course of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at Cookham, although Kent Treble Bob was a failure. Before lunch at Reading the light, handy bells at Shiplake were rung.

The afternoon's programme started at Sonning, and then back to St. Mary's, Reading, where the opening touch of Stedman Triples was probably the best of the day. Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were also rung.

The evening was spent at Burnham, where Mr. George Gilbert gave the visitors his usual hearty welcome. Thanks are due to him and Mr. A. Diserens for their help in providing a happy day.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO MR. W. J. ELDRED

At St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on July 13th, a service was held for the dedication of a small brass memorial plate in memory of the late William J. Eldred, chairman and bellringer at St. Margaret's for 30 years. He was also secretary of the West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association..

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Aitken). The congregation, headed by the choir, went in procession to the belfry, where the memorial was dedicated by the Rev. J. L. Turney, Vicar of Sculthorpe and chairman of the Branch. After the dedication the Coronation peal board was unveiled and blessed. Ringing took place at the conclusion of the service.

Among those present were Miss W. Eldred, daughter of the late Mr. W. J. Eldred, and his brother, Mr. W. J. Eldred, of Hanwell, Middlesex. Other towers represented were Gaywood, Dersingham, Downham Market, Shouldham, Terrington St. Clement's, Tilney All Saints', St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and Sculthorpe. N. V. H.

THE BELLS OF KINGSTON-ON-THAMES

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

THE story of Kingston goes back to the days of Egbert, who held one of his councils here in 838, and here can still be seen the stone on which King Alfred's son was crowned in 901. During the next 78 years six other Saxon kings are all believed to have sat on this same stone for their crowning.

The old Saxon Shurch of St. Mary was here when the Normans came, and in the year 1130 the Norman laid the foundations of All Saints' Church and joined the old church to its new neighbour as a lady chapel. The two stood together until 1729, when the Saxon chapel suddenly collapsed, killing the sexton and a gravedigger. The central tower is 14th century, topped by 18th century bricks, and within it is the chalk tower of the Normans, probably one of the oldest chalk structures in this country. The first recorded entries relating to bells go back to 1503 and in 1516, when one of the bells was taken to Reading, some curious items were entered in the account book. The carrier's charge from Kingston to Reading was 13s., but the expenses en route also entailed items such as:—'Dynner at Meydenhedd 5s. 2d. Sopper at Reading 5s. 0d. Dynner at Reading on the morrowe 2s. 8d. Horse Meate at Reding 6s. 0d.' At the founders' the sum for 'Drynke' cost 6s. 0d. On the return journey the only expenditure seems to have been:—'Baytyng at Stanes comying homeward 3s. 0d.'

When the Royal inventory was taken in 1552 Kingston recorded 'Fyve great bells in the steple, a sauns bell, and a chyme for the belles,' which shows that the church ranked among the important ones as regards services. In 1570 Queen Elizabeth visited Kingston and the 'Ryngers' were paid xij pence, while the following year ij shillings was paid at the 'qvens comyng.'

The bells were made a complete ring of ten by Robert Catlin, of Holborn, in 1748, and this was done by recasting the old eight bells and adding two new trebles. Since then some recasting has taken place and at the present time this grand ring of ten can be briefly tabulated thus:—

Treble.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast Mears and Stainbank 1936.

Second.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast at Whitechapel 1841 and 1936.

Third.—R. Catlin 1750. Recast 1936.

Fourth.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by Blews 1873. Recast 1936.

Fifth.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by T. Mears 1826.

Sixth.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by T. Mears 1826.

Seventh.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by T. Mears 1826.

Eighth.—R. Catlin 1748.

Ninth.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1879.

Tenor.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1830.

The tenor is 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D flat, this being the weight after the bells were tuned prior to their restoration in 1937. The 8th is inscribed 'The old 8 bells recast and two new Trebbles added to make X by subscription. S. London, S. Belchier, Collectors 1748.' The circle is anti-clockwise, for the old frame is still in use.

BAN ON SUNDAY EVENING RINGING

Sunday service ringing was confined to morning service only in consequence of a bequest made to the church by a Mrs. Savage, who died in 1833, for in her will she included gifts to the ringers providing the conditions stated were duly observed. In order to qualify for the money the ringers were required, subject to the Vicar's discretion, to conduct themselves in a sober, orderly and attentive manner and perform their duties both of ringing and chiming to the satisfaction of the Vicar. After this comes a special condition that the present laudable custom be observed of abstaining from the ringing of peals on the evenings of Lord's Day. When the writer was told of these conditions some 50 years ago it aroused a feeling of resentment that one person should offer presents to ringers and impose terms in order to keep ringers from Sunday evening ringing. From 1833 onwards the bells were never rung on Sunday evening, and for 114 years the ban operated, much to the regret of many ringers.

It must have come as a surprise when the Vicar requested the ringers to ring for evening service on Sunday, November 2nd, 1947, thus finishing a ban on Sunday evening 'peals,' and setting the ringers free to perform full Sunday duties which, after all, is the main purpose for which the bells were placed in the tower. The condition requiring the ringers to conduct themselves in a sober, orderly and attentive manner may have been necessary wording as a safeguard during the 19th century, but it certainly does not apply nowadays, and a progressive band will always give a warm welcome to visitors on Sundays and at practice on Thursday evenings.

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DEATH

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, July 24th, 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own food arrangements. Cups of tea available. — A. B. Cooper. 4737

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Bentley (5), Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 4761

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Crich, Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4756

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.— Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton (6), July 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Baker, 40 St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 4732

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 24th, New Alresford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Bell Hotel. Names to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 4725

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cleeve Prior, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 4744

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Middleham (8 bells), Saturday, July 24th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4768

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Saturday, July 31st, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 3.30. The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4730

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Iron Acton, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 27th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 4764

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Abbots Langley (6), July 31st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, by Thursday, 29th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. 7936. 4758

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Tenbury, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 4757

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (close to Kilburn Park Underground Station) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in School Room. Names for tea to Miss A. Barker, 37, Summerfield Avenue, N.W.6. Telephone: Laddbroke 3733. 4743

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 31st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (cups of tea only). Business meeting 6—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4752

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden, July 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 28th, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, Thetford, Norfolk.—Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 4749

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Practice meeting, Reigate, July 31st. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bells after till 8.30. Names for tea, by July 28th, to Miss B. Saggers, 28, Clarence Road, Redhill. 4759

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, on August Bank holiday. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, numbers for which, by July 29th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 4769

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Rotherham (10), Monday, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify, by July 31st, Mrs. W. M. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Herringthorpe, Rotherham.—N. Chaddock and E. D. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 4729

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting, Woodchurch (6), August 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by August 3rd, to Mrs. D. J. Russell, Central Stores, Woodchurch, Ashford. 4760

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Chiddingstone (8), August 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, by Wednesday, August 4th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4764

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-Western).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, August 7th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Please assist by sending names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey. 4767

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—At Basingstoke, August 28th. Towers available: Basingstoke (2), Oakley, Deane, Overton, Upton-Grey, Odiham, Bramley, Sherborne-St.-John and Monk-Sherborne.—J. Chesterman. 4740

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Rung at Shirley, Birmingham, May 13th, 1954.

A 50th ANNIVERSARY AT CAPETOWN

On Dec. 22nd, 1903, change ringing was inaugurated at St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, Cape Town, with 720 Plain Bob Minor. As far as records show, no further touch of that length had since been rung.

To celebrate 50 years of change ringing in the tower, a further 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung on July 6th by O. Lamb 1, J. Riley 2, C. Gardiner 3, W. J. Smith 4, R. H. Stickley (conductor) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. This was the first 720 for the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

The touch was also rung as a farewell to the Very Rev. Michael Gibbs, Dean of Cape Town, who leaves South Africa this month to take up his new ministry as Dean of Chester, England. R. H. S.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

About 50 ringers were present at the Wellingborough Branch meeting at the six-bell tower of Yardley Hastings. Local ringers' wives and friends, supervised by Mrs. Burge, provided tea.

At the short business meeting presided over by the Rector (the Rev. L. J. Thompson), the members stood in silence in memory of Mr. E. Jones, of Easton Maudit. The October meeting will be held at Irchester, and the annual meeting in January at Wellingborough.

The Guild service was held in the Parish Church in the early evening, the office being led by the Guild president (the Rev. W. Knight), and an address given by the Rector. A collection for the Guild Restoration Fund amounted to £1 9s.

QUARTER PEALS

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whitcrod 2, C. Button 3, C. Burton 4, R. Pye 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung for the opening of Kelvedon festival.

HOWICK, WORCS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cole 1, Susan Jackson 2, D. Trumper (first as cond.) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, E. Price 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: P. W. Croft (first of Doubles as cond.) 1, K. C. Timbury 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4; F. W. Croft 5. Rung for the patronal festival.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Miss A. B. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 4, E. Colley 5, J. N. Diserens 6, F. Lewis 7, N. J. Diserens 8. First in the method by all except ringers of 3 and 8.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, J. Stephenson 2, J. Waters 3, B. Lunn 4, James Phillips 5, W. Rawlings 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. Thompson 1, Miss M. Arkenstall (first quarter) 2, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5.

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THOMAS BALL WORSLEY

A TRIBUTE BY E. JENKINS

THE origins of greatness are not easily come by; are they inherited, born or learned? But by and large we recognise greatness when we meet it. It may have been one day in 1923 when requiring a composition of Double Norwich somewhat off the beaten track William Willson's famous composition was encountered. This seemed well worth ringing.

On March 24th, 1924, we rang this composition at Newchurch, Warrington, a new Taylor ring, and this lovely composition pleased us all. Quoth Harry Chapman (that happy man), 'I've waited twenty years to ring that arrangement.' During the evening T. B. W. and the writer were deep in conversation on the merits of compositions on this plan. Couldn't more be done in this direction? Up to this occasion T. B. W. had never shown any interest in the art of composition.

About this time some conversation was had with J. W. Washbrook, then living in Manchester. Washbrook handed the writer a composition of Cambridge Surprise Major of wonderful combinations. Alas, subsequent examination of this composition revealed that all was not well with it. Conversation at a later date elicited the information that T. B. W. had been experimenting with figures, and the writer, probably subconsciously recognising a greater mind, informed him that he had some figures of Washbrook's which were incorrect. Did he think he could rebuild the arrangement? Yes, he would try.

Perhaps a month passed by before T. B. W. handed back the figures of Washbrook's composition with the remark, 'Yes, you were right. It wouldn't run on that plan, but it's right now.' Subsequently we rang this arrangement at Pendleton on April 4th, 1925, and were all delighted with it. And so Tommy took to composing as to the manner born. Little did the writer realise at that date what would come of the partnership.

Later in 1925 Tommy said he was having a tussle with Superlative, and I believe it was on October 10th of that year after a peal at Pendleton that he said he had produced a 10,668. This was amazing, as Messrs. J. W. Parker and G. Lindoff had informed the writer that the method was worked out and both these gentlemen asked to see the figures. Well remembered are J. W. Parker's comment, 'You have sent me a record composition on a plan I had thrown away.' In just over a month a 10,784 was produced and early in December an 11,360 came out, but subsequent proving found it wrong, and then on Christmas Eve came the greatest length of Superlative with orthodox calling, the 11,232 — one of the most masterly productions the Exercise has received. We rang it on January 29th, 1927, at Bolton.

Early in 1926 Tommy said, 'I think there's more to be got out of Treble Bob,' and there was. In July came by post a composition of Treble Bob, the 17,824—again on a plan supposed to be worked out. We rang this the following April at Heptonstall, Yorks. After this he turned his attention to Bristol, and in September, 1926, produced 19,360 and 20,320, at which point he dropped it and delved into London. Ultimately he found sufficient true courses to make 15,000, but in his own words, 'they wouldn't weld.' After some two years of endeavour he gave it up; this was possibly the only occasion of defeat.

In 1930 he again turned his attention to Bristol, and about September of that year came the greatest composition of them all—the 21,600, which my Cheshire friends magnificently performed at Over on November 4th, 1950. How delighted he would have been to have known of it! He had not, however, finished and, going back to his first love, Superlative, he produced on September 8th, 1934, another long length in this method, 11,328, which remains the greatest length in the method with orthodox calls.

The great years of his work were from 1925 to 1928, after which business claimed his attention more and more and spare time became precious, but he never gave up entirely, and little gems of ordinary length kept dropping out of his mind as it were and it needed very little to arouse his interest.

In appearance he was of medium stature, becoming grey early in life, of a most merry disposition and eyes forever twinkling. The writer never once saw him angry; it seemed impossible for him to lose his temper. In ringing he rarely made mistakes and was a fine striker, and could, if required, ring a heavy bell, though he didn't care much for the back end as he perspired very freely. Though he never thought of himself as a conductor, he was remarkably safe and called several peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Surprise Major. He took part in the 18,000 of Treble Bob at Mottram in 1922, which was false, and also the attempt for 22,000 of Double Norwich at Hepstonstall, which had to be brought round just over 18,000 changes which repeated in the calling round. His greatest performance was undoubtedly the 15,312 of Cambridge Surprise

Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929, of which he was justly proud.

His name as a composer will last to the end of campanological time, and he ranks with the greatest of our art; in long lengths he was the supreme artist and none can equal his ability in that direction.

His end was sudden—he would not have had it otherwise; that kindly disposition was not meant for long drawn out agony. Generally kindly and well-meaning friends were somewhat blunt in giving this information. . . . Peace of mind was long in returning. Time in its slow healing brings back many happy memories to ease the loss of one who was almost a brother.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., July 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	7
MURIEL REAY	2	ANTHONY AGER	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
BRIAN MARTIN	2	JAMES BENNETT	8
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	10
PETER BORDER	5	GEORGE W. PIPE	11
E. ALAN JACQUES	6	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
This is the 50th different tower in which James Bennett has rung a twelve bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Treble*	*JOHN B. LONG	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
C. HENRY HARDING	3	*SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK	8
GEOFFREY WATSON	4	*BRYAN PATTISON	9
SYDNEY FOSKETT	5	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal on ten bells.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. PLUMBRIDGE	6
RALPH COLES	2	†BRIAN L. TAYLOR	7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	8
*DEREK W. STONE	4	EDWARD R. COLES	9
PETER BALDWIN	5	†ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* First peal of Caters and in the method on ten bells. † First peal in the method.
A tribute to Mr. Ralph Coles on completing 60 years as parish clerk. Also a 65th birthday compliment to Mrs. G. R. Goodship.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	6
MRS. R. JOYCE PEARSON	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
*SYDNEY A. WARWICK	3	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	8
WILFRID G. WILSON	4	THOMAS E. DAVIES	9
MRS. K. F. J. PARR	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' with ten-bell peals.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5400 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
BASIL JONES	2	JOHN WORTH	7
*ALEX RICHARDSON	3	ALAN J. BROWN	8
*ROBIN TURNER	4	ALAN A. POTTS	9
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. Longest length on the bells. P. Laflin has now 'circled the tower.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 RIBBLESDALE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	PETER BORDER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's E64/3).

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* 100th peal on the bells.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

DOROTHY SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	JAMES E. BURLES	5
WILFRED BOLTON	2	FRANK POSTLEWAITE	6
JAMES METCALFE	3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	7
WILLIAM GERRARD	4	ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to and in memory of Herbert S. Palmer, by a few of his many ringing friends of the Lancaster and Furness Branches.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
*EILEEN M. BURTON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4	†JOHN ORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., July 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
A birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn M. Fletcher and Henry H. Fearn.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

RALPH ELKINGTON	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	*†JOHN A. ACRES	6
*MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	*A. NEVILLE BROWN	5
*JEAN C. BROWN	2	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

MURIEL M. PIPE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. WHITING	5
DIANA M. MATTHEW	2	LLEWELLYN ALLUM	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
RUSSELL G. PARKER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 42). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Believed to be the first peal to be rung in the method.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Wed., July 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Treble*	*JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
PETER BORDER	2	*CLIVE M. SMITH	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

BEDFORD.
THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.
On Wed., July 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Constable C. H. F. KNIGHT, Leicester City	*Treble*
Constable B. S. LEWIS, Northants County	2
Ex-Sgt. H. G. JENNEY, Leicester City	3
Inspector H. J. POOLE, Leicester City	4
Ex-Ch. Inspector W. BOTTRILL, Metropolitan	5
Constable A. H. HINTON, Northants County	6
Constable E. A. JACQUES, Leicester City	7
Det.-Sgt. G. AMOR, Bedfordshire	*Tenor*

Conducted by Inspector H. J. POOLE.
Specially rung to commemorate the Royal Review of the Police Forces of the United Kingdom by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II., in Hyde Park, London, this day.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., July 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 MOSELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	PETER BORDER	6
MURIEL REAY	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's D16/1).

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PATRICK SALTMARSH	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	JOHN WARNER	6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	7
PETER J. CAME	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

VICTOR CONNELL	*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
*TERRY EARLE	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 EASTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by the band and for the Association.
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Liverpool Cathedral.

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SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Wed., July 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's (7th Observation). Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	LEONARD TUFFREY	5
VINCENT A. HEMMING	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ARTHUR MORRIS	7
MRS. KATHLEEN WATTS	4	THOMAS GWILT	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Thomas Abbotts, for over 20 years a ringer at this church, who met a tragic death on July 14th in Devon.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD RIVERS	*Treble*	PHILLIP E. DODD	4
PETER NASH	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
MICHAEL H. MAISEY	3	*WALTER MULFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MAURICE HOLGATE	*Treble*	LEONARD WALSH	4
*JOHN PILKINGTON	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	5
ROGER LEIGH	3	CHARLES CLEGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

* First peal.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (i) College Bob IV., Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (ii) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (iii) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (iv) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (v) Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (vi) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (vii) Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4
*IVAN I. M. SAUNDERS	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
PETER J. CAME	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in 20 methods.

A farewell to H. W. Egglestone, who is joining H.M. Forces.

ARDELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., July 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KIRKSTALL DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 96, 97, 98; 99, 100, 101; 94.) Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALAN J. TUTTLE	*Treble*	MICHAEL ORME	4
ANGELA WILLES	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
MAURICE A. COLLINGS	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Delight by all. Believed to be the first peal in the method.

Birthday compliments to Miss Linda Orme and to the conductor.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Bob Minor and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MICHAEL J. DYER	*Treble*	JOHN J. PAWLEY	4
JOHN R. G. SPICER	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
NORMAN MALLETT	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

First peal as conductor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MARGARET CARTER	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	4
MAURICE BENNETT	2	*JOHN G. AMES	5
ERNEST BRITTAIN	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* 250th peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Brittain.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

LEONARD DERRICK	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	4
*S. ARTHUR READ	2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5
*WILLIAM F. J. COPE	3	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal in two methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd; Mrs. F. Naylor, the conductor's mother; and Miss M. I. Hemer.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	BRYAN S. COPE	4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK	5
*BRYAN PATTISON	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 25th peal for the Association.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 6000 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 50 different six-scores, each bell in turn being the whole hunt for 10 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 42 lb.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	ROY DUESBURY	3
JAMES G. STANNARD	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	4
GEORGE N. ORMAN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD COUSINS	*Treble*	*JAMES FISHER	3
EDWARD W. MARTIN	2	FRANK ARNOLD	4
GEORGE A. HOLLICK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. HOLLICK.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Doreen Arnold. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

BARBARA HALDANE	*Treble*	ELLEN PARKER	4
RUTH CARE	2	CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
JACK POUNDS	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Blundell.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. ROY HALLETT ..	*Treble*	REV. F. A. OSWELL ..	4
GLYN F. JENKINS	2	DONALD G. CLARKE ..	5
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ..	3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards to the benefice of Llanarth with Clytha with Llansantffraed and Bryngwyn.

NAZEING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANK WRIGHT ..	*Treble*	ALFRED A. LIVINGS	4
BENJAMIN G. BURTON ..	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	5
CHARLES W. SAMS	3	HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

J. ROBIN WORSDALL ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	4
MARGARET A. SWANN ..	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER ..	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
First peal on the bells, augmented from three to six in June, 1954.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of five extents each of: St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew and seven extents of Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
SIMON L. BARLEY	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Smith, of Newark.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.

GEORGE BENNETT	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	4
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	JAMES BENNETT, SEN. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT, SEN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Taylor, wife of the Rector.

HANDBELL PEAL

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT 7, BARE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Bob and Reverse Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in F.

*JOHN S. HARRISON ..	1—2	†MAURICE BAILEY	3—4
†W. RODNEY HARRISON ..	5—6		

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.
* First peal in three methods. † First handbell peal in three methods.

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PEAL RINGING IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

OUT of 89 churches with rings of bells, only 15 have eight or more in the county of Cambridgeshire, i.e., about 17 per cent. Leaving out the two tiny counties of Huntingdon and Rutland, which have very few bells, only two other counties have a smaller proportion of towers with eight bells or more—Hereford and Northants. One would have thought that this would mean many peals on some of the eight-bell towers since they are few and far between, but this is not so in this county. It is certainly one of these that has the most peals in the county—Long Stanton—but its total is only 73, and it is the only church that has passed the 50 mark. Forty-three of these peals were rung in the 1920's, when it was a very popular tower. Only four were rung in the 1930's, but it has again become the chief peal-ringing centre for 19 peals have been rung since the war.

A six-bell tower comes next on the list. Stapleford, where the next peal rung will be the 50th. This, too, had its heyday in the 1920's, when 34 peals were rung, but it has not regained its prominence of that time, since only two peals have been rung since 1945. Actually several towers seem to have recorded the majority of their peals in the 1920's, which seems to indicate that the Exercise was enjoying its greatest popularity in Cambridgeshire at that time. There were certainly more peals rung then than now. Examples of this are seen at Bourn (15 out of 25), Fulbourn (also 15 out of 25), Ickleton (18 out of 37), Over (26 out of 35), Trumpington (23 out of 28) and Willingham (12 out of 17). At the present time, apart from Long Stanton, the following towers seem to be the most popular:—Ely (14 out of a total of 23 rung since the war), Whittlesey, St. Andrew's (12 out of 17), Whittlesey, St. Mary's (10 out of 25), Chatteris (12 out of 30), Harston (7 out of 12) and Meldreth (10 out of 13).

The only 12-bell tower is St. Mary's, Cambridge. Twenty-eight peals have been rung here from 1890 onwards—one every two or three years. The 10-bell towers have not been visited very often. Soham has only appeared four times in the list of peals—in 1924, 1929, 1931 and 1935. Wisbech isn't much better, but there was a little spasm of activity from 1935 to 1939, when nine out of the total of 13 peals were rung. There have been three since the war. All the eight-bell towers have had at least one peal rung at them since the war, and all except one have peal totals between 17 and 36 (omitting Long Stanton). The exception is the R.C. Church at Cambridge, where only four peals have been rung, the first in 1904 and the remainder since 1946, so there was a very big gap here.

Thirteen six-bell towers have reached double figures and some of the more interesting ones are mentioned above. Six out of the 36 have not yet had a peal. They are Brinkley, St. Edward's, Cambridge, Croxton, Guilden Morden, Litlington and Swaffham Bulbeck. Only eight of the 37 five-bell towers have had a peal, so there is plenty of scope here! It is one of these eight which has been silent, as far as peal-ringing is concerned, for the longest time—Fen Ditton, since 1911. But a six-bell tower, Chippenham, has not been heard since 1920.

Thus, taken all in all, there is nothing outstanding to report about Cambridgeshire.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Change of Officers at Annual Festival

The annual festival of the Hereford Guild took place at Hereford on Whit Monday. An attendance of well over 100 ringers and friends was most gratifying considering the size of the Diocese and the fact that Hereford City is in the southern half.

The Guild Service was sung in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Hereford, who also preached, his address, as always, being most stimulating.

Tea was served in the College Hall, the arrangements for which were kindly undertaken by Mrs. A. W. Davis and friends.

This was followed by the annual general meeting. Mr. J. J. Webb, of Ross, was appointed Ringing Master in succession to Mr. W. H. Lloyd. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Lloyd for the splendid work done by him during his term of office.

The Rev. W. R. Thomas, Vicar of Marden, was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer in succession to the Rev E. G. Benson, Vicar of Presteigne, and the latter was elected a vice-president in accordance with a unanimous recommendation of the committee. This was in recognition of his services not only to the Guild but to bellringing in general.

Miss Chandler was unanimously re-elected peal recorder, and Mr. W. T. Poston was re-elected hon. auditor of the Guild.

The annual report and statement of accounts were adopted, and the accounts showed a credit balance. The bells of the Cathedral (10), All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), Holmer (6) and Lugwardine (8) were available on the day.

THE REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS' NEW LIVING

On July 17th bellringing friends of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, B.A., Hon. C.F., met at the Parish Church, Llanfrechfa, and rang a peal to mark his induction to the benefice of Llanarth-with-Clytha-with-Llansantfraed and Bryngwyn. Formerly Vicar of Crumlin, he was also a chaplain in the Forces from 1939 to 1945, being mentioned in despatches in 1944.

Mr. Richards is widely known in bellringing circles, having taken part in many peals in numerous towers. He is also a past master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and still holds the post of treasurer of the Association.

The Parish Church of St. Teilo, Llanarth, one of his new parishes, has a ring of six bells, which were cast in the year 1820 by John Rudhall. The fourth bell was recast in 1893 by Llewellin and James and this bell bears the inscription: 'Ring out the false, ring in the true.' The tenor bell bears the inscription: 'I call in prayer the living to combine. The dead must hear a louder sound than mine.'

Although the bells of Llanarth are not in good ringing condition they can be rung for short spells, but it is to be hoped that in the not too distant future means may be found to put the bells in good order once again.

In the Church of St. Peter, Bryngwyn, another of his churches, are three bells. The second bell was cast by John Palmer I., of Gloucester, on 'Mai. 3. 1632,' as is so inscribed The third bell is of the pre-Reformation era and was cast by a Bristol founder some time between 1480 and 1500.

Taking part in the peal to mark this induction were three clerical ringers—the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (new Vicar of Llanarth), the Rev. F. A. Oswell (Vicar of Llanfrechfa) and the Rev. Roy Hallett (curate of Llanfrechfa).

The many bellringing friends of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards will no doubt wish to convey their sincere good wishes to him on his preferment.

AUGMENTATIONS AND DEDICATIONS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Within recent weeks two events of much importance to bellringers have occurred in Oxfordshire. A new treble bell has been added to the ring of four bells at March Baldon, and a new treble bell has been added to the restored ring of five bells at Langford.

St. Peter's Church, March (or Marsh) Baldon, has a western tower built in the 14th century, and of curious design, in that the top stage is octagonal corbelled out on the square section below. In 1922 Richard White, of Appleton, hung the four bells in a two-tier oak frame, and the new bell, cast by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London, has been placed above these. The result is a melodious ring of five bells, the tenor of which weighs 7¼ cwt. The new framework has been installed by Richard White and Son. The dedication service took place on June 12th and was conducted by the Rev. N. E. Hope, until recently Rector of this parish. Unfortunately it was a pouring wet day and the attendance suffered accordingly. Nevertheless a number of visiting ringers were present including the Deputy Master of the Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe, and the Guild librarian, Miss M. R. Cross. The first peal on the bells, ten Doubles methods, was rung by a mixed band of the Diocesan Guild on July 5th.

St. Matthew's Church, Langford, is an architectural gem and the lower part of the central tower is of Saxon workmanship. In 1741 Henry Bagley III. cast a ring of five bells for this tower but the tenor had become cracked and the remaining bells unringable by 1947. A complete restoration has now been effected A new iron frame has been installed, the cracked bell recast, a new treble bell added and the remaining bells tuned. The bell work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and Richard White and Son have installed the new frame and hung the bells.

The result is a first-class ring of six bells, the tenor of which weighs eight cwt., in a part of Oxfordshire where an impetus is required in changeringing. The new treble bell has been given in memory of Sydney Reading, but the remaining cost has been defrayed by public subscription.

A special service of hallowing and dedication was held on July 1st, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. L. Bunce, and the Lord Bishop of Dorchester hallowed the work of restoration and dedicated the new bell to the glory of God. He also gave a most inspiring address to a crowded congregation. The Diocesan Guild of Ringers was represented by the Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe, who read one of the lessons.

After the service the bells were rung to a number of Doubles and Minor methods by visiting ringers, who voted them all that could be desired. Fortunately there are already some local ringers, so there is every hope that the bells will now be rung regularly Sunday by Sunday.

A. R. P.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Stanley W. Brown 3, Harry W. Brown 4, Valerie Mepham 5, Roy D. Brown 6. First unconducted quarter peal by all the band. Rung to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the induction of the Rector, Canon H. T. Mogridge, to this parish.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Gale 1, Miss K. A. Weller 2, Miss J. E. Winchester 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, D. E. Parsons 5, F. D. Jennings 6, S. F. W. Kimber (first as cond.) 7, L. A. Reece 8. Rung prior to evensong in honour of the Bishop of Southwark's visit.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 4th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. H. Dearden 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, W. Williams 3, N. Brown 4, C. Parks 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, F. E. Mitchell 8.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Selway 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, W. H. Poole 3, A. J. Scott 4, G. Olliffe 5, J. T. Barrett 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, R. Keeley 8.

ESHER, SURREY.—On June 27th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. V. Young 1, Frances A. Threlfall 2, Margaret M. Lewis 3, R. F. B. Speed 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, G. W. Morris 6, J. F. Dodson 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8. For evensong.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On June 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Fundrey 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, C. H. Harding 3, L. Duffield 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, D. E. A. Houghton 6. Rung on St. John the Baptist Day.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Elsigood 1, B. Barton 2, F. Robinson 3, V. Perry 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5, S. Manning 6. Rung for the wedding of Viscount Althorp and the Hon. Frances Roche.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On July 4th, 1,440 Annable's London Surprise Minor: F. Croft 1, R. Head (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, G. Cherry 3, K. Timbury (first in method) 4, J. Church 5, P. Croft (first in method as cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On July 4th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor, with tenor covering: L. Fidler 1, E. Winters 3, P. Croft 4, M. Orme 5, P. Mehew 6, D. Jones (first of London as cond.) 7, F. Croft 8. First of London 'inside' by 5 and 6.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on the front five: A. Tuttle (14) 1, C. V. Hare 2, L. Fidler 3, M. Orme 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first of Doubles on the bells. Both quarters for the patronal festival services.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lennard (14) 1, D. F. Olney 2, S. J. Woodcock 3, R. Woodcock 4, T. P. Harris 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.—Also on July 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lennard (14) 1, P. J. Shipton (15) 2, J. R. Taylor (15) 3, J. B. Long 4, R. A. Ward 5, S. J. Ivin (cond, 16) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Rogers (cond.) 1, Miss E. Farrell 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. F. Parr 4, T. E. Davies 5, F. Hopgood 6, S. Croft 7, A. Tomblin 8.

KEYNSHAM, BRISTOL.—On July 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. White 1, Bill Stowell 2, Miss J. White 3, Miss R. Cook 4, Tom Harris 5, Fred Day 6, Jim Ford 7, Johnny Owen (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. In honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. Fred Day (July 12th).

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, C. R. Smith 2, J. G. Nash 3, H. J. Ranzetta 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. H. Crampion 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, A. Haysom 8.

NITON, I.W.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles, (120 each Stedman Slow Course, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old, 240 each April Day, Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Shirley Westmore 1, C. Callaway 2, C. J. Champion 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5. First in seven methods by all.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): H. W. Dimond 1, H. Green 2, L. J. Malings (cond.) 3, M. Williams 4, H. D. Dimond 5, H. Smart 6.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On July 16th, 480 Plain Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Woolnough (first in two methods) 1, R. Taylor 2, D. Surman 3, C. Rouse 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, Miss A. Rowles 6, A. Elliott 7, B. Parkin 8. (7.6.8 covering.) Rung to celebrate the enthronement that day of Dr. W. M. Askwith as Lord Bishop of Gloucester.

SHROTON, DORSET. — On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Dennis 1, W. C. Shute 2, Ben Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, D. W. C. Chant 5, F. C. Crew 6. Rung half-muffled, immediately after the funeral, as a token of respect to William (Bill) George Damen, a faithful ringer at the above church for 27 years.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On July 11th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: B. Newton 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, G. H. Harding (cond.) 3, R. Amor 4, Miss E. Overend (first of Caters) 5, C. Doel 6, C. Butcher 7, F. B. Holloway 8, F. A. Penn 9, J. Lucas 10. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Amor.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. Fred Bennett, of West Clandon, near Guildford, who in his early days rang many multi-method six-bell peals.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Those who have visited High Wycombe will know Mr. Ralph Coles and join with us in congratulating him on completing 60 years as parish clerk. (It must almost be a record.) For 33 years, from 1915 until 1948, he was foreman of the tower. A congratulatory peal of Caters to this 80-year-old veteran was rung on the bells on July 17th.

The peal at Worsley, Lancs, reported in our last issue, was the 200th on the bells.

It is never too late! Mr. Fred Day rang his first quarter of Bob Major for his 80th birthday at Keynsham, Bristol, on July 19th.

Don't go to Plymouth without visiting Emmanuel Church. There is regular ringing there twice every Sunday and on the practice night, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

The Ladies' Guild is restarting in Kent. All lady ringers are asked to support the first meeting, to be held at Marden on Aug. 14th. 'If the ladies give the Guild their wholehearted support, then it is sure to be a success,' writes Miss Jill Haffenden.

The peal at Otley, Suffolk, on July 19th, was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Taylor, wife of the Rector. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor welcomed the band in the belfry and wished success for the peal prior to commencement. Mr. Taylor is the popular leader of his own band at Otley.

Mr. Albert Walker is perturbed about the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on July 6th, which he conducted. It followed a failure in a peal attempt for Maximus, and in his opinion the peal was rung at too fast a pace. He afterwards lectured the band on the necessity of good striking and not racing the bells unduly. Another 15 minutes, in his opinion, should have been taken on the peal.

The death of Mr. J. F. Priest recently at Woodstock, near Cape Town, focused attention on the first peal in South Africa in 1904. The ringer of the sixth in this peal, James Murray, had conducted the first peal in Australia 14 years before at St. Philip's, Sydney, N.S.W., thus achieving the unique distinction of taking part in the first peals in two different continents. It is also interesting to note that Gilbert Pearce, who rang the second in the peal of Stedman Triples at Bristol in 1899, which the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead mentions on page 453, took part in the first peal in Canada in 1911.

The two Maidstone Grammar Schools have united to for a Ringing Society. Meetings are held at East Farleigh.

Mr. James Bennett has rung a 12-bell peal in 50 different towers. It would be interesting to learn the names of those ringers who have surpassed this achievement.

Mr. Reginald Sills is the new district secretary of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, and Miss Mary Tapley, of Eaglesham, Harrietsham, 'The Ringing World' representative.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at Nettleham on May 29th (see page 405) was arranged by Mr. J. L. Millhouse and conducted by Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker.

Mr. Wallace Palmer, one of East Budleigh's old 'call-changers,' learned to hunt the treble to Grandsire Doubles in 1938. Since then through illness he has had to give it up. At the age of 70 he made a 'come-back' with a quarter of Grandsire Doubles for matins on July 18th. For evensong another quarter was laid on for the youngest recruit in the band, but this came unstuck. After Evensong three members of the band 'hopped' over the common to help in yet another quarter at Woodbury. This also failed.

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OXFORD GUILD'S SEVENTY-THIRD FESTIVAL

HUGHENDEN'S NOVEL GIFT — USE OF AMPLIFIERS A RETROGRADE STEP — MR. JOHN FOWLER'S SERVICES RECOGNISED — THE LARGEST GUILD IN THE COUNTRY — A HERITAGE AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES

THE 73rd annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Oxford last Saturday, followed traditional lines and, as usual, members of the Guild were joined by many visitors, these coming from as far apart as Lancashire in the north to Cornwall in the south.

Proceedings started with the service in the Cathedral, which was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg). Ringers of the Diocese provided the surpliced choir, with the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) acting as crucifer and later reading one of the lessons.

The Rev. F. R. S. Tucker, Vicar of Barford, took as his theme for the sermon St. James the Great, whose festival was the followiag day. Saints' Days, he said, gave them an opportunity for extra ringing, but they reminded them as ordinary mortals who believed in the Church's teaching of striving like the saints of old for perfection. No one could obtain perfection without practice, and that was the salutary lesson they learnt from the saints.

They were church bellringers and the word church did not imply the place in which they rang but Church as members of the body of Christ with the special function to perform in that world-wide fellowship. Some of them might be fortunate enough to ring on the ground floor under the central tower right in view of the worshipping congregation. He would like to see bells rung during the service as an alternative accompaniment to one of the hymns because then they would be taking the fullest part in the worship of God's people. In the ringing chamber their highest ambition must be harmony and co-operation, which meant give and take. He would leave them the thought: 'Whosoever would be great among you let him be your minister.'

GIFT FROM HUGHENDEN

The Master presided at the business meeting in the Chapter House supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the hon librarian (Miss Cross). In front of the Master was a beautifully-made gavel with the head in the form of a bell, and a stand inscribed: 'Made out of the old bell-frame,' and beneath: 'Made and presented to the Oxford Diocesan Guild by members of the Hughenden Belfry, A.D. 1954.' The Master expressed his thanks to Mr. R. Biggs and the Hughenden band for the gift, which would be highly prized.

Arising from the apologies it was decided to send a congratulatory telegram to Edmund Pearson, of Deddington, and Betty West, who were getting married that day.

The report of the Master and Deputy Master in a reference to the Coronation said the Guild was by no means backward or lacking in loyalty and there must be very few towers in the Oxford Diocese from which the loyal salute of bells did not sound forth. A notable event was the rehanging for ringing of Great Tom of Oxford. 'Mighty Tom' was swung up frame high for the first time for many years on Coronation Day.

Other events recorded were the dedication of the memorial to Canon Coleridge, Mr. Richard White ringing another peal on the anniversary of his first peal, 60 years ago, the services and presentation to Canon G. Dixon, of Grandborough, chairman for 25 years of the Central Bucks Branch, and the loss to the Guild by the death of the Rev. T. Phillips, the ideal chairman of the Banbury Branch. The monumental and scholarly work of Mr. F. Sharpe in completing 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire' was not the least of the notable 'events campanological' of 1953.

MEMBERSHIP STEADY

The report of the secretary questioned how many towers in unity with the Guild rang the full complement of bells for both morning and evening service. He asked incumbents to show a little more interest in the ringers and thence spread that interest to members of the congregation from whom recruits should be drawn. Membership kept at a steady level but he wondered what percentage of new members made each year ultimately became steady service ringers. With all disappointments he thought they could hold their own with other Associations and Guilds.

The treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £925 10s. 7d., of which £826 13s. 10d. was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £500 had been received under the C. W. O. Jenkyn bequest. Grants were paid to Cassington, Duns Tew and Wavendon and the Coleridge Memorial Fund.

The reports and accounts were adopted on the proposition of Canon G. Dixon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Acknowledging his election as Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg said he would do his best with the limitation of time at his disposal. 'One of the best Deputy Masters we have had,' was how Mr. A. E. Lock submitted the name of Mr. F. Sharpe for his re-election to office. Other officers re-elected were Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. treasurer; Mr. W. Hibbert, hon. secretary; and Miss Cross, hon. librarian.

Elected to the committee were: Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. G. Cauldwell, T. J. Fowler, R. White, W. F. Judge, G. Holifield, W. Dixon, C. J. Hibbert, A. R. Pink, B. Hall, P. Walker and W. Paice.

The Master reported the death of Mr. A. D. Cullum, one of the trustees, and that the Rev. B. Girling did not desire to continue in office. The meeting elected Mr. C. Kinch and Mr. A. R Pink as new trustees.

It was decided to hold the 1955 Festival at Oxford.

RESTORATION GRANTS

Warborough was congratulated on raising within £20 of the £864 required for the restoration of its bells. The local branch had voted five guineas and it was agreed to pay ten guineas for the Bell Restoration Fund.

The meeting was very sympathetic towards the Boyne Hill restoration scheme, a memorial to Mr. G. Martin. The cost of the scheme was £750 and towards this £365 had been raised. The sum of £50 was voted.

Details of the memorial work for the beautification of Crowthorne Church, where Canon Coleridge administered with great faithfulness for 52 years, were submitted to the meeting. In view of the fact that the Guild had raised £360 for the Coleridge Memorial at Christ Church, Oxford, and that any contribution would have to come from the general funds of the Guild, it was decided on the proposition of the general secretary to vote three guineas.

The layout of future reports was discussed and the meeting decided that the present layout be retained but short reports of Branches be added.

PEAL RECORDS

An absence of peal records was reported to the Guild and the figure of 4,825 peals to the end of last year was stated to be 'miles out.' A start in compiling a new record had been made by Miss Cross and Mr. Roper and they were appointed peal recorders. Miss Cross made an appeal for early Guild reports.

Arising from a Bicester Branch meeting, Mr. Kinch moved: 'It is the considered opinion of the Oxford Diocesan Guild that it is a retrograde step to install in church towers amplifiers or like apparatus for the purpose of broadcasting the sound of bells in a parish where it would be possible to install a ring of bells.'

Seconding, Canon G. Dixon said: 'Everything to be said for the resolution and nothing against it.'

It was decided to send a copy of the resolution to the Chancellor of the Diocese and the Bishop of Dorchester.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Editor was asked to amplify the letter of the general secretary of the Central Council on the need for more postal subscribers and the appointment of 'Ringing World' correspondents to push circulation and keep the journal informed of ringing activities. Mr. White reminded the meeting of the poor response so far received for new postal subscribers from the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Bucks, which compared unfavourably with Hertfordshire. He emphasised that no young ringer should allow his first quarter or peal to pass without being presented with a copy of the journal. If he or she persevered with their ringing they would look back on that first step with gratitude.

The Master said the Guild had a large general committee and if each one of them made it a point of pushing postal subscribers a better result might be achieved.

Mr. Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. White and the Editorial Committee for their work.

The hon. secretary asked the meeting to ratify the election of 165 new members. Last year the number was over 200. He did not think they had lost 165 members. When they sent certificates to them they used to make sure that they would ultimately become Sunday service ringers. The elections were ratified.

A member called attention to the splendid example of the Vicar of Edlesborough. A restoration scheme costing £10,000 was launched for his church and he had decided to give priority to the tower and the bells.

The Master suggested that his example deserved the sympathy and support of the Guild.

It was decided to send a letter to the Vicar expressing the Guild's appreciation of his action.

MR. JOHN FOWLER HONOURED

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed on behalf of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch that in view of his past services to the Branch Mr. John Fowler be elected a vice-president of the Guild.

Mr. Hibbert, in seconding, said older members realised what Mr. Fowler had done. He had never called a peal of Spliced Surprise, but the number of people he had taught to ring at Cookham and the number he had kept on 'the straight and narrow' nobody knew.

OXFORD FESTIVAL.—Cont.

The election was carried with acclamation. Mr. Fowler, in returning thanks, said he could not tell them how much he appreciated the great honour. Anything he had done for the Branch, of which he was Ringing Master for 25 years, he had done for the good of the Guild. His late Rector once said to him, 'John, you have done more than anybody in Cookham in keeping the youngsters in the church after they have left the choir.'

The meeting stood in silence in remembrance of Messrs. A. D. Cullum (Reading), George Adcock (Windsor) and G. Russell (Bray), who had died since the report was published.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon, as on former occasions, was held in the hall of Christ Church. After the toast of 'The Queen' the Launton ringers, in charge of Mr. F. Sharpe, played selections of tunes and hymns on Mr. Sharpe's beautiful set of handbells, some of which date back to the 17th century. This was followed by a splendidly-struck touch of Grandsire Caters by a band in charge of Mr. C. Woolley.

The toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Mr. T. W. White, who said the Guild did not realise its proud position of being the largest in the country with over 2,000 members. The Oxford Guild had a great heritage: it had given to the Exercise leaders who had shaped ringing in the county. It was a great responsibility to live up to that reputation. Their festivals were unique and enjoyed and appreciated by many ringers from all over the country. The Guild was very fortunate in its Deputy Master, who was to-day one of the leading authorities on old bells, and his research and writings had added to the lustre of the Guild. In coupling the name of the Master with the toast, Mr. White wished him and the Guild every happiness during the coming year.

The Master, in acknowledging the toast, extended a warm welcome to the visitors. As their visitors knew, they were meeting without a Bishop. The Guild felt they had lost a personal friend and president of the Guild by the death of Dr. Kirk. They had with them as they prayed Sunday by Sunday for the wise choice of a successor, the memory of a great and dearly beloved Bishop.

The Master then proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.'

Mr. Gower, of Clitheroe, Lancs, replied, and said it was well worth coming to Oxford for the privilege of attending the service and lunching in that hall.

The Deputy Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for placing the Cathedral, Chapter House and the hall at the Guild's disposal for the service. He also thanked the Oxford ringers, Mr. Tucker, of Burford, the preacher at the service, Dr. Armstrong, the organist, and the choir, which came from all parts of the diocese.

Ringing followed in the various churches and chapels and parties were taken to see 'Great Tom' by Mr. Sharpe.

Wedding of Miss G. F. Good

Miss G. F. Good, until recently a member of the local tower, was married to Mr. J. Morris at St. Mary's, Apsley End, Herts, on July 17th.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. A. V. Good, who is a past president of the Herts Association, and has been Ringing Master of the Western District for many years.

Before the ceremony the local band rang a 720 of London, and afterwards several touches in other methods were rung and the bells were 'fired.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOB TRIPLES—BACK HISTORY

Dear Sir,—I note on page 441 of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. W. Ayre, in presenting his report, said that the Central Council in 1904 passed a rule against the ringing of Bob Triples, and yet I have in my possession a book published by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers dated 1907 entitled 'A Collection of Legitimate Methods,' which was edited and issued according to the instruction and under the authority of the Council by a committee consisting of Mr. John Carter, member of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Mr. Henry Dains, member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; the Rev. E. Bankes James, member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association; the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and Mr. J. A. Trollope, member of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Section 1: All legitimate methods of Doubles, all legitimate methods of Minor methods (except such as have 5ths place without the treble in 6ths), and all legitimate methods of Triples, and in the latter is included 'Bob Triples.'

Now I ask, if such eminent men should consider this method legitimate only three years after the Central Council had ruled against it, and it took another 20 years (1927) before the Council again objected and again another 27 years before the Council realised some bands enjoyed ringing it, surely it is time this vacillation ceased and its legitimacy was really and truly established.—Yours faithfully,

H. O. OVER.

Hugglescote, Leics.

A LEGEND OF ST. CLEMENT DANES'

Dear Sir,—The mention of St. Clement Danes' in your issue of July 23rd brings to my memory an account of an incident which happened there many years ago.

During a severe thunderstorm whilst the ringers were ringing, an ill-shaped being entered the ringing chamber, and dug its claws into the masonry of the window-sill, dislodging great pieces of stonework. The ringers left the ropes, tried to hide, the ropes whipped and cracked as the bells swung themselves down.

If you could find this narrative in an old 'Bell News' it might be of interest to some who have never heard about it.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

NOTE.—*Can any reader oblige?—Editor.*

PRESIDENTS OF THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. J. Taylor informs me that Mr. C. Pearson, author of 'The Ringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Devon,' was elected president of the Guild on May 25th, 1896, and resigned the office on September 24th, 1896. At a general committee meeting on October 24th, 1896, the Rev. Maitland Kelly was elected as his successor.

Mr. A. W. Searle, who is 86, tells me Mr. Pearson was an old man in feeble health and could only ring a six-score of Grandsire, though he was well known as a writer on bells and bell history. This accounts for his brief tenure of the office.—Yours faithfully,

FREDK. C. SMALE.

Okehampton.

SPLICING BY 'HOMES' ONLY

Dear Sir, — Mr. Seagar's very interesting article on this subject seems to me to introduce a technical query.

'Scissoring' at the 'leads' is readily understandable; but scissoring at the treble's lie is in conflict with a conventional feature of method structure.

The plain course of any method is, of course, divisible into a number of **groups** of changerows, equivalent to the number of full 'working' bells in the method. Each of these 'divisions' is an integral block, characteristic of its 'end' rows; the pattern of its permutation structure being 'reflected' about its half-way line — i.e., the second line of Mr. Seagar's scissoring.

Since each individual method is distinguished by such pattern, **plus the form of the linking permutation at the division ends,** it follows that if only one half of a division be employed and joined with the opposing half from a different method, the result will be an asymmetrical division or 'lead.' In other words, something not at present recognised is introduced.

Mr. Seagar's examples at 'A' and 'B,' however, appear not to introduce such bisections. Would he be good enough to say, therefore, why they were mentioned?—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

HONOUR FOR YOUNG WOLLASTON RINGER

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted through the medium of your valuable paper to offer my sincere congratulations to a young ringer, Mr. Charles Thomas Richards, who, according to the programme of the Royal College of Art Convocation held on July 9th, was conferred with the title, DES R.C.A. and was also awarded a Continuation Scholarship in the Department of Industrial Glass.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percival Charles Richards, of Cobden Street, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Worcs. He was educated at Wollaston St. James' C. of E. Schools, and on winning a scholarship became a full time student at Stourbridge College of Further Education, and in 1951 was awarded a scholarship to the Royal College of Art.

No doubt many of his ringing friends will be pleased to learn the good news and join me in complimenting him on his success. — Yours faithfully,

C. E. STINTON, J.P.

Wollaston.

DON'T FORGET THE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Field, in his letter of advice to outing parties, did not mention the initial item, the stamped addressed envelope. Although this has been aired on several occasions in 'The Ringing World,' our incumbent has this season received five applications from organisers who have omitted this courtesy. — Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS BELLAMY.

Bampton, near Tiverton.

AN 1899 PEAL AT BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Stedman given on page 453 by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, I have turned this peal up in the annual reports of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and find that it is recorded as Peal No. 363, and having been rung at the Church of All Saints, Bristol. This would, therefore, prove a misprint in the entry of 'The Bell News.'—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE,
Bristol Rural Branch Secretary.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

REVIEW COMMEMORATION PEAL

Following the review by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. in Hyde Park, London, eight members of the National Guild of Police Ringers met at the Church of St. Peter de Merton, Bedford, and succeeded in ringing a peal of 5,040 Stedman Triples in 2 hours and 50 minutes.

Those taking part were Constable C. Knight, Leicester City, treble; Constable B. Lewis, Northants County, 2; Ex-Sergeant H. Jenney, Leicester City, 3; Inspector H. Poole, Leicester City, 4; Ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill, Metropolitan Police, 5; Constable A. Hinton, Northants County, 6; Constable A. Jacques, Leicester City, 7; Detective-Sergeant G. Amor, Bedford, tenor. The peal was conducted by the president of the Guild, Inspector Poole. Ex-Chief Inspector Bottrill, Inspector Poole and ex-Sergeant Jenney took part in the last commemoration peal, which was rung in London in 1935 following the review by the late King George V.

It was originally intended to ring a peal ot Pudsey Surprise Major at St. George's Church in the Borough, Southwark, and all arrangements were made to do this. The team for this event included three members of the Metropolitan Force, but information was received two days before the review cancelling the peal owing to the inability of the Metropolitan ringers to arrange their duties. Some quick moving was, therefore, necessary with alternative suggestions.

Contact with Detective-Sergeant Amor, of Bedford, brought forth the possibility of the peal at St. Peter's, and arrangements were made to attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. In an effort to replace the three London ringers, several members were contacted but were unable to accept owing to the short notice. By the acceptance of two of the old hands, the team was completed by Policewoman B. A. Smith, of Bedford. The team had not rung this method together and it was expecting a lot from them to succeed with it.

After three short attempts it was obvious that more practice was necessary in that method for success and it was reluctantly decided to ring a peal of Stedman Triples. Policewoman Smith did not ring Stedman and it was much to the disappointment of all that she stood down in place of Detective-Sergeant Amor. Messrs. Poole, Jacques, Hinton and Lewis saw the review at Hyde Park and it was a question of working strictly to schedule to return to Bedford in time to ring the peal. Following the advice of Detective-Sergeant Hurst, of St. Albans, the car was left at Barnet and the journey completed by train. A quick cup of tea and sandwiches were laid on for the party at the Police Canteen at St. Albans and then a dash to Bedford resulted in arrival there at about 6.20 p.m.

Thanks are due to those members who obliged at such short notice and completed the team; to the Rector of St. Peter's Church for his permission to ring the bells; to Detective-Sergeant Hurst, of St. Albans, for his assistance; and particularly to Detective-Sergeant Amor for the local arrangements at Bedford. Had Policewoman Smith rung in the peal, she would have been the first lady to ring in a peal for the Police Guild. It is hoped, in the near future, to make amends for her disappointment and arrange for her to take part in a Police Guild peal. Thanks are also due to Mr. Kilby Holtom, who travelled from Daventry to Bedford especially to transport two members of the team to their homes in the Daventry district.

The day provided two interesting coincidences, quite unexpected, in that Mr. Holtom renewed association with a school friend. Detective-Sergeant Amor, and, in quoting the assistance given by Detective-Sergeant Hurst, of St. Albans, another member of the team, P.C. Knight, of Leicester, remarked, 'Well, that's queer, I went to school with him.'

P.C. Hammons, of Northampton, was in the original team for the London peal and intended to travel from Weymouth, where he was on holiday. It is hoped, in the future, with his assistanee, to arrange a Police Guild peal in the Northampton district.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Festival was held at St. Columb with the neighbouring towers on July 17th. Ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, Camborne, Carbis Bay, Crantock, St. Ewe, Kenwyn, Landulph, Launceston (St. Mary Magdalene's and St. Stephen's), Lelant, Liskeard, St. Mawgan, Paul, Perranarworthal, Plympton St. Maurice, three of the local band and a few visitors from up-country.

St. Columb is not a Guild tower and we much appreciated being welcomed there. These bells are a perfect eight, good tone, good going and good ropes. Grandsire Triples, Doubles. call changes and rounds were rung.

The service was taken by the Rector, assisted by the general secretary, and the choir was present to lead the singing. There was an excellent tea served by the ladies of the parish.

Of the towers we were unable to visit, St. Enoder has a very beautiful tenor, St. Mawgan has one of the most musical light eights in the country, and St. Eval six have just been rehung and, contrary to the usual custom, are already being rung regularly although they will not be rededicated till August 21st.

After tea we, the Crantock band, proceeded to St. Wenn, a beautiful six in a wooden frame and on plain bearings, but go exceedingly well. The sundial on the church tower bears the gloomy legend, 'Ye know not when,' a necessary reminder perhaps.

From there we went to Withiel to ring the bells of St. Clement's. Withiel has a beautiful tower in the true Cornish style and of granite. The bells go well but the ropes are terrible, the sallies are so high that one has to catch the ropes eight inches below them. However, we rang better here than anywhere except St. Columb. With new ropes, St. Clement's, Withiel, would be an ideal tower for a peal of Bob Minor.

The last tower we visited was Little Petherick, where the fifth and the tenor are pre-Reformation bells, but we never seem to ring well at this tower and the single rope-ends were our undoing. However, we covered up our bad striking with a perfect fall. The Kenwyn band finished by ringing a quarter of Grandsire Triples at St. Mawgan's. W. H. R. T.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The Dudley and District Guild held their quarterly meeting at Stourbridge on July 3rd. 29 ringers and friends attending. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Pursey) conducted the service, at which the choir was in attendanec, and gave the address. The lesson was read by the Ringing Master, Mr. W. Davies.

Tea was prepared by the local ringers, their wives and friends, and full justice was done by the visitors to their efforts.

At the meeting the Vicar took the chair and a report on the Central Council meeting at Newcastle was given by the Guild's representative. The secretary read the letter from the Central Council with regard to 'The Ringing World.' In the discussion that followed it was decided not to appoint a sales representative but the secretary was to write to all the secretaries of affiliated towers asking them to bring to the notice of all ringers the need for more postal subscribers, and to endeavour to persuade the ringers of their towers to become subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' The secretary undertook to forward to 'The Ringing World' all items of interest passed on to him by members of the Guild. Six new members were elected and the Rev. G. Pursey was elected a vice-president of the Guild. It was decided to hold the next meeting, subject to permission being obtained, at Hagley on September 4th.

THREE GUILDS' JOINT MEETING AT SHREWSBURY

An innovation on July 10th was a joint meeting at Shrewsbury of the Shropshire Association, Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The idea of this joint meeting was first mooted some 18 months ago by the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and a good friend of ringers, and was enthusiastically received by Mr. W. A. Farmer, secretary of the Shropshire Association, and Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary of the 'Staffords,' who were determined to see the suggestion become a reality.

Mr. Farmer and members of the Shropshire Association made the arrangements for the meeting, when the following towers were available for ringing:—Shrewsbury—St. Chad's (12), St. Mary's (10) and St. Michael's (6), Condover (8), Berrington (8), Cound (6) and Bicton (6). Full use was made of this opportunity for tower snatching.

Ringers' 'widows' found much to interest them in the delightful town of Shrewsbury and more than one ringer discovered that it was an expensive business to let his wife roam amongst the attractive shops in High Street or the Mardol.

Tea, served in St. Chad's Schoolroom, was very kindly provided by the Vicar, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of St Chad's. An interesting visitor was Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, California, who used to ring in Shrewsbury over 30 years ago. After tea Messrs. Arthur Pritchard and Fred Bennett in turn expressed thanks and appreciation to the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, the churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council and the lady helpers, and last but not least to Mr. Farmer for his organising ability. Mr. Bennett stated that the joint meeting had proved so successful that it would be repeated somewhere in the 'Staffords' territory next year.

All present then proceeded to St. Chad's for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, assisted by his curate and the organist. The address was given by the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary of the 'Staffords,' who took an eight-word text, 'Choose you this day whom ye will serve,' which, he said, not only applied to eight-bell ringers, but six-, ten- and twelve-bell ringers as well. Ringers must give wholehearted service to God and His Church.

The attendance at the meeting was 106 and included visitors from as far apart as Leeds and Truro. Ringing during the day was under the direction of Mr. Arthur Pritchard, Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association.

A number of ringers and their wives finished this enjoyable day at the 'Boat House,' but the object of their visit had nothing to do with boats or the river. F. C. A. B.

ROCHESTER DIOCESE'S 27th JUBILEE

AYLESFORD'S COMMEMORATIVE FESTIVAL

ON July 10th the bells of Aylesford Parish Church rang merrily throughout the afternoon and evening in celebration of the 27th Jubilee of the Diocese of Rochester, which dates back to 604 A.D. There have been many Jubilee festivities during the last two months—indeed, the Bishop had preached in Aylesford Church only two days previously—and the bells have rung out from many towers, but this particular occasion was perhaps unique. It had been arranged by the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association and some 80 ringers had gathered, not only from many of the surrounding villages and from other parts of the county, but from as far afield as Sussex, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and even Co. Durham.

At 4.15 the throng of ringers gathered in church for Evensong conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Powell), with Mr. Richard Hasler at the organ. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, and in an inspiring address the Vicar spoke of the joy of practising an art which had been growing and developing for several centuries quite in keeping with the traditions of the ancient diocese itself. What a comfort it was to remember also in these days of unrest and upheaval that the Church had witnessed the changes and chances of many generations but herself remained the constant factor. So ringers in their regular duties in the tower Sunday by Sunday should perform them, not in the sense of struggling on under the cares of the world, but with a spirit of triumph on top of the world. The collection was for the Restoration Fund of Rochester Cathedral, for which the Dean had appealed in 'The Week's Good Cause' only the previous Sunday, and amounted to £2.

1,350 CHANGES FOR 1,350 YEARS

While the main company then migrated to the Junior School for a sumptuous tea prepared by the Aylesford ringers' wives and families a band of eight returned to the ringing chamber to attempt the special touch of Stedman Triples, which had been arranged by Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, to contain 1,350 changes, one for each year of the Diocese's long history. Unfortunately this did not quite succeed, for two bells changed positions, but the ringing was excellent.

CUTTING THE JUBILEE CAKE

That morning an expedition had set out for Ascot to convey to Aylesford the Jubilee cake together with its chef, Mrs. Edna Kansy, a member of the Wrotham band of ringers. There it was, two tiers of it, beautifully iced and decorated with bellropes and their coloured sallies, and with diagrams of ringing methods, surmounted with 27 candles, which now were lit. The Vicar introduced Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Gravesend, who were to make the first cut. Mr. Mitchell has been one of the principal officers of the Association for many years and still holds the office of general treasurer, and Mrs. Mitchell is herself a prominent ringer of the Ladies' Guild. Most fittingly it turned out to be Mrs. Mitchell's birthday and 'Happy Birthday' was vigorously sung. Then a loud cheer was given for the cook, whose effort was adjudged first-class.

A NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY

The company then passed to formal business after a telegram had been read bringing good wishes from ringers of the Canterbury District meeting that day at Boughton-under-Blean, as well as good wishes by letter from the Ashford and Rochester Districts, and from the Archdeacon of Rochester, that day sailing for America to attend the Anglican Congress at Minneapolis. After the election of several new members Mr. Mitchell explained that consequent on the recent election of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, of Aylesford, to be county secretary in the place of Mr. G. H. Spice, of Sittingbourne, it was necessary to find a new Maidstone District secretary. Only a single nomination was received, that of Mr. R. L. Sills, of Wrotham, who was consequently declared elected. Miss Mary Tapley, of Harrietsham, was then appointed 'The Ringing World' representative in the District.

THE LADIES' GUILD IN KENT

A letter was then read from Miss Jill Haffenden, of Marden, who has undertaken to revive the Guild in Kent, and Mrs. Mitchell was able to give first-hand information. It is hoped that this enterprise will be enthusiastically supported.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Wally Gosling, of Boxley, to all who had contributed to make this memorable day possible.

So back to the ringing chamber where the bells were kept busy until 9 p.m., the traditional signing-off time of ringers. Though numbers had thinned out by then, there was still quite a crowd to bid farewell to Aylesford on this Festival Day when the 27th Jubilee of the Diocese of Rochester was honoured by ringers in a manner after their own heart.. E. S. J. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Hinxworth

The cold and wet kept the attendance at the meeting at Hinxworth to the lowest this year. Evensong was said by the Rector (the Rev. G. O. Edwards) and the tea provided by the ladies will be remembered for its crisp lettuces.

The Rector, who presided at the business meeting, hoped that in his new parish, Blunham, Beds, he would receive similar visits from ringers. Master Peter Flack, of Baldock, was elected a member. Kirkstall Delight was selected for the next meeting at St. Ippolyt's on August 28th.

Afterwards members heard recordings made by Mr. D. P. Jones in Somerset and a course of Cambridge Minor on Henlow bells, which was as near perfect as one could wish. Many different methods were rung afterwards and the District now knows that London is not the hardest method but, says our correspondent, Kelso is.

A SONNET

Shall there ever be a bell so cast,
Turned and moulded by the craftsman's hand,
That shall unto the end of all time last,
And her strong note resound through every land?

Though the man-made cities of the world,
O'er the arid deserts, deep green seas,
High volcanoes with their lava curled
On open plains between the forest trees.

Shall I compare this winged note of praise
To mighty eagle or to dove of peace?
Her soulful depth the grovelling nations raise
Inspiring truth, compelling strife to cease.

This full-toned note flies ringing round the earth
And then, with echo clear, regains her birth.

BARBARA G. WHITE,
(Age 15 years),
Bolton Parish Church.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Viggers 1, Miss R. A. Heath 2, W. Denyer 3, R. J. Corke 4, J. Bragg 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, T. Page 7, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 8. A farewell to Rex J. Corke, who is going overseas with H.M. Forces.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Stacey (first of Major) 1, L. Hughes 2, R. Castledine (first of Major as cond.) 3, H. Heeley 4, P. Hutton 5, C. Harwood 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, J. Dear 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. O. Wilks 1, Linda R. Binnington 2, M. Angela Carter 3, J. W. Seymour 4, P. G. Davies 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6, W. Gilkes 7, C. G. Calcutt 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for 2, 3, 5 and 7.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Palmer 1, J. Carter 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, C. Savage 4, J. Smith 5, S. Elliott 6.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 1,080 Plain Bob Doubles: Beryl M. Colbran (longest length) 1, Patricia M. Howard (first 'inside') 2, Elsie F. Feltwell 3, John A. Howard 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, I. A. C. Butcher 6. Rung on the front six.

GODSHILL, I.W. — On July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): E. Thorne 1, L. Bailey 2, C. Callaway 3, C. Denness 4, C. J. Champion (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. First in five methods by all. An 80th birthday compliment to G. H. Denness, father of the ringer of the 4th.

HUNTINGDON. — At All Saints' on July 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker 1, N. Mallett 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. F. Carter 4, C. Clarke (first of Minor) 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

LAWHITTON, CORNWALL.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Johns 1, W. C. Boucher 2, J. Rich 3, J. Martin 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Eggins (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. W. Abbotts.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Watson 1, R. I. Shepherd 2, W. Welling 3, A. H. Bates 4, A. Cross 5, G. Cousins 6, D. W. Stone (cond.) 7, R. Wawman 8. Rung as a compliment on the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wawman.

RADLEY, BERKS. — On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 420 Grandsire and 360 Plain Bob): Miss S. Alexander (aged 11) 1, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 2, Miss L. R. Binnington 3, Miss J. Eason 4, A. R. Pink 5, P. King (aged 14) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Oxford, Dr. K. Kirke, president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Jarvis 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. C. Marshall 4, C. Marshall 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Marshall.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. G. Litman 1, Miss D. Butcher 2, C. Robinson 3, E. Potter 4, K. Everitt (cond.) 5, A. T. M. Perry 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hopwood (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Mesley 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, G. J. Leversuch 4, P. Beedie 5, W. Wenban (cond.) 6, A. Wenban 7, C. Wenban 8.

STRETHAM, CAMBS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): F. Gifford 1, H. Sharp 2, G. Walker 3, S. Shipp 4, T. Bevis (cond.) 5, A. Yarrow 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Sharp.

A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

ASH, SURREY

Although July 17th was reported to be 'the worst day of summer yet,' the rain did not dampen the spirits of ringers and friends of St. Peter's, Ash, on their annual outing.

Morning ringing was on two sixes—Broughton and Codford St. Peter. After lunch at Westbury the wonderful eight at All Saints' were rung. Next came the picturesque village of Bratton, and there was much competition in counting the numerous steps leading to the church. After such exercise the company was thankful for tea at Devizes. The last tower was Upavon, where the Vicar welcomed the party and his daughter joined in the ringing.

Despite mackintoshes it was 'a jolly good outing,' and thanks are due to Mr. E. Pepler for his excellent arrangements.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET

Clutton ringers with their friends and families (ringers and non-ringers) left for Paignton soon after 7.30 a.m. on July 3rd. Our first tower was Rockwell Green, a good-going six. After lunch at Paignton we rang there at the Parish Church (8). Honiton, St. Paul's, was our last tower. Here the two new trebles were rather springy and so were only rung by the more superior of our number! There was an additional stop—not for ringing—on the way home and we reached Clutton at about 11.30. Thanks for this most enjoyable outing are due to Mr. C. S. Bennett, who organised it.

Methods rung during the day were:—Doubles: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Minor: Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge. Triples: Grandsire, Stedman. Major: Plain Bob.

M. E. F.

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

Reaching Bideford at 10.15 a.m., ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, started a grand day on July 10th. Appledore, with its gaily decorated waterfront for the regatta, was a good start, and Northam, two miles away, were two towers new to the party except Mr. Tom Myers. Mr. Lavers had, however, rung at Northam.

After lunch at Ilfracombe ringing took place at SS. Philip and James' Church, but a disappointment awaited the party by a locked tower at Holy Trinity. Energetic 'Bill' Collier eventually obtained the key from the caretaker. In the past 10 years some 130 churches have been visited by the Society, and this was the first time they had been let down. Two holiday-makers from Wigan and a R.A.F. corporal whose home was at Worcester here joined the party.

Miss Boyle, secretary of the N.W. Branch of the Devonshire Guild, and local ringers gave the visitors a right royal welcome at Coombe Martin.

The greatest treat of the day was the excellent tea at Barnstaple, where the Rev. and Mrs. Hearne greeted old friends. Mr. Hearne, now Vicar of Pilton, is a Plymouth man and was formerly curate at Emmanuel. An hour and a quarter was spent on the delightful eight at Pilton. Mr. Sims, the captain, thanked Mr. Hearne and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

Mr. Sims is to be commended on the manner in which he superintended the ringing. The youngest member was his 12-year-old daughter, Sylvia, who received great praise for her handling of the different bells. She was recently presented with her Guild certificate.

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

Thirty ringers and friends representing seven towers in Dartford and district visited parts of Hampshire for their summer outing on June 19th.

The Rev. K. Davis and the local captain welcomed the visitors at Hawley, and at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, this grand ring was fully used, although a wedding was taking place in the church. Lunch was served at the Opera Restaurant, overlooking the Market Square.

Mr. Chesterman and his daughter made the company feel at home at Sherborne St. John, and at Bramley, a ground floor eight recently augmented, Mr. Osler met the party. A cross-country route to Odiham for tea at the Salamander and ringing was followed by a visit to St. Michael's, Aldershot, where the company was received by Major Bragg. Ringing was of a good standard under the guidance of Mr. Hoverd.

HITCHIN

Shakespeare's country was the object of a small party of ringers from Hitchin, Norton and Maulden on July 3rd. A good start was made on the noble six at Middleton Cheney, near Banbury (tenor 23 cwt.), with Cambridge and London Minor.

The next call was something novel—Balscott Farm, where Mr. Jarvis has a private ring of six (tenor 1 cwt. 22 lb.) hung in his own tower frame and fittings above an outhouse. We eventually succeeded in keeping them off the stays for rounds and Grandsire Doubles. These bells sound and handle far better than their weight would suggest.

Lunch preceded ringing at Evesham Bell Tower, where Mr. Geoffrey Hemming had the bells ready. A well-struck course of Superlative at a deliberate open pace made a good start. A surprise visitor was Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

Pershore Abbey nearly provided a 'Waterloo.' After the perilous crossing to the airy confines of the famous ringing cage, the band had all their work cut out to ring this fine old Rudhall eight (tenor 28 cwt.). Skill having to give way to brawn caused striking to suffer.

For some reason striking was not up to expectations on the light ten at Stratford-on-Avon, where we met Mr. V. Hunt. A possible explanation was that the party tried to ring too slowly. London on the front six, however, went well, even the light end providing good bell music.

After tea and sightseeing at Stratford, some pleasant touches were rung on the light eight at All Saints', Leamington, and Mr. Burt welcomed the party. A hilly diversion was made to Burton Dassett only to find that the meeting there had just concluded, but an immense panorama was a rich reward.

REDENHALL AND DISS

Organised by Mr. William Flatt, the Redenhall and Diss ringers and friends, numbering 30, left Diss at 6.45 a.m. on July 17th for a tour in Essex. The first call was at Brentwood and the first 'touch' was 77 changes of Stedman Triples, rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mr. Clement J. More. Ringing followed at Romford and Hornchurch before lunch.

Chigwell Row and Barking were in the afternoon's programme, and after tea Woodford. The return journey was via Bishop's Stortford for supper. Home was reached about 1 a.m. after travelling 246 miles. Special thanks to Mr. W. Flatt and Mr. E. Whiting, Ringing Master.

A. G. H.

HUTTON, ESSEX

Hutton, Essex, ringers revisited Suffolk on July 17th and remained cheerful despite the weather.

Stratford St. Mary, on the border of Suffolk and Essex, was reached well before schedule, so we had 'elevenses' at the Swan Hotel before going to ring at the church. Unfortunately the Rector had considered our departure time to be our arrival times. Still, we just managed to take the bells up and let them down again and then we were off to Ipswich, where we rang for half an hour at St. Matthew's Church.

The afternoon was spent at Felixstowe, eating, drinking, walking through the rain and beholding the sea itself. Someone wondered who could have trodden on Felixstowe. A dry comment in a wet world! After tea we went across country to Hasketon Church. The tower here is partly cylindrical with a hexagonal top. The long rope draught also helped to give us the impression of standing at the bottom of a well. We were met by the Rector, the Rev. W. A. Gray, who made us welcome.

We arrived five minutes late at Grundisburgh, a picture-book village with a fine old church and ten musical-box bells, which we did our best to ring. Once again we were graciously welcomed at the church, this time by one of the local ringers, Mrs. C. W. Pipe.

Early in the day one of our friends boasted that the only thing he could ring was a dish-cloth. Opportunity certainly came his way!

E. M. B.

LAVENHAM

The SS. Peter and Paul's ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, spent an enjoyable day in Kent on July 10th. Ringing took place at Gravesend, Milton, Chatham and Gillingham, with lunch and tea at the last two places respectively. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Kent and Oxford, Double Norwich and Superlative. The closing hour was given over to refreshments, handbell ringing and a selection of several airs by the Bell-chords Trio. Again, 'Thank you, Kent.'

BARNSLEY VISIT CHESTER

The annual outing took place on July 3rd when two bus loads containing 66 ringers and wives, sweethearts and friends visited Chester. The first call was at Altrincham, where a very nice breakfast was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. K. C. Lewis met the party here and piloted them to Bowdon, a short distance away, where the local company had the bells up and were waiting to welcome the visitors. About an hour's ringing here was enjoyed very much.

At Chester the first item was lunch at the Bear and Billet. The ringers then set out by bus to ring at Eccleston, but owing to the driver taking the wrong turning it was a trip into North Wales, and although they eventually arrived at Eccleston it was too late to ring without upsetting the rest of the programme. Nevertheless we arrived at St. Mary-within-the-Walls on time and here the Vicar (the Rev. J. Kingdon) was waiting to welcome the party, and after climbing the ladders into the ringing chamber, good use was made of the bells. Tea was served at the Bear and Billet and all too soon came time for the journey home.

The weather was rather unkind on the first part of the journey but from early afternoon there was glorious sunshine, and boating on the River Dee was enjoyed by some of the party. 'A very happy outing.' was the unanimous verdict by all who participated.

OBITUARY

THOMAS W. ABBOTTS

The Solihull service band has sustained a great loss in the death of Thomas Abbotts, who lost his life in a motor-cycle accident on Wednesday, July 14th, while on holiday in Devon. Tom learned his ringing at Shirley, but for some years he had been attached to Solihull Parish Church, and had rung there regularly for service. He handled a heavy bell very well and rang a number of peals on six, eight and ten bells, his last peal being on the tenor to Stedman Caters a few months ago at Solihull.

He was a powerfully-built man, but his nature was a gentle one, and his good humour persisted in all sorts of circumstances. On the annual outing he was always excellent company and fell in with great goodwill with all the arrangements.

As a service ringer he was most valuable for he was reliable, punctual and conscientious. Everyone at Solihull will greatly miss his burly figure and his invariable good temper.

The funeral service was held at Shirley Church on Monday, July 19th. It was attended by all the Solihull ringers, by Mr. Albert Walker (Master of St. Martin's Guild) and other friends. Before the coffin left the church a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. V. W. Rigg 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, E. C. Shepherd 5-6, C. Bragg 7-8, On Sunday, July 18th, the bells of Solihull Church were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters by W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, A. Walker 3, A. Jones 4, T. Warner 5, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10. E. C. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' July 31st, 1914

COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS AT CRICKET

The cricket match, which has been the chief topic of conversation among London ringers for weeks, was played on July 18th on Mitcham Green. The weather and everything else were perfect. . . . The Masters of the two Societies tossed for innings and Mr. T. Faulkner of the College Youths was successful. He put his team in to bat first, but, oh, what a fall there was. The Cumberland bowling was unplayable, and in a very short time the whole side was out for the low score of 31. When, however, the Cumberlands batted, history repeated itself, wicket after wicket falling quickly, and it was not until the last man was in that the winning hit was made. Then the last wicket fell, the Cumberlands having scored 33, winning by the narrow margin of two runs. The top scorer for the College Youths was H. Walton with 14, and for the Cumberlands R. Warner with 18. J. D. Matthews took six of the College Youths' wickets for 18 runs and D. Ellingham 4 for 8. The best analysis was secured by H. Wagstaff, who captured 6 Cumberland wickets for 7 runs.

[The College Youths' team was: Herbert Langdon (captain), Albert A. Hughes, Alfred W. Grimes, John W. Golding, A. S. Miller, Thomas Faulkner, Sedley J. Collins, E. Attwater, J. C. Adams, Harold J. Walton and H. Wagstaff. The Cumberlands were represented by: John D. Matthews (captain), his son Cecil J. Matthews, James Hunt, Richard N. Runham, Frank I. Hairs, D. Ellingham, Robert Warner, J. Armiger Trollope, Harold P. Burton, Thomas Jakeman and William Shimmans. The umpires were A. Walton and James Parker, and the scorers A. T. Miller and Miss Edith K. Parker. The ball was presented by Mr. Abraham G. Freeman of the Cumberlands, uncle of the famous Kent and England slow bowler, 'Tich' Freeman. Mitcham Green, where the match was played, is probably unique in that to obtain access to the pavilion from the field one has to cross a road.]

DEDICATION

ULCEBY, NORTH LINCS

A landmark in North Lincolnshire is the spire of St. Nicholas', Ulceby, as spires on churches are rare in North Lincs. In 1906 the five bells (four being 16th century and one 17th) were rehung in a steel girder frame by Alfred Bowell, and provision made for a sixth. The following year the fourth bell, dated 1583, cracked and a new bell was substituted.

Last August a life's ambition was realised when the parish was in a position to consult Mr. Paul Taylor, of Loughborough. He offered to supply a new treble and tune the existing ring (the bells being badly out of tune) conditional upon local work and transport to and from the foundry being provided.

Later it was found necessary to recast the old treble and the Parochial Church Council decided the rehang the bells on ball bearings. By gifts from the relatives of George Farrow and Laurence William Jordan (a former ringer) and public subscriptions the additional money has been quickly raised.

On July 6th the Humber Graving and Engineering Dock Company took delivery of the bells at Loughborough and by the following Saturday mid-day had completed the restoration in readiness for the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on Sunday evening, July 11th.

The bells are dated as follows:—
Treble.—John Taylor and Co., 1953.
Second.—S. S. Ebor.* Recast John Taylor, 1954.
Third.—S. S. Ebor.
Fourth.—S. S. Ebor.
Fifth.—Alfred Bowell, 1907.
Tenor.—H. O., 1606.† (Weight 9¼ cwt.)

The handbells were thoroughly overhauled, some being recast.

Owing to extensive repairs necessary to the stonework, chiming only will be allowed for the time being.

*S. S. Ebor, Samuel Smith, York.
†H. O., Henry Oldfield.

JOINT MEETING AT TWICKENHAM

In spite of most unseasonable weather for a July afternoon the Middlesex County Association and Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held a most successful and enjoyable joint meeting at Twickenham on July 17th. The good octave at the Parish Church and the very fine ten at All Hallows' were available during the afternoon and evening.

All Hallows' is well known as being the successor of the old Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street, which church was pulled down before the late war and rebuilt to serve a new congregation at Twickenham. The bells were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who recast the eighth and tenor, and the firm is to be congratulated on an excellent job.

About 30 members and friends, including a visitor from Fakenham, Norfolk, attended service at St. Mary's, conducted by the Rector of Twickenham.

An excellent tea was served to members in St. Mary's Hall, with the Rector acting as chairman. Through the kindness of the local ringers and their wives and friends, the charge for tea was purely nominal. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, welcomed the Cumberlands, and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne replied on behalf of the Society and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

After tea those present returned to both towers and ringing continued at All Hallows' until 8 p.m. Methods up to Yorkshire Royal were successfully brought round during the afternoon and evening.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District

The summer meeting of the Saxmundham District held at Blaxhall and Tunstall was well attended with ringers coming from many districts including Bures and Needham Market. Seventeen members sat down to an enjoyable tea.

A short business meeting followed, when Mr. A. R. Bridges was elected District hon. secretary. Mr. J. Bailey proposed two new ringing members for the Suffolk Guild—Miss Margaret Cook and Mr. Bryan Lawrence—both having recently rung their first 720 Plain Bob Minor.

An appeal was made by the new secretary for more postal subscribers for 'The Ringing World. Mr. G. Berry proposed a vote of thanks for the use of the bells. The place of the next meeting was fixed for Kelsale and Saxmundham on October 9th.

Many methods were rung including Ipswich, Kent, Oxford, Stedman, Cambridge, Double Court and Plain Bob. R. R. B.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch at Rattery

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Rattery on July 17th when, unfortunately, adverse weather conditions affected the attendance. Those who attended, however, were well rewarded as they were given a great welcome.

The bells were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles during the afternoon, the visitors also having a good opportunity of ringing with the local ringers.

A service was later held in church conducted by the Rev. H. S. Patrick (Vicar), who gave an eloquent address. A move was afterwards made to the Village Hall where a sumptuous tea was much enjoyed, and this was followed by the usual business meeting with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair.

A letter was read from the general secretary regarding the appointment of a 'Ringing World' correspondent, and it was resolved that the Branch secretary should continue to deal with this for the present. It was decided to hold the Branch outing on September 11th and that the route be left in the hands of the Branch officials. Also, subject to the necessary permission being obtained, the next meeting is to be at Kingsteignton on October 23rd.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and parishioners of Rattery by the chairman, who complimented the parish on the excellent appearance of the church. Ringing afterwards took place at South Brent and Dean Prior. A. L. P.

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PEARSON—WEST. — On July 24th, 1954, at SS. Peter and Paul's, Deddington, Oxfordshire, Edmund E. Pearson, younger son of Mr. E. C. Pearson and the late Mrs. Pearson, to Betty West, second daughter of the late Mr. C. West and Mrs. G. West, Deddington. 4782

DEATHS

SCARDIFIELD.—On July 22nd, 1954, Victor Percy Alfred George Scardifield, of East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks (nephew of the late George Williams, with whom he lived for several years in Brighton). 4777

JOYCE. — On July 22nd, 1954, George L. Joyce, of Hornchurch, Essex, in tragic circumstances after a long illness. 4789

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Saturday, July 31st, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 3.30. The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4730

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Abbots Langley (6), July 31st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. 4758

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (close to Kilburn Park Underground Station) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in School Room. Names for tea to Miss A. Barker, 37, Summerfield Avenue, N.W.6. Telephone: Ladbroke 3733. 4743

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Practice meeting, Reigate, July 31st. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bells after till 8.30. 4759

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, on August Bank holiday. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, numbers for which, by July 29th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 4769

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Rotherham (10), Monday, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify, by July 31st, Mrs. W. M. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Herringthorpe, Rotherham.—N. Chaddock and E. D. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 4729

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Stevington (5), Aug. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 4th to the Rev. S. Vickers, Stevington Vicarage, Stevington, Bedford. 4770

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall and Northwich Branches.—Joint meeting at Over on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names not later than Aug. 4th to V. Neal, 104, Dean's Drive, Winsford. 4791

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Tredington, Aug. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 4th, please. —H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 4779

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—A meeting at Holsworthy, Aug. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 4794

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 7th, Christ Church, Consett. 2.30 p.m. Names by Aug. 5th to R. Oliver, Aldington Park Terrace, Castleside. 4771

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Walpole St. Andrew. 4790

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting, Woodchurch (6), August 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by August 3rd, to Mrs. D. J. Russell, Central Stores, Woodchurch, Ashford. 4760

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Branch meeting at Colne, Aug. 7th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4781

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7th, at Parbold Parish Church. Bells 2.30. Tea free. Names to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4787

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-Western).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, August 7th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Please assist by sending names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey. 4767

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Rutland Branch) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District). — Annual joint meeting at Cottesmore, Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names to Rev. Howells, Cottesmore, Rutland, by Aug 4th.—E. E. Gibson, J. H. Cook. 4783

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Drayton Parslow, Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) at 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 4784

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on Aug. 7th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4796

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting at Upavon (6), Aug. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4795

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, West Grinstead (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th. Names for tea by Aug. 4th to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4773

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Isle of Wight District. — Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4778

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Flamstead (6), Aug. 14th. Names for tea by Aug. 11th to Mr. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4797

LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch.

The first meeting is at St. Michael and All Angels', MARDEN (8), on Aug. 14th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 o'clock. ALL LADIES WELCOME and gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea should be sent to Miss Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec., Church Green, Marden, Telephone Marden 270. 4776

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Preston Capes, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Fennell, Charwelton, Rugby, not later than Aug. 7th.—F. W. Hancock. 4780

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—First meeting, Westbury (light six), Aug. 14th. Mid-Wales buses 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Teas only if you advise W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 4786

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at South Anston (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Tea only for those who notify by 12th Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield.—H. Denman. 4785

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Young Ringers at Wilton

The light sixes at Wilton (8 cwt.) and South Newton (9 cwt.) provided an opportunity for some of the youngest members to ring at the Salisbury Branch meeting on July 17th.

Susan Farmer (9½), probably the youngest member of the Salisbury Guild, rang the 2nd to rounds, as she very often does on Sundays. Christopher Kippin, from Southampton (10½), who was elected a junior member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild only the previous Saturday, rang Grandsire. Raymond Haines, of Wilton, is quite a veteran at 10, and even Hilary Kippin (8) was seen on the tail-end of a rope before the day was out.

The attendance, though not large, included visitors from Southampton in one direction, and Chirton in the other, and everyone had the chance of a practice at something unfamiliar, including a course of Cambridge.

The Rector of Wilton (the Rev. W. J. Drury) spared time in the middle of a Sunday School treat to take the Guild service, and Mr. S. Gregory kindly deputised for the organist, who was on holiday.

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THE LIVING PICTURE

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

NOT too long ago there appeared in this journal a number of pen pictures of ringers of bygone days, written by men who had known and had been in personal contact with their subjects. In each short sketch the author sought not so much to outline the ringer's career as to create for us a living picture in which the man and his actions, his appearance, his sayings, his manner of ringing, should enable us to see him as he was. The sketches that appeared might have been the beginning of a fascinating series, and indeed it is not too late for some of our older comrades to put on record their personal recollections of men now gone from us.

It is not an easy task. Recollections that occur during a convivial hour and are easily spoken to an intimate circle of friends are not so easily written down with the conciseness and skill demanded by the pen portrait. Often, after great labour to create a picture, we find that we have succeeded only in producing an obituary notice or a bare chronicle of the man's performances.

It is remarkable, if not surprising, how little real knowledge we have of old-time ringers. Duckworth, Stedman, Monk, Annable, Scattergood, Holt and a host more notable people lived before the time when the camera could record, and no portrait of them seems to have survived to help us to picture them as they were. There hangs in Nottingham Castle a painting of William Doubleday Crofts, one of the most remarkable of the late 18th century ringers and composers. It shows a pleasant face, indeed a kindly one for a lawyer we may think, and this face looks out shrewdly and intelligently upon the beholder. But we know no more of Crofts, nor have we any vision at all of his contemporary John Martin, of Leicester, who seems by his writings to have had a very human and lively approach to ringing matters.

The doggerel verses of William Laughton, a most valuable survival, provide us with clues to Annable and his circle, and all the dissensions, disagreements, intrigues and schisms may here be traced, sometimes in their origins and almost invariably in their effects. Much of the character of each actor stands revealed, but much is missing. We may dress these folk in the costume of the period, walk them about London (or any other town) of the time, and still they are rather misty figures, a trifle unreal perhaps; and they have no faces.

John Day possibly came nearer than anyone has done to making his characters live, and even he does not always succeed. Thomas Thurstans, despite some considerable description, remains somewhat vague, whereas the quizzical Lates, with his spare figure, his inquiring forefinger, his rather dandified dress, and his ungainly attitude at the end of a rope, springs to life before us as we read. Cooper remains a dim figure, but the shifty Thomas Bingham is admirably etched in a few words, and Chattell we seem to know quite intimately. Some of the other contemporaries remain lay figures, but those whose description is supplemented by a photograph become in the reading real enough.

The photograph and (what is perhaps more important) the ringing journal have enabled us during the last sixty or seventy years to gain and retain a clearer picture of notable ringers. We know something of the physical appearance of Henry Johnson, Day, Perks and Snowdon, and of Pettit, Washbrook, Robinson and Carter; and the pictures of their scenes of activity have enabled us to fit them into their backgrounds.

There is still room, nevertheless, for the written word and the personal recollection. As we look at the picture of the worthy of the past we often feel that we should like to know what he said, what he thought, what he liked and disliked, and particularly what he was like in company away from the belfry. It is still in the power of many of our older ringers to record these things for all time, and we may not perhaps be counted too importunate in begging them to do so while there is yet opportunity.

FORTY YEARS AGO

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LEICESTER RINGER'S WEDDING

On Saturday week a large number of ringers gathered at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Ernest Morris and Miss Edith Goodman. As the happy couple were leaving the church a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung on the grand old peal of ten. . . . A peal would have been attempted, but the go of the bells made this impossible. The following ringers took part:— Miss Martin, Messrs. A. J. Ballard, A. Ballard, H. Broughton, L. Allen, A. Martin, J. Morris, G. Cleal, S. Cotton, T. Taylor, F. H. Dexter, F. Shamforth, C. H. Fowler, C. Lock.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
BRIAN MARTIN	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	10
ERNEST W. RAWSON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
BRIAN G. WARWICK	6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of John White, verger of St. Martin's Cathedral from 1918-1951.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	EDGAR T. SMITH	8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	9
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HOLIFIELD. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 1,408 of Bristol, and 768 of London, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
*MRS. J. THOMAS	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. A birthday compliment to R. George Morris.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., July 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

C. W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	5
P. A. F. CHALK	2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	6
*R. J. W. HOUSDEN	3	R. BEAUMONT	7
†REV. A. C. BLYTH	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. All the band are members of Selwyn College.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
*RALPH ELKINGTON	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
†DAVID S. HARRIS	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First in the method away from treble. † First peal in the method.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	GLYN F. JENKINS	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	RONALD J. SHARPE	6
JOHN E. MORGAN	3	DAVID J. KING	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	JOHN J. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
Arranged for Mr. Ronald J. Sharpe, of Maulden, Bedfordshire, on holiday in Chepstow, this being the 100th tower in which he has rung a peal.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

TREVOR A. CROSS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	6
RALPH BIRD	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method. 200th peal as conductor.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSO. AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
James E. Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH L. STANIER	*Treble*	ROBERT EVANS	5
G. LEONARD HEWITT	2	B. LESLIE JONES	6
LEO EVANS	3	ALFRED S. BAYLEY	7
HARRY EDGE	4	*ALBERT E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.
* First peal.
Rung on the eve of the centenary of Holy Trinity, and arranged as part of the centenary celebrations.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	5
*ROBERT W. HINDE	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	WILLIAM A. FARMER	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band.
Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. Arthur Minns as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Chester.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN F. BRYANT	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

PENSHURST KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	†STEWART F. W. KIMBER	5
ROBERT COLLINS	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE	7
*RALPH BIRD	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 250th peal. † First peal of Surprise. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

REGINALD T. JONES	*Treble*	DEREK JEWEL	5
*D. KENVYN WALTERS	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
†PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	DAVID W. BEARD	7
ALBERT W. BEARD	4	FRED YEO	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.
Rung for Lammastide. Ringers of 2, 5 and tenor are members of the Sunday service band at this church.

SIX BELL PEALS

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 of Morris' and 40 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings).
Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

*ALBERT BRADLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. JONES	4
ALFRED G. OWEN	2	†JOHN J. P. ELLAMS	5
RICHARD F. DAVIES	3	WILLIAM MAPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells since rehanging.
Rung in honour of the Induction of the Ven. H. H. M. Bevan, Archdeacon of Ludlow, as Vicar of Stanton Lacy, which took place on the previous Friday.

SELLINDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising 2 extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 3 extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	4
JOHN R. COOPER	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in three methods. † 250th peal.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD E. BURT	*Treble*	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	4
*WILLIAM M. MANN	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
* First peal.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD BLACK	*Treble*	BARRIE W. M. COWPER	4
DOROTHY SAUNDERS	2	HENRY WEAVER	5
JUNE CLEMENTS	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Davey.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

MICHAEL J. BOARD	*Treble*	CYRIL SAVAGE	4
JOHN CARTER	2	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
SIDNEY J. SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY J. SKINNER.
First peal for all except 5th.
Rung as a farewell to Brian Pidgeon, branch hon. secretary, captain of the band, and a member for 21 years, who has moved to Talaton.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	GRAHAM BALL	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*JOHN A. SMITH	5
JOHN VERNON	3	C. ROGER HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ROGER HAYWARD.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Morris. Also as a compliment to Mr. H. Vann on completing 23 years as organist at this church.

CRONDALL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

*DOUGAL MACPHEARSON	*Treble*	†EILEEN M. TURNER	4
*BRIAN HALE	2	JAMES F. DODSON	5
MYRTLE A. CASS	3	†E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal on the bells for 41 years.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. Page and Miss H. J. Flavell, which took place at Aldershot on July 24th.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWARK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT 31, SPRING GARDENS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

BRIAN BUSWELL	1—2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

JULIANSTOWN, CO. MEATH, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 27, 1954, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT MEADOW COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor size 8 in C.

ROY W. HUBER	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3—4
		*F. GEORGE BINGHAM	5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal. First peal in the county. A birthday compliment to ringers of trebles and tenors.

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YORKSHIRE VISITED BY SUSSEX TOURISTS

THE first Sunday in July is here and we are off once again, this time Yorkshire. Leaving Crawley at 8 a.m. with the same coach that had taken us safely through five other tours, we travelled via Ealing, Hatfield to Tempsford for lunch, picking up friends en route at Marlborough House, Ilkley, our headquarters until Saturday. We were greeted by old friends, Mr. and Mrs. T. Roderick, of Porthcawl, and Mr. I. Slack, of Wakefield. It was early to bed after a 254 miles journey.

Monday.—Alan Hartley, of Thorner, joined the party. At Skipton we received a Yorkshire welcome from Mr. S. Scott and others. This well kept 11th century church, with its noted tomb of George III., has a fine octave. Stedman, Bob Major and Bristol were among the methods rung. Two veterans—Mr. E. Brown (verger) and Mr. I. Hodgson (tower secretary), who had been ringing at Giggleswick over 50 years—met us at this tower, where ringing is on the ground floor and the bells easy going. London was rung. An old Sussex ringer from Kirdford was met at lunch at the Hart's Head Hotel.

Ribblesdale, with its lovely scenery, was traversed to reach the industrial tower of Nelson, which was quiet, due to wakes week. The bells in its modern church are rather noisy (tenor 14 cwt.). Bob Major and Superlative were rung, with local ringers taking part. Todmorden, another modern church, given in Dove's book as being in Lancashire but really in Yorkshire, has a nice octave (tenor 23¼ cwt.). Here we were met by the Rev. H. W. Hodgson, Mr. Dove and Mr. R. Overy, of Sussex. It was a lighter coach that took us across the moors to Keighley, as Mr. Dove had taken seven to ring at Cross Stone. Mr. R. Bottomley joined us before ringing on the good octave (tenor 16 cwt.) at Keighley. Guiseley was the last tower for the day, a Norman church with its new bells by Gillett and Johnston, the stairs being very narrow and steep. We wondered if all would make it.

Tuesday found us with another young ringer, Margaret Barker. We reached St. Mary's, Beverley, before time, and we were able to inspect the 15th century panelled ceiling with its painted bosses of all the Kings and Queens of England, its latest being King George VI. We were greeted by the local ringers and the vice-president of the Minster ringers, who expressed his regret at our not being able to ring there owing to repairs. We all enjoyed ringing on this fine ten (tenor 34 cwt.) Stedman, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal. A thunderstorm was encountered on the journey to Bridlington Priory. Local ringers and Mr. G. Tomsett, of Scunthorpe, made us welcome on this nice Taylor ring. Tea and away across the wolds to York and Ilkley, stopping to watch a cricket match as a change from ringing.

Wednesday.—Ripon Cathedral was the first tower of the day with its Saxon crypt and a long climb to the bells. Stedman and Cambridge Royal were rung. A short visit was paid to the ruins of Fountains Abbey, where the handbell ringers came into their own by ringing a course of Triples under the massive roofless tower. Bedale bells were rehung in 1936, and they sound well in the church. We were met by the Rector and local ringers, Yorkshire being one of the methods rung. On again to the Wensleydale town of Middleham, with its grim castle, to be welcomed by the Rev. John G. Handwich. The belfry is small, but the bells good, and we would have liked to stay longer, but tea awaited us, a real Yorkshire one too! At Ilkley Church in the evening the first thing we wanted to see was the Jasper Snowdon window, put in by the ringers of England in 1887. The bells are a good octave.

Thursday.—An invitation from the Vicar and churchwardens to ring at Calverley, it being the eighth centenary of the church, was accepted. Great interest was taken in the peal boards with a peal of 'Rose of England' and 'Prince Albert Major' on them. Regret was expressed that we could not stay. Collingham (tenor 7 cwt.) has a very small ringing chamber, which we had to enter in teams of eight. Ringing was enjoyed on this pretty little ring. After lunch came York Minster, permission having been given by the Dean and Chapter. We were met by Mr. Harold Walker, President of the Minster ringers; a tour round and up the long climb to the ringing room. Rounds on the twelve bells the first time for some, Stedman and Grandsire Caters on the back ten and Cambridge on the middle eight were well rung and much appreciated. Wetherby, the only tower after tea, was again a small tower, with a nice octave. Yorkshire and Double Norwich were rung.

Friday was the day for our longest ride, to Kendal (Westmorland) with its fine five-aisle church. We were welcomed by Mr. Beaumont, the verger, and other ringers. Bob Royal, Treble Bob and Cambridge Royal were rung. A climb through the mountains brought us to Crosthwaite Church, Cumberland, to be greeted by the Rev. Gordon D. Jackson, himself a ringer, and Mr. J. Browharris. Ringing here is on the ground floor, with a long draught. The bells by Mears were soon going to Grandsire, Little Bob, London and Superlative. The church, at the foot of the mighty Skiddaw, was founded in A.D. 553 by St. Kentigern, from whence it takes its name. There is a tradition that there has never been a shortage of ringers, which today is still maintained by the help of lady ringers. A small 14th century bell is to be seen. We overstayed our time, being loath to leave this lovely spot, but tea and a long run home over the mountains and through the valleys via Penrith had to be done.

Saturday. — Good-byes said and hopes expressed that we would come again, we left for Selby Abbey, a gem of a building founded in 1069. Ringing was much enjoyed on this fine ten, Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Cambridge and Bristol being well rung. Lunch and away to the Minster of St. Peter, Howden, a lovely ring by Gillett and Johnston. The church is a fine example of architecture. Newark was reached for tea. Afterwards some of the local ringers led the way to Southwell Minster, as we could not have Newark bells. Looking up at the ringing gallery we wondered how we should do on this lovely old ring by Rudhall, 1771 (tenor 28¾ cwt.). The bells go the wrong way and ropesight is not easy. Wes were told we did very well. Mr. L. M. Woodhead, hon. secretary of Selby and District, paid us a visit on our return to the hotel, and a course on the handbells was rung for his benefit.

Sunday.—We left Newark early to enable us to reach Oakham, Rutland, in time to ring for morning service and to take some part in this service, a fitting ending, some thought, to a week of ringing. Lunch at Wellingborough and the last church was found, Irchester, Northants, where the Vicar had put forward the children's service to enable us to ring. We finished with a well struck course of Superlative. Good-byes now had to be said to Mr. and Mrs. T. Roderick. We had travelled 1,236 miles, climbed 966 steps, rung 15,515 changes in 20 methods, from rounds to Surprise, rung in 23 towers in seven counties. Our thanks must go to the various incumbents and others for their kindness and help, which will long be remembered. F. E. W.

Before leaving Ilkley, Reg. Johnson, on behalf of the party, presented Miss Wyman with useful presents as a small token of our regards and thanks for arranging this glorious week. Few of us realise the months of preparation required, the hundreds of letters, the difficulties encountered in arranging the ringing and catering, the disappointments when old friends are unable to come, and it must be with feelings of thanks and satisfaction to Miss Wyman when we come to the end of such a tour. We have now been to Devon and Cornwall, North Wales, the Wye Valley, Derbyshire and Yorkshire. Here's to our next.

L. S.

HOLIDAY PEAL AT COMBE MARTIN

Advantage was taken of several ringers visiting the neighbourhood to ring a peal at Combe Martin on July 28th, the only tower in North Devon where change ringing is regularly practised.

After a short prayer in the belfry, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. E. Lovell, a good peal was rung. The band consisted of two from Ross-on-Wye, two from Barking, one from Birmingham and three from the local tower, one of whom, D. Kenvyn Walters, rang his first peal at his first attempt.

The visitors express their thanks to Miss B. M. Boyle, the local secretary, for making the arrangements at very short notice, the Rector for giving permission to ring, and also to Mr. L. Walters, the local ringing master, for so readily standing down when nine turned up for the peal.

Thank you, Combe Martin. Yours indeed was a real Devonshire welcome! D. W. B.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel Stevenson (first quarter) 1, Diana Gough (first in the method 'inside') 2, M. Stephenson (first of Grandsire Doubles) 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Mepham 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. W. Haynes, assistant at this church, on the eve of his 88th birthday.

BARROWBY, LINCS. — On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hunt (first quarter) 1, W. R. Read (first quarter) 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, T. W. Charity 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, B. Buttery (first quarter) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM. — On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. I. Lewis 1, W. T. Petty 2, A. Hannington 3, B. J. Williams 4, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 5, E. Stitch 6, T. M. Roderick 7, R. E. Coles 8.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS. — At St. Mary's Church on July 22nd, 1,231 Stedman Caters: G. Kilmister 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, F. Nurden 3, C. Martin 4, W. Dyer 5, W. Gorringe 6, Ivor Goulter 7, T. Boreham 8, E. T. Newbury 9, W. Newman 10. Rung in honour of the 75th birthday of Mr. J. S. Hawkins.

DEPTFORD, KENT. — At St. John's on July 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Boyce 1, J. Dafters 2, E. Jones 3, F. W. Richardson 4, F. J. Hurrell 5, A. R. Ling 6, J. E. Warner 7, G. H. Daynes (cond.) 8. Rung for the 99th anniversary of the consecration of the church, the touch being specially composed by the conductor.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Peskett 1, Hazel Lonnen 2, Gwen Martin 3, W. Bristow (first 'inside') 4, H. Peskett (cond.) 5, Peggy Ayling 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6. Rung to welcome the Queen.—Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Clark 1, T. Brown (first 'inside') 2, Betty Bristow (first quarter) 3, Hazel Lonnen 4, H. Peskett (cond.) 5, Peggy Ayling 6. For Confirmation service.—Also on July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Clark 1, Hazel Lonnen 2, Peggy Ayling 3, W. Bristow 4, H. Peskett (cond.) 5, J. Peskett 6. Rung for evening service and as a farewell to the ringer of the third.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS. — On July 18th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. Croft 1, K. Timbury 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. First in method by 2 and 4.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. P. Aldhause 1, A. R. Barrett 2, A. J. Barrett 3, G. Smith 4, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 5.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS. — On July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss R. Maundrell 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, J. Parsons 3, W. Hacker (cond.) 4, T. Davidson 5, H. White 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band except the fifth. First in method on the bells. Rung for the wedding of Miss M. Johnson, a local ringer.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK. — On July 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sercombe 1, Miss S. Barker 2, R. Lofty 3, M. Day 4, J. Moore (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Sutherland 6.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS. — On July 17th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Sawyer 1, W. H. Trueman 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, A. R. Peake 4, F. G. Wilton 5, V. Griffin 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, S. H. Chivers 8. Longest length for 1 and 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On July 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor, on the back six: A. Tuttle (14) 1, C. V. Hare (76) 2, L. Fidler 3, E. Winters 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.—Also on July 25th, 1,440 Wells Surprise Minor, on the back six: W. Todd 1, P. Croft 2, M. Orme (first in method) 3, E. Winters 4, D. Jones 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.—Also on July 25th, 1,440 Bourne and Netherseale Surprise Minor, with tenor covering: P. Croft 1, E. Winters 3, K. Timbury (first in these methods) 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones 6, F. Croft (cond.) 7, W. Todd 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. John, Waterloo, S.E., on July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. J. Mudd 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, D. Hollis 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, F. P. Mead 6, W. D. Grainger 7, T. F. Victor Neil 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS. — At All Saints', Hamer, on July 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Childwall): Margaret A. Buckley 1, K. Abbott 2, Alwyn Taylor 3, P. J. H. Hudson 4, Ian W. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, J. Taylor 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Ian W. Taylor.

SKILGATE, SOMERSET. — On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Stevens 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, A. G. Cooke 4, D. M. Bellamy 5.

WALMER, KENT. — On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Monica Hawkins 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 2, Miss Frances Woodcock 3, Miss Ann Vine 4, A. H. Hale 5, J. Penfold 6, F. A. Rye 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung for evensong.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. W. Cragg 1, D. A. Smith 2, R. D. Worsfold 3, Miss D. K. Saunders 4, C. A. J. Chappell (cond.) 5, R. W. Black 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS. — At the Parish Church, on July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Buckingham (first quarter) 1, A. Wratten 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, K. Buckingham 4, C. Wratten 5, B. Taylor (cond.) 6, A. J. Glass 7, J. Painter 8.

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BRISTOL RINGERS GO TO BERKSHIRE

On July 17th the St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers and friends had their annual outing, and despite the rather indifferent weather, a very happy and successful tour was enjoyed by all. Promptly at 7.40 a.m. the coach left St. Ambrose's Church and by the time it got under way, it was loaded to capacity with 41 ringers and friends.

The first stop was the Cotswold town of Burford, where morning coffee was served, after which ringing was enjoyed on the very nice eight. Before ringing at St. Mary's, Banbury, we visited Mr. C. Jarvis, at Home Farm, Balscote, and enjoyed the unique experience on his ring of six, which were very tricky. Having gone somewhat out of our way to find Home Farm, it curtailed the time allotted here, and we had to hurry back to Banbury, where a double wedding was in progress, after which some good ringing was enjoyed on this lively ten.

Lunch was partaken of at Banbury, after which a move was made to Abingdon, via Oxford. The party was met at Abingdon by Mr. A. E. Lock and ringing was enjoyed before tea on the handy six at St. Nicholas', and, after tea, at St. Helen's, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a course of Bob Royal were rung. The clerk of the weather was not on his best behaviour whilst we were at Abingdon, and the rain stopped some of the party enjoying a trip on the river.

A start was made on the homeward way at 7 p.m., having arranged to stop at Blunsdon for a ring on the light six, where the Vicar of St. Ambrose's (Rev. H. M. W. Hocking), who has recently come to Bristol from Madron, Cornwall, showed his ringers that he could ring in the good old Cornish style. Supper was held at the Coldharbour Inn, when we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. and Mrs. Trueman. The usual votes of thanks were made and the secretary thanked for the excellent arrangements. The final move was made for home at 10 p.m., Bristol being reached at about 11.30 p.m.

F. S.

MAIDSTONE AND DISTRICT OUTING

Appropriately, the first stop of the Maidstone and District's 275 miles tour of Sussex on July 17th was East Grinstead, dedicated to St. Swithin!

At Slaugham the special method for the day —Trinity Court Bob Major — was attempted, but not brought round successfully until Arundel was reached. After a sandwich lunch, Littlehampton was visited. Hopes of a bathe were dispelled by the rain and diversity was found at the fun fair.

At Arundel a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the ladies who are soon to be members of the new Kent branch of the Ladies' Guild. Bristol was also rung.

After tea at the White Hart Hotel, Dr. Hatcher thanked Mr. Reg Sills for organising the tour and welcomed visitors from the Tonbridge District. They were fortunate in having as driver Mr. Fred Huckstepp, a prominent ringer from the Ashford District.

Washington, the only six bell tower, was visited, where Grandsire Doubles and Single Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung. The last tower was Fairwarp, where the special method was again rung; also Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise.

Sandwiches and drinks were enjoyed at the local inn before the homeward journey, during which hymns were sung from the back seat, closing with 'Unchanging God.'

ST. ALBANS ABBEY

The Abbey ringers, with their wives and friends, had a very enjoyable day in and beyond the Cotswolds on July 10th. The fine 12 at Painswick were visited in the morning, where Stedman Cinques was rung to everyone's satisfaction. After ringing and lunch in Cheltenham, the glorious Norman Abbey of Tewkesbury was visited. Tea was in Evesham, followed by ringing on the magnificent modern 12 in the bell tower.

During part of the day the party had the pleasure of the company of their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas.

G. D.

NEWTON ST. CYRES

The Newton St. Cyres' ringers held their annual outing on June 26th. The first tower was Bridestowe, the next Lifton, where a new Church Hall was to be dedicated the same day. Then they went on to North Petherwin, where everyone was delighted to find such a beautiful church and as fine a ring of six as one could wish. St. Mary Magdalene's, Launceston, was visited next, then on to Stoke Climsland. The last tower, after coming through Gunnislake and some very fine scenery, was Emmanuel, Plymouth, where, after tea, some of the best ringing of the day was enjoyed.

The party were delighted with the way the eight learners acquitted themselves, especially their striking in Grandsire Triples on strange bells.

ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE

Spirits were undampened, despite the fact that July 17th was the wettest day of the year, when St. Mary's, Eastbourne, had their annual outing The day's ringing started at Rolvenden, and the excellent eight at Folkestone worked up a good appetite for lunch.

The ten at Leeds provided a new experience for some of the younger ringers. The rain abated here and the non-ringers took the opportunity of walking across the fields to see the old moated castle.

Tea was arranged at Maidstone. The bells of Linton were the last to be rung, but the ringers were still not satisfied that their arts had been completed, so a little country pub was found where refreshments were enjoyed to the ringing of handbells. Later a coachload of happy people arrived back in Eastbourne — certainly not under the weather.

RADYR, GLAMORGAN

In spite of the wretched weather conditions a wonderful day of ringing and good fellowship was enjoyed by ringers of Christ Church, Radyr, for their second annual outing on July 17th.

Mustering at the Pier Head, Cardiff, the party of 35 embarked on the pleasure steamer 'Britannia' for Weston-super-Mare, which was reached at 10 a.m. A hot lunch at the Victoria Hotel was most acceptable. From 2-3 p.m. some excellent ringing was enjoyed at St. John's Church, where local ringers made the visitors welcome.

A specially chartered coach took the party to Banwell, where 'the freedom of the tower' was granted the party for one hour. The next move was to the Valley Hotel, Cheddar for an excellent high tea and then to the church. With the assistance of local ringers some 'very classical' ringing was enjoyed. All too soon came 7.15 and the return journey home.

Mr. Trevor Dewis, the Radyr captain, was in charge of the day's ringing, and welcome guests included Messrs. W. Heath and F. Hannington (St. John's, Cardiff), F. Rowsell (Llantrisant) and H. Cassell (Llanbradach).

ST. MARGARET'S, RAINHAM

Accompanied by ringing friends from Sittingbourne, Borden, Bobbing, Upchurch and Chatham, St. Margaret's, Rainham, held their annual outing on July 17th, starting in a downpour of rain.

St. Mary's, Westerham, and Bletchingley, where they were met by Mr. Wren, was the morning's programme. Lunch was provided at the Locomotive Hotel, Redhill, and about 3 p.m. the party was ringing at Epsom. Ringing at Kingston was postponed until after tea on account of the local market. Here rounds were rung upon this well-known ten by the younger members, and also Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Thanks are due to local members who greeted the visitors.

Owing to West Wickham bells being out of action through woodworm in the timber of the belfry, the last ring of the day was at St. Mary's, Hayes, a nice six except for the noise, which beats down into the tower. The thanks of the visitors are due to Mr. A. S. Richards for obtaining these bells. After a short break for refreshments on the homeward journey, Rainham was reached at 10.30 p.m. Despite the weather, the day proved to be very enjoyable.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

AT the invitation of the Rev. G. Storer, R.D., the Society held its eighth annual meeting at Hutton Cranswick on July 10th. It was also the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the bells hung in the tower of St. Peter's Church, Hutton Cranswick, in 1950. The bells, a fine ring of six (tenor 18¼ cwt.), were raised at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and standard methods were rung including Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge and Stedman.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Storer, who, in his address, said it had been noticed that fewer members now attended the monthly meetings, and this might perhaps be a symptom of weariness, of caution, of fatigue creeping over the Society. Members should neither forget to be zealous nor join in the popular attitude of reducing obligations and duties to a minimum, or the craving for change. The cure for drift was to take the offensive.

The president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, presided at the annual meeting which followed tea. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. A. E. Sellers; vice-president, Mr. G. Braithwaite; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Rodmell; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. C. Barker; general committee, Messrs. A. Taylor, F. Wilkinson, H. Parker and F. W. Dale and Miss P. Duffill; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. Southwick. Mr. F. W. Dale did not seek re-election as vice-president and a resolution of thanks for his past services was passed.

Mr. F. Talbot was elected a member of the Society. It was decided to hold the September meeting at Patrington.

A resolution proposed by Mr. G. Braithwaite that all members of the general committee were expected to attend at least 33 per cent. of the monthly meetings was not carried.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. G. Storer, the organist and local ringers was proposed by Mr. C. R. Robinson and seconded by Mr. F. W. Dale.

Further ringing at the church concluded the meeting.

BERKSWELL, WARWICKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. M. Middlemiss 1, Miss D. M. Palmer (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. R. Barrett 3, H. M. Windsor 4, G. Smith 5, D. Harrison (cond.) 6. Rung for the Empire youth service.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS. — On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Moore 1, E. Barrs 2, M. Jamieson 3, K. Moore 4, F. G. Edmans (cond.) 5, Canon C. E. Last 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for the festival of St. James by the Sunday service ringers.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On July 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Plain Bob): Miss W. Mellin 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, J. Pilgrim 3, W. H. Mellin 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, N. R. Bailey 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Gipps (first quarter) 1, Bridget Cox 2, J. Pannell 3, V. Webster 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss A. Pannell and Mr. J. C. Carpenter. They have both given devoted service to the tower. Mr. Carpenter was captain for three years and trained all the ringers except the treble. The band wish them every happiness in their future.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. H. Jones 1, Miss G. S. Evans (cond.) 2, J. E. Morgan 3, R. J. Sharp 4, J. J. Sims 5, M. K. King 6, D. J. King 7, C. G. Bryant 8. Rung for evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first and last Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, J. Hurrell 2, G. Daynes 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, G. Kenward 6, E. B. Crowder 7, W. Daynes 8. Rung for evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

GORING, OXON.—On July 17th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Napper 1, R. F. Diserens 2, Audrey B. Diserens 3, Mrs. P. Lewington 4, C. E. Lewington 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 4 and 5.

GRIMSBY, LINCS. — On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Drury 1, W. Mumby 2, F. Kennington (first 'inside') 3, F. G. Bloomfield (cond.) 4, G. I. Rusby 5, J. B. Budd 6, A. Pashley 7, H. Hadwick 8. Rung for evensong. — Also on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Drury 1, W. Mumby 2, F. Kennington 3, G. I. Rusby 4, F. G. Bloomfield (cond.) 5, J. B. Budd 6, A. Pashley 7, H. Hadwick 8. Rung for St. James' Day and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Hadwick.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On July 16th, at S. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Trenchard (first quarter) 1, Marigold Rule (first quarter of Doubles) 2, F. Wilton 3, Ann M. Cox 4, Eileen M. Turner 5, E. J. Wells (cond.) 6.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 180 April Day, 240 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, the method being changed at each extent): V. Ridgwell 1, Robin Trebilcock 2, J. Hadfield 3, Tony Otter 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. First in six methods for all. A compliment to the daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. G. E. Day on her marriage on July 10th to Mr. David Arthur Llewellyn Brown.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Pound 1, Mrs. A. Pearson 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, Miss M. Goode 4, C. N. Pearson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On July 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, H. W. Pratt 3, C. Young 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, G. L. Perkins 6. For the dedication service.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss J. Burroughs 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5.

MELTHAM, YORKS.—On July 26th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Webster 1, D. Earnshaw 2, M. Greenwood 3, J. Greenwood 4, C. Byram 5, E. Earnshaw (cond.) 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of Shiela and Eileen Dawson, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dawson (Vicar's warden).

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Smith 1, Miss S. Hughes 2, Miss S. Thomas (first quarter as conductor) 3, A. Botterill 4, G. W. Hughes 5, W. R. Hughes 6. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Lichfield on his visit for the centenary of the church.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Church of St. George the Martyr on July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, W. D. Grainger 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, L. W. Bullock 7, T. F. Victor Neil 8.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death on July 26th of Mr. John W. Best, of Chester, aged 46 years.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Forty-seven members from 12 universities are attending the Universities' Association ringing week at Hereford from August 13th to August 21st. The programme includes visits to 38 towers and eight peal attempts. Headquarters are at the Hereford Training College. Mr. W. F. Moreton is the organiser.

We regret to hear that Mr. C. A. Purnell, the popular secretary of the Radyr (Glam.) tower, is in hospital, his admission taking place a few days before the tower's outing. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The hon. secretary of the Central Council acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation of £10 given by a lady in memory of her late husband. This has been placed to 'The Ringing World' account.

Canon C. E. Last has joined the list of clerical ringers by ringing a quarter peal in his own tower at Bletchley. He is the first rector of this parish to ring a quarter peal before service with his own ringers in this tower.

We note that there are handbell enthusiasts at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks, who rang 1,560 Plain Bob Doubles. They were Miss D. Margaret Hawley, E. M. Bradley and A. Sheppard (conductor). We hope they will soon be reporting a peal 'in hand.'

In connection with the peal at Tarring, Sussex, it is interesting to note that these bells were recast and made into a ring of six 100 years ago and have not been touched by the bellhangers since that date. According to old records, they were originally a ring of five and a sanctus bell inscribed 'Sancta Haterma Ora Pro Nobis.' This bell was sold to a gentleman in Wales for a Roman Catholic chapel. The other five were melted down in the Whitechapel Foundry and the present ring of six turned out.

July 22nd was a red-letter day at Fletton, where the bells were augmented from four to five in 1952. A new band was formed and was taught to handle a bell and ropesight by Mr. R. Pattrick. This band, with the assistance of Mr. J. W. Haw, rang its first quarter on July 22nd. From Plain Bob the ringers are now proceeding to Grandsire for their Tuesday practices.

Mrs. C. W. Lawton, of Sutton Lane Ends, near Macclesfield, has been appointed 'Ringing World' representative for the Macclesfield and Congleton Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. A. S. Richards, of 6, Links Road, West Wickham, for the Lewisham District, K.C.A.

The rehanging of the tenor bell at Buckley, Chester, has created renewed interest in the bells. People have asked to see them and ringing in progress. The local Toc H paid a visit to the belfry and were afterwards given a short lecture at their headquarters by Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward.

Aldrington (Sussex) ringers wish to express their appreciation of the loyalty and progress shown by 16-year-old Valerie Mepham, who is shortly to leave the district to take up a farming career. Valerie has rung a peal, 29 Sunday service quarter peals (conducted one), 'circled the tower' three times for quarters and is regular twice every Sunday and on practice nights.

Friends of Mr. A. L. Barry, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, will be sorry to hear that he has been ill for the last five weeks and has now been admitted to the Gloucester Royal Hospital to undergo an operation. Newly elected to the Central Council, it was a bitter disappointment to him that he could not attend the meeting at Newcastle. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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PEAL RINGING IN CHESHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

CHESHIRE will probably be one of the most interesting counties to write about from the peal ringing point of view. Not only are some of the most accomplished of present-day ringers living there now, but this has been the case for over 100 years. Before the period these articles are primarily concerned with (1881 onwards), Cheshire was a centre of flourishing change ringing, and one or two towers in particular enjoyed greater popularity than they have done in the past 70 years—Hyde and Mottram-in-Longdendale come especially to mind. Not only in numbers of peals, but also in new and difficult methods and record lengths has this county been to the forefront of the Exercise, so that it will be difficult to find space to say all that should be said. Local readers must not mind if anything is left out which they consider ought to be put in.

The activity in peal ringing is reflected by the fact that Cheshire is among the counties which have the least number of towers still to 'conquer' with a peal. Only eight out of the 109 churches with bells have not had a peal rung at them. In proportion to numbers, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Surrey and Sussex alone can beat this. It is, then, rather surprising to find that there are a ring of 10 and two rings of 8 in this list. Usually the 6 and 5-bell towers are the last to be visited for a peal. As far as I can discover, the 10 bells of Dunham Massey are the only 10 in the country never to have been rung to a peal.* St. Andrew's, Norwich, has not had a peal for over 100 years, but there were a few (including the first ever of London Surprise Major) from 1823 to 1843. The two 8-bell towers are Bredbury and Winsford. There must be something unusual at these places for them to have been left out. The remaining five un-pealed rings consist of two with 6 bells—both in Chester (St. Michael and St. Peter), and three with 5 bells—Little Budworth, Heswall and Overchurch (or Upton).

There is a clear indication that there is greater activity at churches with the higher number of bells at the moment and that peals at the 6-bell towers are declining. Even Coronation year did not seem to have much effect on the latter, for many of them show several peals after the war up to 1951 or 1952, but none since. Examples are Aldford, Backford, Bosley, Eastham, Knutsford, Marbury, Marple, Rostherne, Wallasey St. Nicholas and Wrenbury. But more about the 6-bell towers later. As far as the higher numbers go, more peals are being rung at them, on the whole, than at any other period. Thus at the only 12-bell tower in the county, Macclesfield St. Michael, 17 peals out of its total of 47 have been rung since the war. Before that, 21 peals were rung there between 1886 and 1913 and nine between 1924 and 1938. Three of the five active 10-bell churches tell a similar story. Chester Cathedral has heard 18 peals since 1945. Its total is 49—15 between 1882 and 1914 and 16 from 1924 to 1939 (the bells were augmented in 1937). Crewe has the largest number of peals among the 10-bell towers—71. Eighteen are since the war. There was an active period here between 1919 and 1932, when 27 peals were scored. Macclesfield Christ Church is the most active of all, however. Its total now is 51, but only 14 of these had been rung prior to 1945. Of course, it was an 8-bell tower then, and had a very short period in the limelight between 1929 and 1933, when 13 of these peals were rung. The only previous one was in 1912. We have not heard much about the remaining two 10-bell towers, both at Stockport. Thirty-eight peals have been rung at St. George's since 1896 (only three since the war). St. Mary's first peal was in 1883, its last in 1938, and there are 27 in all.

FOUR OUTSTANDING EIGHT BELL TOWERS

When we come to the 8-bell towers, we find four are outstanding in this period. One of these has passed the 200 mark—Norbury (Hazel Grove) with 210. At one time this was one of the most famous 6-bell towers in the country and a pioneer of Spliced Minor ringing. Forty-three peals had been rung on the six bells before they were augmented in 1925, and the height of achievement was reached in 1923, when a peal in 35 methods was rung. It still retained its popularity after 1925, and a further 95 peals were rung before the Second World War. These included the first peal of Clarendon Surprise and peals of Spliced Surprise Major. After the war, the number of peals here has been greater than ever—72 in the ten years, and there has been a corresponding achievement in the heights reached, for they include peals in many different Surprise methods and one of Spliced Surprise in 16 methods. Much more could be said of this famous tower. Frodsham is not far behind in numbers—183 have been rung there. Actually, more peals have been rung here since the war than at Hazel Grove—81. Although the first peal here is prior to that at Hazel Grove (1896 as compared with 1900), it did not come into prominence until 1919, but then 70 peals were rung in the next ten years. Interest must have waned somewhat in the 30's, for only 20 were rung in that period. A large variety of Surprise methods have been rung here, too.

Then comes Pulford. This was also a 6-bell tower 70 years ago and was quite popular as such, for 15 of its 173 peals were rung between 1887 and 1902. It increased in popularity with its eight bells, and 39 peals were scored between 1903 and 1913. Seventy-four were rung between 1919 and 1939 and there have been 45 since the war. The fourth tower is Chester, St. Mary-within-the-Walls, where 163 peals have been rung. Twenty-three have come since the war, but the main achievements here were in the periods 1901-14 and 1919-29, when 106 of the peals were rung, including the first of Double Grandsire, Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob before 1914 and Belgrave Surprise in 1926. The only two other towers to have recorded more than 100 peals in the 70 years are the two mentioned above, where ringing has been popular for more than 100 years—Hyde and Mottram. Hyde has 112 and Mottram 107. As is to be expected, both record more peals at the beginning of the period than later on, although the former has 15 and the latter nine since the war. Thus 50 of Mottram's total were rung in the 1880's and only 12 in the 20 years from 1919 to 1939. Hyde had 51 between 1882 and 1897, 17 from 1905 to 1911 and 28 from 1920 to 1936. They both show gaps of several years like this when no peals were rung.

LONG LENGTHS

Mottram can also claim fame for long lengths of Kent Treble Bob Major; 16,608 were rung in 1883 and 16,800 in 1906. Actually, in 1922, 18,240 were rung, but the composition was found to be false, unfortunately. The record for this method rests with another Cheshire tower—Over, with 17,280 in 1923. Although there have only been 34 peals rung at this church (half since the war), Over will always remain famous for being the venue of the longest peal ever rung in any method—21,600 Bristol Surprise Major, in November, 1950, an achievement which is unlikely to be surpassed for a very long time, if ever. Apart from the two peal-less towers, only three other 8-bell churches have not had a peal at them since the war. They are Gawsworth, West Kirby and Neston. Many of the others are having peals rung at them to a greater extent than at any time in their history. No tower not already mentioned is, however, nearing a milestone.

Finally, a few words about the 6-bell towers. As I have already stated, interest in these appears to be slackening off at the moment, with a corresponding increase in activity on the higher numbers. However, five are worthy of note, having a good number of peals for 6-bell towers. The highest is Wistaston with 77. This has done consistently well since the first peal there in 1921, and has averaged three peals each ringing year since (the last was in 1952, however, and supports the remarks made above). Disley comes next with 64. Its history starts in 1901, and there have been lean periods, but 26 peals were rung between 1930 and 1939, and there have been 22 since the war, but it is over a year (as I write) since the last one was rung. Sutton is third on the list with 55. The first peal here was rung in 1903, but it did not really 'get going' until 1929, for only two more were rung in the meantime. In the next ten years, however, 28 peals were rung and a further 21 since 1943, including one this year. Stretton has reached 51. First peal 1896, then a gap until 1922, when 24 peals were rung in the next five years. Nineteen have been rung since 1945. Lastly, Davenham, where the next peal will be the 50th. This tower, too, had its first peal in 1896, with a gap from 1899 to 1925. Since the war it has been very popular, and 30 peals have been rung—the best years being 1949 and 1950.

May Cheshire long continue to give such an excellent lead to the Exercise!

* Since writing this, I have discovered that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung here on February 20th, 1874.

AUGUST BROADCASTS

The following broadcasts will take place during August:—

August 8th.—London Region, 9.30. Frant.
August 15th.—West Region, 9.30. St. Austell.
August 15th.—West Region, 7.45. Buckfast Abbey.
August 22nd.—West Region, 7.45. Totnes.
August 29th.—West Region, 7.45. Abbotsbury.
August 29th.—London Region. 7.45. Huntingfield.

Another Ringing School

St. Lawrence School, Ramsgate, must be added to the list of ringing schools. We have received a picture of a cheerful group of seven youngsters with their instructors, Mr. S. W. Edwards, head gardener at the College, and Mr. J. H. G. W. Green.

The Vicar of St. Lawrence kindly allows the scholars the use of the bells at the Parish Church, and on most Sunday mornings during the last two terms the boys have rung the bells for morning service to rounds and call changes. The class is now learning change ringing.

We are looking forward to publishing the first quarter from the school.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MANAGEMENT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Happily there is growing assurance that ringers are concerned for 'The Ringing World,' the idea of local representatives finding encouraging support. It is in this spirit that I venture some remarks setting out from the topical issue of the Editor's postbag.

We write to the Editor for many reasons, often wishing our names to be associated with what is said. If it should go with a reputation for originality and enterprise, the appendage of a signature may perhaps better the chance of publication. But sometimes anonymity is desirable, and provided editorial standards are reached there is no reason for withholding publication. Of this the Editor is judge and in law is held responsible.

Recent decisions in committee and in Council are, therefore, contrary to accepted practice; first the ban on anonymous letters, and then the reference of all letters, signed and anonymous, to 'The Ringing World' Committee who are, involuntarily, required to trespass into editorial preserve. Not unnaturally the committee are reviewing this unexpected development which at once raises the question of its terms of reference.

Put concisely, its members constitute a management committee. But what of its relations with the Editor? Isn't it rather like the members of a Local Education Authority and a headmaster? Surely then, just as a school has its Governors, a group of disinterested persons charged with safeguarding its various interests, should there not be a like body for 'The Ringing World' in order to complete the best setup for its conduct? For all types of institutions do this, learned societies, hospitals, research institutes, the B.B.C., 'The Times,' and so forth.

What is visualised is a small group appointed under the auspices of the Central Council, but acting together in its own right, which would be the guardian for all we treasure and hold good in our journal. It would be this body which would consider reports from the management committee, the Editor and others, and the consequent removal from Whit-Tuesday's long agenda would clearly be advantageous. Furthermore, the Council would be free to exert a much more effective influence.

As for initiating such a scheme, the division of function involved would best be achieved by winding up the present 'Ringing World' Committee before appointing the two separate bodies, the valuable services of its members doubtlessly being continued. Meanwhile, the affairs of our journal should be carried on as hitherto.

Ultimately, any course of action involves the trust of the many in the efforts of the few. Among the few the Editor holds a central place, and our best expression of appreciation for all he does for us is the confidence which we are pleased to place in him, beginning at his postbag.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, Maidstone.

TWO MISSING VOLUMES

Dear Sir,—As a result of my advertisement a few months ago and also through the generosity of a kind friend, I now have a set of 'Ringing Worlds' with the exception of four volumes. Before advertising for these, I should be grateful for any information about two of them. The volumes I have from 1912 to 1929 originally belonged to Mr. Frank Romaine, of Salisbury, but two volumes are missing from the series—1921 and 1922. It seems almost certain they must exist somewhere, and I should be most grateful if anyone can give me any information concerning their whereabouts. They have a dark green binding with 'Ringing World' at the top and the year at the bottom, each between double lines, the lettering in gold. Even if the present owner has no desire to part with them, I should be pleased to learn where they are. At some time in the future it may be possible for them to return to their original companions.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

GOOD COPY

Sir,—The opening paragraph of Mr. Spears' letter is not entirely correct. The composition of Stedman Triples which he quotes is the equal two-part with only two singles by W. G. Slack, and this is the only composition on the plan.

In an article dealing with the history of Stedman, Mr. Trollope in 1938 stated that a composition on this plan was impossible.

Mr. Trollope was an historian of ringing without peer or equal in the annals of ringing, and any student of ringing history may be at a loss to understand why an historian of his class objected to the publication of a composition which was a landmark in the history of the method.

I am certain that Mr. Trollope had not a free hand, and the reasons for the objection to publication by the Editor were as follows: (a) The cost of setting, (b) The composition was so difficult that few conductors would trouble with it, (c) The Editor, Mr. Goldsmith, was of the opinion that after the composition had been called it would remain a museum piece.

That inveterate seeker after difficult compositions, Maurice Hibbert, succeeded in calling the composition in September, 1938, and described it 'The Holt's Original of Stedman.' The Editor's description one may find in the issue of September 9th, 1938.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN JENNINGS.

Braintree, Essex.

BERWICK CURFEW

Dear Sir,—As my sisters passed through Berwick-on-Tweed recently they heard the curfew bell rung from the Town Hall slowly, like the measured beat of a clock striking. Can any reader inform me if this curfew is tolled or just tapped?

Berwick bells were presented to the Town Hall by the same donor who gave Morpeth its famous Watch Tower ring.—Yours sincerely,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG (MISS).

Morpeth.

PROPAGANDA

Dear Sir,—For a number of years now it has been my lot to move about the country in the summer time, and when I go I always take with me a number of back numbers of 'The Ringing World.' Invariably, I find some locality where the paper is very little known. I leave a copy in the belfry or pass one on to someone who is apparently interested. I don't know whether my efforts have borne fruit or not, but I think it may be a means of extending the circulation. Perhaps ringers going on holidays would like to follow suit. — Yours, etc.,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton.

KNARESBOROUGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The tower of the fine old church at Knaresborough is quite safe, and the bells were a fine ring of eight cast in 1774 by Messrs. Pack and Chapman, of London, and are now finer still since Messrs. Taylor retuned the back six, recast the trebles and rehung the bells (tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E) in an iron frame, in 1925.

For several years now the bells have not been rung on account of the ringers' misconduct and their dismissal by a former stupid Vicar. By dismissing the ringers and not appointing others in their place, he deliberately robbed the parishioners and neighbours of their heritage. If the clergy who detest bells were honest, they would not accept a living where there was a ring of bells.

The unsafe tower business is just a parson's gag. On New Year's Day, 1916, I had the pleasure of ringing with two bands of ringers at the opening of a fine ring of six bells at one of these unsafe towers. The church was Crofton (three bells), but when a gentleman gave three larger bells, tenor 15¼ cwt., and Taylor's supplied them, the tower at once became safe.—Yours faithfully,

F. ATKINSON.

York.

THE NEW GENERATION AT GLASGOW

Dear Sir,—Our latest recruit is nine years old Sheila Watson. In order to reach the sally of the six cwt. treble, Sheila, who is only 4ft. 5in. in height, has to borrow the box from the ninth. We hope she grows quickly!

With Penelope Darnell and Charles Sargent, both 13 years of age, and Penelope's elder sister Mary, we now have the nucleus of a new generation of ringers at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. Until such time as these youngsters gain more experience we will be limited in our Sunday service ringing, but we hope soon to have these glorious ten bells ringing out again to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the best of all ten bell music.

Visitors to Glasgow will be welcome on Sundays for service ringing from 5.40 to 6.30 p.m., and on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9 p.m., but I would remind intending visitors that they should inquire for St. Mary's Cathedral, near Kelvinbridge Underground Station, Great Western Road, and not for Glasgow Cathedral or *The* Cathedral. The last two are the names by which the Presbyterian Church of St. Mungo is generally known; it is two miles from St. Mary's and has no ring of bells.—Yours faithfully,

E. BOUMPHREY.

Glasgow.

LETTERS—Continued

UNSAFE TOWERS AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I add further to what Mr. R. H. Dove has written in 'The Ringing World' of July 16th?

Several cases parallel to Knaresborough can be pin-pointed in this and adjoining counties.

Ketton, Rutland, is one! Here six bells (tenor 11 cwt.) were rehung some years ago by Messrs. Taylor, and later, through bias, an Ellacombe apparatus put in with the excuse 'that the spire wasn't safe,' although over 30 years have passed and nothing done to make it 'safe.' Thirty years to be unsafe is a long time.

A few years ago the fine ring of eight bells at Oakham were hung unrung for the same excuse—I won't say reason for it later proved not to be a reason. A parishioner paid for an independent architect to prove this. Oakham bells have been rung ever since.

Barnack, near Peterborough, is another parallel—tower safe enough for Messrs. Taylor to add a tenor to this minor five in 1935. A new rector comes on the scene and no ringing—tower 'supposed not to be safe' ever since. A few miles from there, Castor bells were for some years unrung for the same reason—a prejudiced resident in turn influenced both the diocesan architect and the then vicar.

Another wasted ring is the eight bells at Easton Neston, near Towcester. The lady of this village disliked bells, although relatives restored and augmented these several years previously. Ropes were removed and an Ellacombe apparatus put in. Church Langton, Leics, with a similar eight, I believe is an identical case.

Prejudice of a like nature has for many years prevented any restoration and augmentation of three bells (tenor only 7 cwt.) at Abington—a large wealthy parish suburb of Northampton. A west end tower with walls thicker than those of the central tower of St. Edmund's, Northampton, with eight bells (tenor 18 cwt.). The excuse at Abington has been for years 'the tower won't stand bells.' When one asks for positive proof, the excuse is given that the roots of a tree (destroyed 20 years ago) near the tower are under the foundations, making two additional light trebles, even, to the present three, impossible. This story, after seeing Surfleet, is the limit in the extreme. Abingdon tower is perfectly upright!

Goebbels it was, I believe, who once said, 'If you keep on telling a lie enough times, it eventually becomes the accepted thing.'

Mr. Dove's final paragraph I feel sure will bear repeating:—'The excuse that the tower is unsafe can be a cover for idleness or indifference—sometimes for deliberate dishonesty. It should never be eccepted without question nor, if possible, a personal examination.'—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

THIRTEEN-FEET CLOCK PENDULUMS

Dear Sir,—The Rev. A. J. Nixseaman may be interested to note that the turret clock of the parish church of the Holy Cross, Caston, Norfolk, has a pendulum which is slightly over thirteen feet in length from its suspension.

The clock bears the inscription: 'The Rev. Augutus Sutton, Rector of West Tofts, constructed this clock for the parishioners of Caston and set it up in this church tower 31st day of July, 1854.'—Yours faithfully,

W. M. MANN.

Attleborough, Norfolk.

PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Before the Bob Triples controversy is wound up may I comment on the Council's ruling?

Whether Plain Bob on odd numbers is of value or no is beside the point. Whether or not we ring it is also of no importance. The issue is whether four blows consecutively in one place are permissible. The Central Council says 'No'—to Plain Bob Triples!

So far I have seen little mention of Bob Caters or Cinques, and to ring Bob Doubles or Kent Treble Bob is quite in order.

'What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.' If Bob Doubles is legitimate, why isn't Bob Triples? If Bob Triples isn't legitimate, why is Kent Treble Bob? Has Kent Treble Bob received a special dispensation from the Methods Committee?

To argue that Doubles ringers have less scope, or that four blows in one position in Kent Treble Bob only occurs at a bob is no answer. If a principle is established it is gross dishonesty to jettison it to suit one category of ringers or group of methods. That such perfidy should be countenanced is a grave reflection on the honour of the Council, and particularly on a Council of the CHURCH.

It is this asinine legislating which brings the Council into disrepute, and makes it the laughing stock of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

'FIRING' AT WEDDINGS

Dear Sir,—Is it the considered opinion of the Exercise that 'firing' the bells at weddings is really desirable?

At a good proportion of the weddings for which I have rung, the bells have been 'fired,' and hitherto I thought the general effect to be quite impressive.

Recently, however, I was a guest at a friend's wedding, and during the course of the ringing which followed, the bells were 'fired' Frankly, I was appalled to think that I had ever taken part in the creation of such a devastating noise. From where I stood I overheard a number of remarks from other guests, such as, 'It sounds as though something has gone wrong,' and 'They must have made a mistake,' etc.

Leaving tradition aside, in my opinion those responsible for ringing on these occasions should first ascertain as to whether or not the parties concerned would like the bells to be 'fired,' and only then should this be carried out if required.—Yours sincerely.

JEFFERY C. BIRT.

Slough.

STEDMAN IN ST. DAVID'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of Stedman Triples at Tenby on June 26th last, may I withdraw the claim that it was the first peal of Stedman for St. David's Guild, and apologise to those who took part in the first such peal. The footnote was based upon information supplied to me which, I was assured, was correct.—Yours faithfully,

Leicester. HAROLD J. POOLE.

PEAL RINGING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Reading the article in a recent 'Ringing World,' 'Peal Ringing in Buckinghamshire,' I noticed that Great Horwood tower is not mentioned in towers where peals have been rung or have yet to be rung.

I would very much appreciate it if you could let me know through your columns if a peal has been rung at Great Horwood or not. Two attempts have failed since May, one after 50 minutes and the other after two hours.—Yours faithfully, F. G. EDMANS.

Bletchley, Bucks.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Outing

The weather forecast on July 17th was occasional rain, and with hopes of fine periods 64 members and friends set out for Worcester, Ledbury and Hereford.

Our first call was Lugwardine, with ringing at St. Peter's before lunch. On arrival at Worcester we were joined by Mr. Ernie Stitch, and everyone was pleased to see him with us once again. Lunch, a first class meal, was served in a hall. Refreshed, we were soon on our way to St. John's, Worcester, where the eight were soon being heard to Stedman and Plain Bob. All Saints' Church, with its ten bells, was the next call, but time didn't allow much ringing.

It was decided here to cut out our visit to Upton-on-Severn, and travel straight to Malvern Link, but, on arrival, Mr. Hill had left, so on to Ledbury, where even the weather was forgotten when the great spire of St. Michael and All Angels' came into view. Everyone enjoyed their ring on this grand eight and, after a quick look round the church, we were again on our way to Hereford.

Before leaving Ledbury, we said good-bye to Mr. Stitch, and hoped to see him with us again next year. Hereford was reached soon after 6 p.m. and we all made our way to a hall for a hot meal. Ringing on the eight at All Saints' was the last item on our programme, and we made the most of it.

After a short stop at Bronllys for light refreshments, both coaches were soon lost in the mountain mists, and on down the Neath Vale and back home. J. A. H.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District at New Alresford

The bride and bridegroom received a pleasant surprise, when, at the moment they stepped from the church porch after the wedding the bells suddenly pealed forth.

This was brought about by ringers of the above Guild, who met at New Alresford on July 24th for a quarterly meeting. The ringing continued during the afternoon to the standard methods until the service conducted by the Rector, Rev. A. J. Pearson. The district chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, gave the address.

Tea followed in the Bell Hotel, which, in turn, was followed by a short business meeting, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, being in the chair, supported by the secretaries. Three new ringing members were elected—the Misses A. Long and A. Buckman and the Rev. A. J. Pearson. Two new honorary members were also elected, and the belfry election of Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, of Newcastle, as a compounding member was confirmed.

It is hoped that the Andover district will combine in a practice meeting at the Wallops during August. The September meeting will be at Sparsholt and Crawley (Hants).

Shortly afterwards members returned to the belfry, where further good ringing was enjoyed.

The peal at Shelsley Beauchamp, reported on page 468, was the first peal for Miss Gillian Clift and William Collins and not for Fred Davis and Fred Pugh. To minimise errors, will conductors kindly place asterisks and other incidental markings in front of the name of the individual and not after?

A BRIGHTON TOWER IN DECAY

By S. E. ARMSTRONG
Master of the Sussex County Association of C.R.

For much of the material in this article the author is indebted to the files of the 'Brighton and Hove Herald,' 1846 to 1875, to the officials of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers for extracts from the records, and to Mr. G. P. Elphick, of Lewes, for the bell inscriptions.

PROBABLY few churches in a life of a little over a century have encountered so many scenes of intolerance and violence as has St. Paul's, West Street, Brighton. To-day surrounded on almost all sides with houses of business and entertainment, the unique tower containing its nine silent bells form a landmark from all parts of the town and a reminder of the times when the church was an object of national controversy.

In 1846, at the time of its foundation, the town's population had far outrun the churches available. St. Nicholas', the old Parish Church, even with its galleries, was quite inadequate to cope with the expansion of population caused by the coming of the railway and the establishment of the railway works; the new Church of St. Peter, in London Road, was too far away to make much difference, and the Chapel Royal was limited in accommodation and too fashionable for the ordinary people. Some buildings were frankly preaching houses run on a commercial basis, while St. James' and Holy Trinity wavered vaguely between the Establishment and Nonconformity, the former having changed sides no less than three times.

In consequence the Vicar of Brighton, the Rev. H. M. Wagner, determined to build a new church, with some free seating, in West Street, and to install his son Douglas as vicar. This was the first of what is known as the Wagner Group in Brighton, which includes St. Martin's, Lewes Road, St. Mary Magdalene's, Bread Street, and the enormous brick rectangle of St. Bartholomew's, with the ridge of its slated roof rising 135 feet above the street. All were inspired by the Wagners, and largely built out of their private means.

THE OXFORD MOVEMENT

At the time of the building of St. Paul's the form of worship in the town, and indeed over most of the country, followed the Georgian pattern, indifferent to beauty and terrified of ritual. Whilst people lavished the best on their houses the poorest and meanest was considered good enough for church furnishing and ornament. A new movement had, however, arisen by the establishment of the Oxford Tractarians, led by Keble, for a beautifying of ritual and an increase of dignity based on the style of the older forms of worship. At Cambridge the Camden Society worked on much the same lines from the architectural point of view, arguing that besides a return to the older forms of worship the 'pagan Classic style' must be replaced by pre-Reformation Gothic. Douglas Wagner had early come under the influence of the Oxford Movement, and the design of St. Paul's was given to Richard Cromwell Carpenter, a friend of the architect Pugin, who was the leader of the Gothic revival and hero of the Camden Society.

The combination of the Tractarian Wagner and the Camdenian Carpenter aroused early suspicion on the part of the Low Church Party, a suspicion which deepened into certainty as the building progressed. Where were the galleries, the varnished pitchpine and the cold green windows? Instead they were offered a pre-Reformation type of building, with coloured decoration, provision for side chapels, a long raised chancel, and, worst of all, a high altar. These were innovations of a most Popish kind, and to a party accustomed to fonts being stored under Communion tables and tower-

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ing three-decker pulpits, the shock administered was considerable. Besides, the Bishop of Manchester recently, and with his own hands, had thrown down the altar ornaments and advised the smashing of stained glass windows in one of the churches of his own diocese. The stage was being set for the troubles that were to follow.

At its opening the church was complete except for the tower, which on the original plan was to have a stone spire, of a pleasant but undistinguished design. Much of the base on the south side had, however, been cut away to make provision for the organ, and it was thought inadvisable to add the extra weight. For a few years a temporary gable protected the top, until the present great oak lantern and short wooden spire were added by Carpenter's son. The tower stands at the north-east corner of the building with a frontage on West Street, and except for the east end is the only part of the church now visible amongst the surrounding buildings. Entrance is effected by a long covered and rather dismal unlighted passageway outside the south wall, running the length of the building and opening into the west end of the nave. There are comparatively few windows, and as those are of deeply stained glass by Burne-Jones, the interior is dark, another circumstance that subscribed to suspicions of ritualistic excesses.

HOSTILITY OF CROWD

On October 18th, 1848, the sermon at the opening service was preached by the Archdeacon of Chichester, later better known as Cardinal Manning, and choral services were instituted. For the next 20 years St. Paul's was the only church in Brighton that wished, or dared, to have choral services with a surpliced choir. The embers of opposition were at once fanned to a flame, and many of the buildings in West Street were disfigured by mocking invitations to 'Come to the Sunday opera at St. Paul's.' Crowds gathered in the street at service times, assaulting the congregation with gibes and stones, and on more than one occasion the Vicar was personally attacked.

After the completion of the tower in 1853, five bells were installed, the largest of 41 cwt. and four smaller. It seems that the original scheme envisaged a ring of 12, with the large bell as tenor and the four small ones as the trebles, for which there is ample room in the tower. Although the present wooden top must be many tons lighter than the original stone spire, doubts were expressed as to its stability even at that early date, and the ring of 12 never materialised.

'ROMISH BELLS'

'As the bells were being unloaded from the conveyance a passer-by paused and read the Latin inscription on the tenor. At once he became agitated and ran down towards the sea crying, 'St. Paul's has bought some Romish bells.' He gathered a crowd of some 400, who, bent on mischief, proceeded to interfere with the installation. The Vicar had come to superintend the work, mounted on horseback, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the police were able to escort him away and disperse the crowd.

The services were gradually being made more and more elaborate, vestments and incense being introduced. A convent was established, the Sisters from which soon becoming accustomed to their charitable works amongst the poor being exploited on the one hand and contemptuously refused on the other. Besides the general public, even the Vicar of Brighton, who himself had the reputation of being a High Churchman, began to get uneasy about the direction in which the ritual was developing. On one occasion when preaching at St. Paul's he publicly expressed his disapproval by taking as his text, 'Lord have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatick, and sore vexed.'

A MURDER TRIAL

In 1865, shortly after sacramental confession had been introduced, opposition rose to its height over the case of Constance Kent* who had murdered her infant half-brother in Wiltshire, and after having been discharged through lack of evidence came under the influence of Douglas Wagner. He advised her to give herself up and stand again for trial. The case was heard at Salisbury Assizes, and after being found guilty she was sentenced to death, but reprieved and sent to penal servitude for life. During the trial Mr. Wagner steadfastly refused to reveal anything told to him under seal of confession. His attitude aroused most violent passions, and once again the congregation was assaulted and the Vicar seriously injured. Questions began to be asked in Parliament about the manner in which affairs were conducted at St. Paul's, and the local Protestant party called a public meeting at the Town Hall, where almost all who stood in defence of Mr Wagner's work suffered injury in the commotion which followed.

*Since this article was completed the case of Constance Kent has been re-examined in the book newly published by Messrs. Jarrolds, 'Saint—With Red Hands?' written by Mrs. Bridges. The author considers the rumour, current at the time, that the crime was committed accidentally by the child's father, and that Constance's confession was the outcome of emotional unbalance.

It was then revealed that Constance Kent had offered £1,000 for the furtherance of the church's work, an offer which had wisely been refused. Nevertheless, the sum appeared in the offertory boxes, and was at once returned to Miss Kent's representatives. The story was circulated in various garbled forms, precipitating a further series of disturbances, and legal action had to be taken against some of the instigators.

Two years later the Vicar was summoned to Westminster to give evidence before a Royal Commission on the practices of the Ritualists, and there defended his use of vestments and confessions. By 1873, after another public meeting opposing the work of the church, one of the main causes of dissension was removed when the convent was taken to its new buildings at the last of the Wagner churches at Buxted. From this time opposition began gradually to die down and St. Paul's was able to continue as a normally peaceful parish church.

The original scheme for the heavy ring having been given up, four more bells were added in 1873, making a ringing peal with a 14-cwt. tenor, and the large bell as a bourdon hung for chiming on the swing. All were cast by Mears, hung in a wood frame with wood headstocks and cannons.

THE BELLS

The inscriptions read as follows:—

Treble.—St. ( ) uriel. (First letter illegible.)

Second.—St. Raphael.

Third.—St. Gabriel.

Fourth.—St. Michael.

(Each of the above has added 'Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1873.')

Fifth.—S. Matthæus. Ave Pater Rex Creator.

Sixth.—S. Marcus. Ave Fili Lux Salvator.

Seventh.—S. Lucas. Ave Pax et Charitas.

Tenor.—S. Joannes. Ave Simplex Ave Triune.

(Each of the above has added 'C. & G. Mears, Founders, London, 1853.')

St. Paul's never seems to have been a successful ringing tower. The long draught of rope, the large circle and the moving of the fabric made good striking difficult. Those who have rung on the bells say a first-class band was essential, as one poor striker could ruin a touch. The local band progressed no further than rather rough Grandsire, and relations between ringers and clergy were generally the reverse of cordial. In addition the bells were noisy outside, and became less and less acceptable to the business premises growing round the church.

THE FIRST PEAL

There are no peal boards in the tower, and the manuscript peal book cannot be traced, but the first peal rung on the bells was one of Grandsire Triples, Holt's Ten-Part, on November 14th, 1883, by a combined band from St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's, Brighton, in 3 hours and 2 minutes.

O. St. John, Esq.	1
E. Hilder	2
H. Boast	3
J. Jay, Jun.	4
C. Tyler	5
G. F. Attree, Esq.	6
J. Jay, Conductor	7
N. Weston	8

Footnote:—

This was rung by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. A. D. Wagner, and this is the only peal yet obtained on these bells, which have been put in good order by him.

In 1908 the tower ceased affiliation with the Sussex Association, there being then five members listed, three of whom were the brothers Charles, Phillip and William Allfrey. The last peal, of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. T. Coles, was rung on June 12th, 1912. Two of the band, George Ades and Arthur W. Gravett, are still ringing in Brighton.

How the end came is uncertain. One story has it that the Vicar turned the ringers out of the belfry after one of the numerous disputes; another that the tower became increasingly unsafe; a third that the first world war depleted the already small band. Whatever the reason, the bells were rung down for the last time in November, 1914, and the tower abandoned. From then on, except for one or two being occasionally chimed, the bells have remained silent amongst scenes of progressive decay.

To-day, although the body of the church is clean and obviously well-loved, the tower tells a far different story. The belfry stairs are reached along a devious passageway through the organ, and on opening the door the odour of damp and dirt presages what is to follow. The spiral stair is unlighted and cramped, with splits showing in the brickwork. Eventually it opens on to what was once a spacious and comfortable ringing room lighted by a single large window in the west wall. Most of the leaded panes lie broken around it where they must have blown in long ago. The ceiling sags in the centre, depositing damp on the mouldering floor. No sign of activity remains except, curiously enough, the old visitors' book, coverless, sodden and almost illegible, tumbled in a corner.

A VISIT TO THE TOWER

The stair continues, becoming even more dark and dirty until the last few steps are almost indistinguishable beneath the debris. Finally a short, wooden ladder leads out on to one of the great timber radials which span the tower, forming the transition to the octagonal lantern, each some 14 inches square. When the tower was last visited a full gale was blowing in from the sea, accompanied by heavy rain, and as all the protecting lead had been removed to ease the weight, together with a good deal of the woodwork, which had become dangerous, the top is almost completely open to the weather. The rain drives unimpeded through the lantern, which shudders at each gust, creaking dismally in the joints and threatening at any moment that the whole crazy contraption will go crashing into the street below. The drip of water, the shrieking of the wind, and, above all, the foul odour of pigeons and decay make the place infinitely depressing.

Below the lantern radials is the bell frame, the home of countless hordes of pigeons, which have roosted there undisturbed for 40 years. The stronger and more aggressive perch on the sliders under shelter of the bells, and everything is indescribably dirty and desolate. Of the ring, little is visible except a few rotten spokes and two stays, with here and there a bit of mouldering rope looped in a rimless wheel. The eight bells still hang in position, immovable, their shape and almost their size unrecognisable under the accumulated dirt. The bourdon lies wedged helplessly across the frame, the gudgeons having rotted out of the wooden headstock. A good deal of patient and distasteful scraping is required to decipher the inscription which caused so much trouble a hundred years ago:—'S. Paulas. Ave regnans sine fine. Ava sancta Trinitatis.'

From the street below the tower seems to a casual glance to be much as it was in its original condition What of its future? The cost of restoration is far beyond a parochial effort, and in view of the church's history, ought to be a national responsibility. It is certain that the bells will never ring again, and it is problematical how long the tower will stand unless repairs are carried out at what must be a fabulous cost. The tower was built as a witness to a new and vital movement in religion and architecture; it stands as a monument to neglect and poverty.

FARNHAM RINGING MASTER'S WEDDING

Bellringers were well represented at the wedding on Saturday, July 24th, at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, of Mr. Tom Page, Joint Ringing Master of the Farnham District and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Page, of Titchfield, Fareham, Hants, to Miss Hazel Joyce Flavell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Flavell, of 102, Peabody Road, Farnborough. The Rev. P. G. L. Cole officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white silk Elizabethan style dress with silk embroidered veil and headdress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of red roses and gypsophila.

She was attended by two bridesmaids—her nieces, the Misses Susan and Kathleen Childs, and two matrons of honour, Mrs. J. Tilley and Mrs. E. Jones. All wore lavender organdie dresses with pink mittens and headdresses. Mr. R. Goble was best man.

After the ceremony the couple left the church through the belfry under crossed bell ropes held by fellow ringers, who then proceeded to ring out a 'merry peal.'

A reception was held at Darracott's, Aldershot, 50 guests attending.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Tom Page left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in France and Switzerland.

Family Ringers and Wedding Bells

The wedding of Miss Edna A. Cane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cane, to Mr. Herbert J. Allen, a fellow ringer at St. Catherine's Church, Wolverton, Hants, was a day of happy ringing. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom with the bride's father, three sisters and small brother rang a wedding touch on the six bells at Wolverton. They are all members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, as are the officiating clergyman, the Rev. D. L. Board, and Mrs. W. Cooper, the organist.

Other members of the Wolverton band rang the bells before and after the service.

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OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK BENNETT

Mr. Frederick Bennett, of West Clandon, Surrey, one of the pioneers of change ringing in the rural areas around Guildford, has passed away at the age of 71. Although he had been in somewhat indifferent health for some time his end came suddenly through heart trouble whilst he was walking in the village on July 22nd.

The funeral was on Monday, July 26th, and in addition to family mourners, parishioners and members of the local branch of the British Legion (of which for many years he was secretary) the ringing fraternity was represented by local ringers and other members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild including Mr. A. Harman (Master) and Messrs. G. Marriner and A. H. Winch, from Leatherhead, and Messrs. A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton and A. C. Hazelden, from Guildford.

Half-muffled touches were rung on the octave at the Parish Church both before and after the funeral service, and in the evening local ringers attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief at the last whole pull.

Fred Bennett began his ringing career at West Clandon over 50 years ago with a stony band but having had enthusiasm for change ringing instilled in him by District officers of the Winchester Guild, and after receiving some tuition from Mr. Charles Willshire, then of the Holy Trinity, Guildford, band and with help and encouragement from Mr. Alfred Pulling, he soon began to make a name for himself and the local band by his skill as a conductor of Minor methods.

Within a comparatively short time under his leadership the local band had progressed from 'Wedding Peal' and 'Whittington' to a competent change ringing band, over whose accurate striking of Surprise Minor methods a revered vice-president of the Guildford Guild still enthuses. It may be of interest to members of a younger generation to record here that Fred Bennett and members of his band often walked to Shalford (six miles away) and back for the purpose of practice and, as he often told the writer, that was after several of them had walked perhaps four or five miles to work and back.

Fred was in the Royal Engineers during the 1914-18 war and rose to the rank of sergeant, winning the Military Medal in the course of service in France.

During the 1920's and 1930's, although not so active in peal ringing as before, he worked hard to keep the seeds of change ringing alive at Clandon, and the fact that there are still to-day capable change ringers in the local band is due in great measure to Fred's skill and leadership in earlier days. After the war of 1940-45 Fred assisted the writer to restart a local band, but eventually the climb up the belfry stairs prevented him continuing an active part. He maintained a keen interest in ringing, however, and was always glad to chat about current events and past difficulties and triumphs.

He was a keen cricketer as well as ringer, being a forceful left-handed bat, an accomplished wicket-keeper and a captain of more than average merit. He was something of a martinet, demanding and receiving the utmost effort from all who played or rang under him, but although he did not hesitate to condemn in decisive manner any slackness, indifferent performance or unbecoming conduct, either on the cricket field or in the ringing room, he always remained a popular and respected leader.

G. L. G.

MR. GEORGE L. JOYCE

Ringers from many parts of Essex and the London area gathered at St. Andrew's Church, Hornchurch, to pay their last respects to the memory of Mr. George L. Joyce, life vice-president and past Deputy Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. There were no flowers and the bells remained silent by request. The last sad rites were carried out at the City of London Crematorium.

George Joyce, aged 62 years, commenced his ringing career at Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, London. He moved to Leytonstone in 1913 and united himself with the Surprise Minor band which regularly practised at St. John-the-Baptist Church. He rang his first peal, a peal in seven Surprise methods, at Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, under the auspices of the London County Association on October 8th, 1921. He co-operated with Mr. A. G. Driver and introduced Spliced Surprise Minor ringing at Leytonstone.

On March 24th, 1928, at Chigwell Row Church, George Joyce called his first peal, a peal of 22 Surprise Minor methods in seven 720's. This peal contained the largest number of Surprise methods that were possible under the then known methods of Splicing, viz: by the leads, courses, three leads, six leads, and by the lead end places, and was the first so rung. It was arranged by George Joyce and rung at the first attempt.

George Joyce wrote many articles for 'The Ringing World,' using as his nom-de-plume 'Minor Mania.' He also assisted with the preparation of tables for Treble Bob Minor and proof of Treble Bob Major, which were published under the heading 'Minor Mania' and 'The Mad Hatter.'

It will be in his work for the Essex Association of Change Ringers that we ringers of Essex will remember him. He was a great force behind the officers, assisting them in every way, by his directness of purpose in discussion, his ability to produce the resolution which gathered very concisely the ideas and aspirations of the meeting, and his vision in being able to foresee the loopholes which a badly-worded motion would allow.

As my personal tribute I must say he had been a kind friend and a great helper, who supported and advised me in every major decision I have had to take in the cause of ringing. I shall miss him greatly, and join with thise, this own dear ones, to mourn his passing.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL,

MR. THOMAS RILEY

Many of the older ringers will be sorry to hear of the death on July 24th, after a very long and extremely painful illness, at the age of 73, of Mr. Thomas Riley, who was for many years in the band at Bolsover, Derbyshire.

When ringing recommenced after the wartime ban, Mr. Riley was the only survivor of the older members of the team which gained fame for Bolsover under the leadership of Mr. John Flint, and with a small nucleus of younger ringers taught by Mr. Flint in his later years, Mr. Riley gave great encouragement in the re-establishment of a band which now reflects great credit on its predecessors.

Failing health made it impossible for Mr. Riley to ring at all during the last few years but he retained his interest to the end, and when the tourists from the Sussex County Association visited Bolsover last summer he arranged to be conveyed to the tower in a wheel chair so that he could meet the visitors.

On the day of the funeral service a well-struck quarter peal of Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by the local band, and when, after cremation, the ashes were placed near the church tower, the bells were again rung half-muffled, the ringers including Mr. Jacques and Mr. Jackson, of Mansfield, both great friends of Mr. Riley. A. B. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The ancient Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Downe, picturesquely situated in the centre of its hill-top village, was visited by 36 members of the Lewisham District on July 24th for their summer meeting, and enjoyed seasonable weather!

Ringing during the afternoon preceded the service in the church. The Vicar (the Rev. E. W. E. Fraser) conducted the Association service and warmly welcomed his congregation to Downe, and delighted them with his address. Mr. E. Wilson, at the organ, led the singing of the well-chosen hymns; lively, comfortably compassed tunes were rendered with great relish.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) District representative, presided at the business meeting which was held in the church. Four ringers were elected into the Association and the election of two non-resident members was ratified.

The venue for the combined meeting with the N.W. District of the Surrey Association was amended, Farningham being substituted for Shoreham for the afternoon ringing, Shoreham to be visited in the evening. The date, October 9th, was confirmed. St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was chosen as place of the annual meeting to be held on October 30th.

Mr. A. S. Richards was appointed 'Ringing World' representative for the District.

A cordial and comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and lady verger concluded the meeting. Further ringing rounded off a pleasant occasion. A. G. H.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Old'uns Demonstrate

The July meeting was held at Earlsheaton and although the attendance was rather small it was nevertheless a very happy gathering. The following towers were represented: Bradford Cathedral, Felkirk, Leeds Parish, Rothwell, Shelley and the local company, also visitors from Sutton-in-Mansfield. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. A splendid meal was served in the schools.

In the absence of the president and vice-presidents Mr. F. W. Strangways, of Rothwell, acted as chairman for the business meeting. This was soon disposed of and the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. and Mrs. H. Dransfield and friends for providing the tea and making all arrangements were passed.

Further ringing followed in both Minor and Major methods. Some good spade work was done and it was also very pleasing to see some of the old'uns of over 70 years having a pull.

The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, on August 14th.

Herts County Association

Two more delightful towers than Essendon and Tewin could not have been chosen for a warm summer's day. On July 17th a handful of enthusiasts made their way through continuous rain to Essendon, where the recently rehung ring of six is being rung by a very keen local band under Mr. F. E. Bamford. Having learned Kent for the occasion they gave a very creditable performance with the visitors.

After tea the ringers splashed their way across country to Tewin, where the pleasant ring of six was rung up, to Primrose and Double Oxford, until everyone had had enough —of ringing and of weather—for the day.

G. D.

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DEATHS

NORMAN.—Albert Edward (Pup), of 236, Bilford Road, Worcester, for many years a member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, died suddenly at his home on Saturday, July 24th, 1954, aged 52 years. 4804

PARK.—George William, 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington, on Aug. 1st, 1954, aged 81 years. Dearly loved father of Norman and Roland. 4822

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The new address of Fred E. Dukes, M.I.E.E., General Secretary, Irish Association, and Editor 'Irish Bell News,' is now Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath, Ireland. 4800

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Walpole St. Andrew. 4790

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 7th, St. Stephen's (10), 6 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 4806

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting, Woodchurch (6), August 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. D. J. Russell, Central Stores, Woodchurch, Ashford. 4760

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Chiddingstone (8), August 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. Names to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4764

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Chiddingstone (8), August 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 4764

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-Western).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, August 7th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Please assist by sending names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey. 4767

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4778

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hoylandswaine, August 14th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than Aug. 11th, Mr. S. Fielding, Sycamore House, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, near Sheffield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4811

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Aug. 14th at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Let's have a good meeting.—L. H. B., Sec. 4803

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Priory Church, Bridlington, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Aug. 11th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 4798

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Newton St. Cyres (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea available; bring own food.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 4799

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—South Shields, Saturday, Aug. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 12th, to Miss M. Gibson, 130, Beach Road, South Shields. 4815

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted (8), Aug. 14th. Please notify E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted, Uckfield.—C. A. Bassett. 4814

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Flamstead (6), Aug. 14th. Names for tea by Aug. 11th to Mr. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4797

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Ashton Keynes (5), Aug. 14th. Tea. — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 4802

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Old Woking (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th, 6-9 p.m. Make this meeting a success by your attendance.—J. F. Dodson. 4809

LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch.

The first meeting is at St. Michael and All Angels', MARDEN (8), on Aug. 14th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 o'clock. ALL LADIES WELCOME and gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea should be sent to Miss Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec., Church Green, Marden, Telephone Marden 270. 4776

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale (6), Aug. 14th. Ringing 2.30-8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4807

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bring own food. Bus 101 from Liverpool 1.16 p.m., 101 from Preston 2 p.m., 106 from Standish 1.30 p.m., X27 from Southport 1.47 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 4775

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Heywood, St. Luke's, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 4805

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Creaton, Aug. 14th. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday, Aug. 10th.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4820

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—First meeting, Westbury (light six), Aug. 14th. Mid-Wales buses 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Teas only if you advise W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 4786

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at South Anston (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Tea only for those who notify by 12th Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield.—H. Denman. 4785

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Billingshurst (8), on Aug. 14th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4813

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Earle, North Lodge, Stisted, Braintree. 4808

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Summer meeting, Little Aston (near Sutton Coldfield), Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 4810

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, Aug 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify, by Aug. 17th, Mrs. Pritchard, The Burns, Lake Road, Curdridge. 4819

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EATON HALL CARILLON

THERE must be a number of infantry National Service men among ringers to-day who have passed through the famous cadet training school at Eaton Hall, Cheshire. In the realm of bells Eaton Hall has its own peculiar place as possessing a carillon of 28 bells. Mr. J. W. Clarke, in his 'Cheshire Bells' (Part III.), provides some interesting observations on these bells which are housed in a lofty clock tower of splendid proportions, which adjoins the chapel. The present Eaton Hall was designed by Waterhouse and is built in the early Gothic style and replaces a former great mansion built to Porden's plan in 1803.

The carillon at Eaton Hall is the only example in Cheshire of bells of foreign workmanship. They were cast by Chevalier Severin Van Aerschodt of Louvain in 1877. The Louvain foundry was opened by Peter Van Den Ghein about the middle of the sixteenth century and developed into one of the greatest of the Low Country bell foundries. In the nineteenth century it was in the hands of Van Aerschodt, who succeeded to it through marriage. Another example of his work can be seen at Cattistock in Dorset (35 bells), and there was formerly a carillon by him at Boston, Lincolnshire.

Mr. Clarke writes that in the tower at Eaton the bells are hung in a framework of oak, which occupies the space between the operating room and the clock dials above, the bells being arranged in tiers with the largest at the base. A spiral staircase of wrought iron ascends through the centre of the frames and thus gives access for adjustments to the striking mechanism. Both clock and carillon are weight driven, and 31 tunes can be played from the five hardwood barrels, each of which is ten inches in diameter and studded with brass pins. A list of tunes is displayed in the operating room. Barrels one and two are set for fifteen hymn tunes (for use on Sundays), while the remaining three produce secular tunes ranging from a Bach fugue to 'The Bluebells of Scotland.' The carillon is set in motion by the clock mechanism, which causes one tune from the barrel to be played after the striking of the hour on the bass bell.

This hourly music was formerly much enjoyed by the many visitors who walked in the park, but the carillon has not been heard for a number of years. The tone of the bells, however, can be judged from those used in the clock chimes, which are still heard from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and from the deep note of the bourdon as it marks the hours. All the bells are inscribed with an ornamental letter 'W' on the waist, and the bass bell bears the following inscription: 'This peal of 28 bells was cast at Louvain for his Grace the Duke of Westminster by Van Aerschodt. A.D. 1877.' The reputed weight of the bourdon bell is 2½ tons, Note C. It has a diameter of 60 inches. In contrast, the diameter of the smallest bell is only 12 inches.

Closely associated with Eaton Hall is the picturesque village of Eccleston, a name familiar to readers in our peal and other columns. The Church of St. Mary was twice built in the nineteenth century, the first being a rebuilding of a 12th century church. This was in 1807 and the existing four bells were disposed of, one being a recast by Abel Rudhall in 1757. For this church Thomas Mears cast a ring of six with a tenor of 13 cwt. The following note, copied from the fly-leaf of an old account book belonging to the Swindley family, tells of the official opening:

> Eccleston New Peal of 6 bells was rung for the first time Wednesday Octr the third, 1810. Lord Grosvenor gave a sheep and the Church Wardens plenty of ale at the house of Mr. Geo. Taylor. Opened by the young ringers of St. John's, Chester, consisting of the following persons:— Geo. Sinclair, Wm. Doyle, Jno. Doyle, Edw. Jones, Geo. Nichen, Jno. Andrews, Geo. Woodin and Richd. Wildman, with a detachment of the Liverpool ringers.

The second rebuilding was in 1896 on an adjoining site, the church being demolished to provide stone for the new building. On the evening before work began the bells were rung for the last time, and on the following day they were lowered to the ground. Mr. John Taylor was called to Eaton to discuss proposals for the bells which the Duke of Westminster desired should match the back eight of the carillon at the Hall. As this proved impracticable, they were eventually cast as a heavy ring of eight in the key of D. They were first rung in 1907 and the result was more than satisfactory, for these bells, states Mr. Clarke, are without doubt one of the finest eights in the country.

This Duke of Westminster seems to have been a patron of ringers. In 1903 he presented two bells to Pulford, on account of the keenness of a young band of change ringers. The captain of the ringers, Mr. James Morgan, made the frame.

Part III. of 'Cheshire Bells' deals with bells in the Rural Deanery of Chester and the Deanery of South Wirral. It is reprinted from the 'Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society,' Vol. lxii.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt.

*Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	*John Worth	7
W. Eric Critchley	2	J. Frederick Milner	8
John S. Mason	3	George E. Fearn	9
Clifford A. Barron	4	Frederick E. Collins	10
Richard E. Price	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
Leslie W. G. Morris	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* 700th peal.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt.

Clifford A. Barron	*Treble*	Gordon Benfield	7
Wilfred Williams	2	J. Frederick Milner	8
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	Richard E. Price	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	10
W. Eric Critchley	5	George E. Fearn	11
Walter Allman	6	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
The first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Jacqueline S. Evans	*Treble*	J. Arthur Hoare	6
Richard J. Bowden	2	Harold L. Parfrey	7
Elizabeth M. Parfrey	3	Philip W. Weeks	8
Roger O. Fry	4	Robert E. Coles	9
Trevor M. Roderick	5	David J. King	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
Richard J. Bowden has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, the parents of the ringer of the tenor.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

Peter Nash	*Treble*	Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	6
Nelia M. Leahy	2	Jack A. C. King	7
J. Michael Lakin	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Beryl R. Pittaway	4	Reginald A. Reed	9
Jessie M. Kippin	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
First peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954 *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt.

Ralph Elkington	*Treble*	*John A. Acres	6
Harold J. Poole	2	Rodney B. Meadows	7
*Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Ernest Morris	8
*Winifred M. Burton	4	Peter J. Staniforth	9
Ernest W. Rawson	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*Ivan J. M. Saunders	*Treble*	Joseph M. Stretton	5
†Clifford T. Wightman	2	Reginald H. Jarvis	6
John S. Walton	3	George F. Burton	7
Edgar J. Smith	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Specially arranged to celebrate the wedding on this day at this church of Mr. Edmund E. Pearson and Miss Betty West.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John, Miles Platting.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*Ivor Scott	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
*Allen Twyman	2	David Vincent	6
*Joan Cordwell	3	Alan J. Brown	7
*Jean C. Brown	4	*Neville A. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

Sheila M. Taylor	*Treble*	Geoffrey Ingham	5
M. Vivien Copping	2	John F. Bryant	6
*Eric Baldwin	3	Robert E. Moulds	7
*Harold Schofield	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. Moulds.
* First peal of Surprise.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., July 28, 1954 *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's four-part variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. Stanley Brewin	*Treble*	Kilby R. Holtom	5
Harold J. Poole	2	Ernest Morris	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	*A. Patrick Cannon	7
John A. Acres	4	Peter F. Long	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Stedman Triples on working bell.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. H. Allen, M.A., B.D., on his induction to this parish. Also a compliment to Ernest Morris on his birthday.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Frank L. Harris	2	William A. Theobald	6
*Margaret Page	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
†Lewis F. Cobb	4	†Cyril Churchill	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Theobald.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs. July 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Handbridge,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Betty Griffiths	*Treble*	Frederick H. Birks	5
Hazel Close	2	John W. Griffiths	6
George F. Sperring	3	Brian Harris	7
Dennis H. B. Millward	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to John W. Best, ringer at this church 1935-1954.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¾ cwt. in E flat.

*PAULINE M. SAXTON	*Treble*	PETER R. BLACKMAN	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Major.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	‡GRAHAM BALL	5
*NANCY E. MARKLEW	2	JOHN VERNON	6
†RITA M. STRATFORD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
†CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild. The 50th peal for the Guild on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of Iris Proctor (ringer and chorister at this church) to Gordon Young, of Sapcote.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

*JEAN HORTON	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
BERNARD G. MOORE	3	‡W. LESLIE WELLER	7
†SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON	4	§ERNEST R. HEASMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal on eight. † First peal 'inside' and also on eight. ‡ 25th peal. § First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 VENTNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome Rev. G. C. Oakley, M.A., as Vicar of Willesden.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

LOUIS J. LOCKYER	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	MICHAEL J. BEST	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part (variation). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

MAURICE SELBY	*Treble*	*ALLAN SIMPSON	5
*JOAN HOODLESS	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	FERDERICK G. HOOPER	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	BRIAN BUSWELL	*Tenor*

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

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
RALPH BIRD	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Maureen Kains to Mr. Ivor Greenaway, who were married at this church prior to the commencement of the peal. Mr. C. S. Jarrett has now 'circled' the tower.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

*HARRY J. GAYLARD	*Treble*	*WALTER H. POOLE	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	3	*WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (1). Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
*MRS. BETTY PERCY	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
BASIL W. WHITE	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	ERNEST PRESTON	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	2	ARTHUR B. COOPER	6
HAROLD DENMAN	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Major.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

IVOR SCOTT	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
ALAN J. BROWN	4	ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

*PATRICIA LEWIS	*Treble*	R. GEORGE MORRIS	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
IVOR GOULTER	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	†FREDERICK HYDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples and in the method as conductor.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MARION JACKSON	*Treble*	EDGAR W. WINTERS	5
PETER H. CROFT	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	6
JOHN CHURCH	3	DAVID L. GULLICK	7
GEORGE CHERRY	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. CHAPMAN. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Cherry.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

K. MARY COWLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM YATES	5
FREDERICK C. CASE	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
KILBY R. HOLTOM	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK N. BASTIN	*Treble*	JOHN CARTER	5
*CYRIL SAVAGE	2	SIDNEY J. SKINNER	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	FREDERICK J. WREFORD	7
JOHN SELWAY	4	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal in the method
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Alfred Lovering, 1885-1954, one-time member of the tower, who did much in his lifetime for the cause of method ringing in this area.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	EILEEN M. TURNER	5
†MARGARET E. BROWN	2	‡E. JOHN WELLS	6
ANN M. COX	3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	4	‡A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob † First peal of Major. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung as a birthday peal for the Misses S. R. Collins and A. M. Cox. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Collins at Burpham, Guildford

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. MELLIN	5
WINIFRED MELLIN	2	C. JACK GIBSON	6
MARGOT R. THOMPSON	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
*JACK PILGRIM	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954 *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Four-part Variation Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	RALPH ELKINGTON	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	RICHARD GRANT	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 200th peal.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON	*Treble*	†GLYN F. JENKINS	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
*W. GWYNNE JONES	3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	A RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal on the recast bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
RALPH ELKINGTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

SIX BELL PEALS

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	HARRY PETTIT	4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	2	KILBY R. HOLTOM	5
*BARRIE HENDRY	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal 'inside.'

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	4
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

ROY A. WARD .. ..*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
*B. ANNE SMITH 2	REV. CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD 5
EVELYN STEEL 3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

CYRIL SAVAGE .. ..*Treble*	FREDERICK J. WREFORD .. 4
CYRIL DEEM 2	JOHN GLANVILLE 5
SIDNEY J. SKINNER 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY J. SKINNER.
First in the method for all and believed to be first for the Guild.

MIDGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLACE BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM KEWELL .. ..*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS 4
PHILIP E. DODD 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
MICHAEL H. MAISEY .. 3	REGINALD RIVERS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

KILBY R. HOLTOM ..*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS 4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
RALPH BIRD 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANN ROYSTON .. .. ..*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
MARY DOWSETT 2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Rung to mark the wedding of Mr. P. Childs, of Boreham, and Miss K. Knight, of Sandon.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

LUTHER HONESS .. ..*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal in six methods.
A birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the conductor, also to mark the occasion of the engagement of the conductor's daughter to Mr. D. Archer, of Tunbridge Wells.

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ESSENDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	*FRED CRACKNELL	4
WALTER J. NEWNHAM	2	E. BRUCE MCKIE	5
*FRED E. BAMFORD	3	HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.
* First peal.

NORTH MARSTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*ROBERT L. PIRON	4
JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	2	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
*DEREK BROYD	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Surprise.
The first peal on the bells.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	EDWARD G. LAMBERT	4
*HENRY CARVER	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	*CHARLES PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS',
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being forty-two 120's, four callings.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6		

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.
First handbell peal by all and first as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	3—4
*JOHN A. ACRES	5—6		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Minor and has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
No. 162. Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8

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

QUARTER PEALS

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Barton 1, H. Pitman 2, C. Bishop 3, R. Tubbs 4, W. Shute (cond.) 5, P. Simpson 6. First quarter 4 and 6. A farewell tribute to P. Simpson.

CHURCH OAKLEY, HANTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Chant 1, H. Balaam (cond.) 2, J. Marlow 3, Mrs. Micarelli 4, A. Smith 5, N. Micarelli 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Jeudwine, wife of Canon G. H. Jeudwine.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Lewis (first of Major) 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, R. G. Morris (first of Major as cond.) 3, I. Goulter 4, G. E. Large 5, J. Sitch 6, R. Woodyatt 7, D. Beacham 8.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—At the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pilkington 1, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, C. S. Rew 4, Mrs. J. Bratley 5, T. Creech 6, T. J. Farmer 7, J. Bratley (first quarter) 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering to mark the occasion of the reception into the church of Mr. C. S. Rew on July 8th.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Trott (first quarter) 1, H. Blick 2, E. Thomas 3, E. Carter 4, S. Lunn 5, E. Morgan 6, R. E. Coles (cond.) 7, H. Gibbs 8. Rung half-muffled, with 4, 6, 8 covering, in memoriam Mr. George Williams, a ringer at this church for 26 years, who was buried this day.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 1st, at the Church of St. John, 1,264 Bob Major: N. Brown 1, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, Miss P. Steere 3, R. Davies (cond.) 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. Abbott 6, F. C. Mitchell 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On July 24th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. Mayne 1, A. M. Warris 2, G. W. Pipe 3, D. J. Ward 4, R. G. Ouston (first of Cambridge) 5, H. E. Clayton (first as cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of the two Y.P.F. leaders (J. Sergeant and Miss S. Gathercole).

EDINBURGH.—On Aug. 1st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia Craig (first of Treble Bob and of Minor) 1, Kate Branson (first of Surprise) 2, M. Orme 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, W. H. Pickett 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from the middle of Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 2, F. Hurrell 3, G. Daynes 4, F. Richardson 5, W. Daynes 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for Lammas Day Evensong. Also a birthday compliment to G. Hurrell.

FLETTON, HUNTS.—On July 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Auker 1, R. F. Patrick 2, J. M. Roffe 3, J. H. Brown 4, J. W. Haw (cond.) 5. First quarter peal by all except 2 and 5.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On July 28th, 2,280 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings and one 240): R. M. Lennard (14) 1, S. J. Ivin (cond., 15) 2, J. R. Taylor (15) 3, J. B. Long 4, D. R. Brazier 5, P. J. Shipton (15) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Frank M. Eagles), and a birthday compliment to the Rev. L. R. L. Bearman.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On May 26th, 1,500 Doubles (being 720 Grandsire and 780 Plain Bob): R. Freeman 1, R. Ward 2, R. Huckle 3, G. Goodwin 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, A. Holder 6.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On July 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Slaney 1, June Wright 2, Mrs. B. Holmes 3, Miss P. J. Leaning 4, G. Davison 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, D. Cooper 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8. Rung by the local band with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. T. Riley, a former Bolsover ringer, who died July 24th, aged 73.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 2nd, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Stephens 1, I. Emery 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, D. Randell 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, K. Minter 6, P. Spice (cond.) 7, E. Mounter 8. First in the method for 4 and 6.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. A. Gibbons 1, Miss P. Nice 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, A. E. Leggett 4, C. Bower 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 7, B. W. Cansdale 8. First on eight bells 1 and 8. For Evensong, Lammas Day.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Steel (first away from tenor) 1, A. H. Catlin 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, L. Catlin 4, F. W. Hutt 5, W. J. Haynes 6.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—On Aug. 1st, at the Church of St. George, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, F. R. L. Blewer (first of Triples as cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. First quarter of Triples by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Rung for Evensong by an entirely local band.

QUARTER PEALS

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Butler 1, Rosemary A. Heath (cond.) 2, S. Meadows 3, E. J. Heath 4, C. W. Denyer 5, W. Denyer 6. Rung for the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Leonard Coulshaw).

BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. Brewer (first in three methods) 1, A. H. Reed 2, W. H. Tarr 3, F. Matravers 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5. Rung for the third anniversary of the installation of the new treble bell.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Aug. 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Mackrill 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. W. Ottley 3, J. A. Hales 4, W. Clover 5, A. E. Hoare 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, R. Brooker 8. Rung for Evensong.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, R. Keeley 2, G. Olliffe 3, R. Sharp 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, C. W. Powell 6, H. Impey 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Also on Aug. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Daphne Keeley 1, W. H. Poole 2, R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, T. Cullingworth 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. Both for Evensong.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): G. Amos (first quarter) 1, E. Orland (cond.) 2, R. Wilson 3, M. Amos 4, D. Payne 5.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen M. Gibbons 1, A. Jackson 2, A. R. Ward 3, Miss M. Wastell 4, F. S. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. E. Johnson 6, H. W. Page 7, S. Bridge 8. First of Triples for 1, 4 and 6.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Jones 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, Miss J. Green 3, E. J. Davies 4, J. J. Webb 5, J. Parsons 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, A. T. Morris (first of Triples) 8. Rung for Matins. A farewell to Tony P. Morris, called up to Carlisle for military service.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, G. Nicholls 3, C. Young 4, E. J. Parish 5, L. W. Fisher 6, W. Ransom 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Hide 1, P. Brooks 2, O. Woods 3, C. E. Norris 4, F. Dallaway 5, L. Baldock 6, R. Dawe (cond.) 7, J. Cole 8.

SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Knights 1, M. Darby 2, D. Murfitt 3, L. Lightfoot 4, C. Gimbert 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for evening service.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY. — At Holy Trinity Church, on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, J. Alsopp 2, B. Lunn 3, James Phillips 4, W. Rawlings 5, A. B. Peck 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Chase, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): G. Geary (first on working bell) 1, Miss M. Arkinstall (first in four methods) 2, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. A. Livings 1, J. Suckling 2, H. J. Hazell 3, J. T. Y. Roberts 4, J. R. Ketteringham 5, E. B. McKie (cond.) 6.

INSTRUCTING

The author of these notes, a Suffolk ringer of long experience, would be pleased to hear other views on his reference to Grandsire.

Brief notes on my system of instruction in teaching change ringing, preferably to a new band. I would want assistance until the hunting stage is accomplished.

1.—Teach how to **strike** the handbell.

2.—Practise **dodging** (varying the number), **place-making** and **snapping**, paying strict attention to **open leads.**

3.—**Hunting.** Commence on four bells, proceeding to the higher number, coursing up and down and ringing 1-2 double-handed in the odd numbers.

The above comprise all the elements in ringing and from thence I could carry on without assistance.

In hunting I would have chalk and blackboard and strike one change at a time, repeating same until the correct or next bell is observed. This helps to remember the order of going out, which also should be practised separately until mastered.

4.—I would then go on to Stedman, **not** Grandsire, insisting on the diagram being drawn out and described three or four times every day. Attempt only six changes before proceeding with the next six changes, and stopping at every intended extent, even when correctly done.

5.—From Stedman to Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire, thence to Double Norwich, and when the last-mentioned stage has been reached the Surprise methods follow automatically.

Study the figures of all methods; they will tell you all you want to know. H. D.

John Taylor & Co.

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Eight V.I.P.'s included in 'Pipe's Pilgrims,' who have just finished a tour of Devon and Cornwall, rounded off Thursday by ringing a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in eleven methods at Camborne. One of the methods is 'brand new,' never having previously been rung. One of the wags of the party suggested that the method should be called 'Pilgrims' Progress' or 'Land's End Surprise.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Edward Jenkins and Mr. John Worth each rang their 700th peal at Wakefield on July 31st. The band who participated would like to express their grateful thanks to Mr. Vernon Bottomley and his helpers of the Haley Hill band for their hospitality on the following day.

Hopes of a peal at Flitton, Beds, as a welcome to the new Vicar were frustrated by the rope of the fifth snapping. The band, however, rang 2,280 Grandsire Doubles.

The Bedfordshire Young Ringers are now on tour in Dorset. There are 14 members of the touring band and 25 churches, including two tens—St. James', Poole, and Wimborne Minster.

There will probably be a police court sequel to the outing of Roade ringers on August 3rd. After arriving back at Northampton two of the party were caught by the police riding through the town at 12.30 a.m. without lights.

The composition of the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung at Shirley on July 14th was by William Barton, and not W. H. Barber as published. The misunderstanding of those concerned is regretted.

After being ringers at Buckland Dinham, Somerset, for over 50 years, Mr. Henry Carver (68) and Mr. Charles Pearce (69) have entered our peal columns. Their first peal of Grandsire Doubles at Whatley is reported in this issue.

An interesting point about the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on July 31st, was that it was the first peal Mr. Trevor M. Roderick had rung outside the Province of the Church in Wales. Mr. Roderick has rung 101 peals in Wales.

Mr. J. Michael Stephens, general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, is leaving Bedford upon acceptance of an appointment at Deal. In his absence Mr. John Sinfield, of 4, Queen Street, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, will act as general secretary until the Association's annual meeting next Easter Monday. A farewell peal to Mr. Stephens at Kempston on July 31st of Little Bob Major was lost 200 changes from the end.

Two claims for first peals on the bells are made this week—at Midgham, Berkshire and North Marston, Buckinghamshire.

We had not long to wait before the handbell enthusiasts at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks, scored their first peal. It is recorded this week. Good luck to Sherburn!

The annual joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and the Oxford Guild will be held on October 23rd and not, as previously announced, on October 16th.

After ringing what is believed to be the first peal on the bells at North Marston, Oxon, the band were entertained to a bountiful tea by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Gregory, two local ringers. Their kind action is much appreciated.

One of the pioneers of change ringing in Devonshire, Mr. Alfred Lovering, has passed over. To his memory a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Withycombe Raleigh on July 31st, a tower with which he was at one time associated.

At a recent meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. F. W. Cooke, 10, Lymehurst Road, Darlington, was appointed 'Ringing World' representative. The new secretary of the District is now Mr. E. Peter Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

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PEAL RINGING IN CORNWALL

AFTER writing about peal ringing in Cheshire with thousands of peals to talk about, it comes as rather a change to have a county where peal ringing has always been rare. A peal rung at Penzance on June 4th, 1883, is claimed as the first ever to have been rung in Cornwall, and since that date only another 312 have been recorded—fewer than some individual churches have to their credit. Even so, the single 10-bell tower and all the 43 8-bell towers have had at least one peal, which is more than Cheshire could say! Only 6- and 5-bell towers remain to be conquered. Of course, the reason for the paucity of peals in this county is its adherence to call changes in the majority of churches. There are very few resident change ringers and most of the peals rung have been by touring bands.

Some idea of the difficulties which have always had to be faced in Cornwall can be seen in the many years which have often elapsed between peals in the county. After 1883 13 years went by before the next peal. No peals were rung between 1897 and 1901 and 1903 and 1907. The highest in any year before 1914 was eight peals in 1913 After the first war only one peal was rung before 1926—in 1924 at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston. Nineteen was the highest number of peals in a year between the wars—in 1927, followed by 16 in 1938. Since the war more peals have been rung, indicating an increasing interest in the art. The best years have been 1953 with 26 peals, 1948 with 24, and 1951 with 21. Only five have been recorded this year so far, however, so the total may be lower again.

To mention individual towers, only six have reached double figures at the moment. The only 10-bell tower in the county, Truro Cathedral, is one of these, with 17 peals. The first was in 1911 followed by 12 between 1926 and 1838, and four since the war. The other five are 8-bell towers with Carbis Bay leading the list with the most in the county—18. All these have been rung since 1946 and indicate how the enthusiasm of the incumbent of a parish can make such a difference in promoting the art. Both Kea and Kenwyn have recorded 15. Both started at about the same time (1909 and 1907 respectively) and show the same pattern of a peal every two or three years. The remaining two have each 11 peals to their credit—Gulval (first peal 1926) and St. Germans (first peal 1913). Redruth and Tuckingmill both have nine.

Less than half the 6-bell towers have had a peal rung at them—only 40 out of 93— so there is plenty of scope for tower grabbers here (if permission can be obtained in a 'hostile' land!). The greatest number of peals at any of these is eight at Perran-at-Worthal, all of which were rung between 1927 and 1937. Two out of the eight 5-bell towers have each had a single peal rung at them—Bradoc and St. Samson (Golant).

Cheshire and Cornwall certainly show two sides of the picture as far as peal ringing is concerned!

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

A District meeting of the Guild was held at Aylestone, Leicester, on Thursday, August 5th. It was arranged especially to encourage those members of the Police Service who had had little or no experience of change ringing. Details of the arrangements had been published in Police Orders by kind permission of the respective chief constables, and the result was that 25 persons attended. The occasion was one for the renewing of old friendships and making new acquaintances. Seven new members were made. It was six or seven years since some of those present had touched a bell and their enthusiasm was certainly rekindled.

Another District meeting was fixed for Oakham on Thursday, October 14th, the local arrangements being in the hands of Det.-Sgt. Hoy, who is in charge at the Parish Church. It is the intention to arrange similar meetings in other Districts and by this means to bring into the Guild more new members. Many members of the Police Service have at some time or other taken part in church bell ringing and a special invitation is extended to them to join the Guild even though they may have had little or no experience in change ringing.

The annual Guild Dinner will be held in London on Sepember 18th. Any persons interested in the Guild are asked to communicate with P.C. Cecil Knight, Police Headquarters, Charles Street, Leicester, or with Inspector Harold J. Poole, president.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The morning of August 7th, which date we had chosen for our meeting at Woodchurch, brought drenching rain—but, as was the case on two other occasions this year, the sky cleared for the afternoon and evening. The bells were available from 2.30 and were put to good use until 4.15, when the Rector (the Rev. V. B. Wynburne) conducted our service. With Mr. Albert Barnes (a Woodchurch ringer and the church organist) at the organ, the singing went with a swing. Mr. C. Hillis read the lesson, and the Rector gave a good address which included a welcome to his church. The offertory was given towards the work now being carried out on the church spire.

About 34 members and friends sat down to a good tea, and a short business meeting was held afterwards. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to Mrs. D. J. Russell, the secretary of the local ringers, for having made all the arrangements for the meeting.

During the evening we were joined by more ringers, bringing the total to over 40, the following towers being represented: Ashford, Bethersden, Benenden, Biddenden, Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, Faversham, Folkestone, High Hilden, Lydd, Marden, Maidstone, Willesborough and Woodchurch.

Methods up to London Surprise Minor were rung. W. P. G.

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How Has Your County Responded?

The neck and neck race between Hertfordshire and Essex continues for the county to make the best response in 'The Ringing World' drive for new postal subscribers. The position on Monday morning was as follows:—

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24.—Essex.
17.—Surrey.
15—Wales.
14.—London.
13.—Staffs.
12.—Lancs.
11.—Leics.
10.—Birmingham, Devon.
9.—Norfolk.
7.—Sussex.
6.—Beds, Bucks, Cambs, Derbys, Kent, Notts, Somerset, Yorks.
5.—Glos, Hants, Australia.
4.—Hunts, Middx, Northants.
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Extract from 'The Ringing World' August 14th, 1914

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On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in 2 hours and 31 minutes
In Mr. Richardson's Bulb Shed
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES
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Heywood's Variation

Clement Glenn	1-2
Rupert Richardson	3-4
Arthur Hague	5-6
*Miss Winifred M. Hague	7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
Umpire: Walter Ayre.

*First handbell peal in the method. First handbell peal of Stedman by the Guild and in the County.

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Quarter peals.—Meltham 3s., Oakley 2s., St. Ives 1s. 6d., Croydon 4s., Wandsworth 2s., Camberwell 2s. 6d., Canford Magna 2s., Lyme Regis 4s., Widford 3s., Sutton (Cambs.) 3s., Edinburgh 3s., Seaford 3s.

Yass, N.S. Wales

Mr. Harold L. Curll, in a letter to the editor, reports that the rehanging of the original five bells at St. Clement's Church, Yass, New South Wales, was completed on May 1st. They have been placed on ball bearings, and should give many years of ringing. He writes:—

'The work was carried out by Mr. John Duncan, of St. Jude's, Randwick, with the assistance of our tower captain, Mr. Dick Burden, and myself. The cost of the work was covered by the refund of duty on our sixth bell. We are very much indebted to Mr. Duncan, who gave up his annual holiday and carried out the work voluntarily.'

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY TOUR IN EAST ANGLIA

THIRTEEN members of the Manchester University Guild assembled at Naughton Mill Hostel, near Ipswich, in the evening of Monday, July 5th: this was the official start to the tour though seven members were not content merely to grab 31 towers on the organised tour but left from the North on the previous Saturday, ringing at a meeting at Hope, in Derbyshire, that afternoon, and for Sunday evening service at Melton Mowbray, in Leicestershire. Eighty-seven miles of cycling on the Sunday through rain, hail and storm left them somewhat discouraged and they sheepishly admitted to travelling by train for all but 30 miles on the next day. The Ringing Master's comments, made while laboriously cycling down hill in middle gear, with reference to the scientifio theories of a certain Mr. Newton are unfortunately unprintable!

On Tuesday the weather, though improved, was still showery and not all the party made the pilgrimage to East Bergholt. Those who did, however, were rewarded not only by seeing the famous bellcage, but also by a visit to Flatford Mill and a pleasant cycle ride through the Constable country. The whole party reassembled in Ipswich at 2 p.m., where, after a slight delay, ringing was enjoyed on the 12 bells at St. Mary-le-Tower. Here we were visited by Cecil W. Pipe, who invited us to ring at Grundisburgh. Unfortunately our timetable did not permit us to take advantage of his offer. We were subsequently entertained to tea in Ipswich by Mrs. Hopkinson, the mother of one of the members of our party. She soon discovered our thirst and hunger and very short work was made, inter alia, of a scrumptious chocolate cake. Thence we cycled at full speed to Hadleigh, where we arrived almost on time. This fine-toned ring of eight presented some difficulty in handling and it was the unanimous opinion that a bellhanger's time would not be misspent here.

VERSATILE PREVAILING WIND

Wednesday morning saw an improvement in the weather and the ride to Sudbury was much enjoyed. Once in Sudbury we managed to find every other church in the town before, almost accidentally, we stumbled across St, Gregory's, our scheduled destination. The striking here, and, in fact, at the next two towers, was well below our usual standard and neither hard words nor black looks seemed to produce any improvement. After a protracted lunch we cycled to and through the very long village of Long Melford to the Parish Church and its musical eight. By this time the prevailing wind had strengthened and being full in our faces somewhat slowed our progress: before the tour ended we became well acquainted with this versatile East Anglian headwind, which perniciously changed every time we changed our direction, and moreover appeared to increase its force as we progressed into the Fenland.

From Long Melford we had but a short journey to Lavenham and its famous ring; the tenor is certainly a magnificent bell but, perhaps partly due to our bad striking, we were somewhat disappointed with the ring as a whole. More disappointing, however, was the discovery that it was Lavenham's early closing day and it was a 'tea-less' party that proceeded to Rattlesden. Here we partook of sustenance before ringing and this appeared to influence our striking for there was a marked improvement, and a well-struck touch of Cambridge Minor was brought round. After supper at Naughton Mill Hostel an unsuccessful attempt was made to ring a quarter peal of Bob Major 'in hand.'

'THE NINE TAILORS'

Thursday morning saw us cycling along the now familiar road to Sudbury, where ringing was enjoyed on the heavy eight at All Saints'. Lunch was interrupted by a loud bang which heralded the tour's fifth and last puncture. Repairs were speedily effected and the party made good time against a strong head wind to ring on the five at Wickham St. Paul, a name reminiscent of 'The Nine Tailors.' Ringing was delayed at the next tower—Gestingthorpe—whilst a frantic search was made for the key to the bell chamber in order that a rope used for clocking might be disconnected. Whilst ringing on this six, which are somewhat out of key, we were visited by Mrs. A. Catterwell, the wife of the chief ringer at Sible Hedingham, who invited us to join them in their practice that evening—an invitation that was eagerly and gratefully accepted. Prior to this, however, we rang on the backward six at Castle Hedingham and later joined two local ringers in ringing handbells, which they also rang anti-clockwise! Before adjourning to Castle Hedingham Youth Hostel were were entertained to tea by a lady of the Castle Hedingham congregation, formerly of Manchester, who was very pleased to welcome us.

On Friday our ringing and striking both improved and during the day we rang Erin Doubles and Triples and a course of London Surprise Minor. Towers visited were Wethersfield, where a few arrived in time to join the Vicar in saying the Litany, Finchingfield, Great Bardfield and Thaxted. In the evening at Saffron Walden Youth Hostel we entertained the wardens and other hostellers with handbell ringing, which included a course of six Spliced Major methods. Here we temporarily lost two ringers, who, in the company of two hostellers of the 'weaker' sex, claimed to have paid an interesting visit to the famous country house at Audley End!

UNIVERSITY'S WELCOME

On Saturday we rang on the famous 12 at Saffron Walden and on the noisy six at Littlebury, where a good touch of London Minor was brought round. Here we were shown round the church by the Vicar, the Rev. P. A. Wright, who told us of the fantastic tricks of Henry Winstanley, the builder of the first Eddystone Lighthouse, who lived in the village Apparently this gentleman played numerous tricks on visitors to his house, and he was the designer of an armchair that imprisoned anybody who sat in it! We arrived in the late afternoon at Cambridge, where we were met at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great by Chris. M. P. Johnson and other members of the Cambridge University Guild. We joined them again at St. Andrew's on the Sunday morning, and in the afternoon two Manchester and three Cambridge members attempted a peal of Bob Royal 'in hand,' which, like a quarter of Cambridge at St. Andrew's in the evening, was unfortunately unsuccessful. Others visited Great St. Mary's but the majority took advantage of a free day to tour Cambridge and, of course, to go punting and canoeing on the Cam. Our Master's first efforts at punting were described by Chris. Johnson as 'an expert imitation of the blue line of Bristol.' No comment about one ringer who was last seen rapidly disappearing in the direction of Girton College

We were on the road again on Monday and we visited Histon, Cottenham and Wilburton, where we were joined in the ringing by veteran Henry Sharp. Our day's ringing officially ended at Ely Parish Church, where the bells were raised for us and where we also accomplished our first course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. After supper at Ely Youth Hostel we heard bells ringing and soon discovered that one of our courting couples in their wanderings had met the Vicar of Witchford and were sampling the three bells in the church. The whole party was soon on the scene and an inspection was made of an old and somewhat worm-eaten oak frame containing three bells cast in 1676 by local bellfounder Christopher Gray. The bells were ringable but handling was somewhat hampered by a large number of rather inexpert splices in each rope.

Tuesday we visited Sutton, a rather 'lumpy' ring with an almost tuneless tenor—rather disappointing after first seeing the fine tower with its excellent view of the Fenlands and its beautifully maintained ringing room. Our next tower, Haddenham, was approached with misgivings as we had been frequently warned that these bells were difficult to handle; however, we were pleasantly surprised to discover a very fine ring in good condition—indeed we were tempted to overstay our allotted time. The timetable prevailed since we were due at Somersham, where we were pleased to meet Canon B. F. Sheppard, of the Cambridge University Guild. After showing us around, Canon Sheppard celebrated Holy Communion with us. We then adjourned to the tower, where Bill Ransome had already raised the bells, and after an all too short period of ringing, in which Canon Sheppard joined, we were entertained to a sumptuous tea. Once again our timetable pulled us away much too soon and even so we were nearly 50 minutes late at St. Ives. However, Frank Warrington was very patiently waiting for us and he joined us in the ringing which was concluded by a good fall in peal.

COPYBOOK BLOTTED

We welcomed Mr. Warrington to our company again on Wednesday, when we rang on a very nice light six at Hemingford Abbotts. After lunch we rang on the musical eight at Godmanchester, where unfortunately Yorkshire wouldn't come round. We badly blotted our copybook at All Saints', Huntingdon, where we were met by Mr. H. S. Peacock. There the only touch successfully brought round was of Plain Bob Minor, and it was here also that the writer resolved to learn to ring London before endeavouring to call a touch.

Our tour was successfully concluded at Holywell, where we were again joined by Canon Sheppard and Frank Warrington. This ring of six was probably the finest of the tour and on the whole our ringing was of a better quality; the tour was brought to a close with an almost perfect fall.

Methods rung were:—Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, Erin Doubles and Triples, St. Simon's Doubles, Kent and Oxford Minor and Major (and the two spliced, of which only one touch appeared to be known), Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Double Norwich and the following Minor methods: London Surprise, Oswald Delight, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Original.

May we express a grateful word of thanks to all the clergy, local ringers and Y.H.A. wardens who co-operated to make our tour an undoubted success, and also, on behalf of all, tender special thanks to Pip Carter, who planned and supervised, and also to our retiring Master, Wilf. Robinson, who expertly kept the bells moving.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE DEVIL AT CORNHILL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Symonds' letter, it is probable that he refers to an incident at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Stow, our worthy historian, reports the incident thus:—

'As I have oft heard my father report, upon St. James' night certain men in the loft next under the bells ringing of a peal, a tempest of lightning and thunder did arise, an ugly shapen sight appeared to them, coming in at the south window, and lighted on the north, for fear whereof they all fell down, and lay as dead for the time, letting the bells ring and cease of their own accord: when the ringers came to themselves they found certain stones of the north window to be razed and scratched as if they had been so much butter, printed with a lion's claw; the same stones were fastened there again, and so remain till this day. I have seen them oft, and have put a feather or small stick into the holes where the claws had entered 3 or 4 inches deep. At the same time certain main timber posts at Queen Hith were scratched and cleft from top to bottom; and the pulpit cross in Powle's churchyard was likewise scratched, cleft and overturned. One of the ringers lived in my youth, whom I have oft heard to verify the same to be true.'—Yours sincerely,

London. B. K. LUNN.

Dear Sir,—I think that what Mr. G. E. Symonds must be thinking of is when 'His Satanic Majesty' honoured the ringers at St. Michael's, Cornhill (not St. Clement Danes') with a visit. It appears that instead of asking the old gentleman if he was a ringer, they panicked and did not even set their bells. No wonder he got a bit angry. It must have been a sight for sore eyes to see them coming down that long staircase.—Yours sincerely,

E. H. OXENHAM.

Bampton, Devon.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue Mr. Symonds has asked for information about a phenomenon occurring at St. Clement Danes'. Has he got slightly mixed? Should it not be St. Michael's, Cornhill? I believe he will find the answer in Stow's 'Survey of London,' 1912 edition, page 176, commencing at line 15.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL EBBERSON

Snettisham, King's Lynn.

PEAL RINGING IN CHESHIRE

Dear Sir,—The eight-bell tower of Winsford doesn't exist—its duplication with Over is one of the unfortunate mistakes in the 'Book' which Mr. Felstead has used in the course of his researches, and for which I offer my apologies.

I hasten to draw attention to this error myself before other enthusiasts (like F. E. W. in his report of the Yorkshire tour by Sussex ringers) are at pains to do so.

F. E. W. is correct that Todmorden, Lancs, (as it is known to the Post Office) is, in fact, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, but may I in turn correct F. E. W.? Howden bells came from Loughborough and not from Croydon!

R. H. DOVE.

Mr. W. Gorringe, of Hawkhurst, was able at the last minute to make up a band to ring a quarter of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on July 22nd, in honour of the 75th birthday of Mr. J. S. Hawkins. To complete the evening the band adjourned to Mr. Hawkins' favourite 'local,' where the landlord was also celebrating his birthday.

FINANCING 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—I have been trying to make up my mind whether my friend, Arthur Davis, in his letter about 'Sentimental Energy' ('Ringing World,' July 16th), is displaying (a) undue pessimism or (b) lack of confidence in 'The Ringing World' Committee. I would hesitate to accuse one who has expended so much energy in many different directions of being pessimistic; and lack of confidence in our Central Council Committees is surely quite unwarranted.

However these things may be, he has only partially quoted what I had to say at our A.G.M. recently. Perhaps I did not make myself clear at the time, but my main objection to the suggestion of a subsidy imposed by the Central Council—or by any other body for that matter—is that the **principle** is wrong.

Not all ringers are interested in the journal. That is an unfortunate fact, but there is no reason on earth why they should be compelled to contribute towards the cost of a paper which is only read by a very small minority

As Mr. Davis says: 'Those ringers interested in 'The Ringing World' are **taking** it, the others turn a deaf ear to our pleadings. Why should they listen?' Exactly! **Why** should they? Those who are taking it will continue to do so, even when the price is increased to an economical level, as indeed it must be before long.

Can we not be assured that the relevant committee is still weighing the pros and cons, and considering all the pertinent details which are within their ken, but outside ours, and will eventually arrive at the proper decision?

Could the committee publish some of those facts and figures, together with a summary of the arguments and suggestions which have been put forward to date? Such an article would make interesting reading and would, perhaps, let in to some of us a new light on the matter.

Would it not be possible to have a kind of Gallup Poll regarding, say, price increase and postal distribution?—Yours faithfully,

R. A. REED.

Eastleigh, Hants.

SENTIMENTAL ENERGY

Dear Sir,—It is a matter of some surprise that no reply or comment has been made concerning the letter from Mr. Arthur V. Davis, Bournemouth, published in your issue of July 16th. Surely the financial position of 'The Ringing World' is of importance to **all** ringers.

Mr. Davis stresses the necessity of subsidising 'The Ringing World' by the Central Council. He knows that the income of the Central Council from Associations and Guilds is negligible so far as a subsidy is concerned.

Next Mr. Davis outlines a scheme whereby the finances of 'The Ringing World' might be made secure. While agreeing most emphatically with his aim, I do not like the idea of an all-round £5 levy on Associations and Guilds, but let us leave the method of raising a fund out of consideration for the moment.

The salient point of his letter is in his statement: 'I have been told that such a scheme has been discussed and turned down as impracticable. Why?'

May I support him in his inquiry? When was such a scheme considered? And by whom? What scheme exactly was put forward, and when was report made to the Central Council?

Perhaps Mr. E. A. Barnett, as hon. secretary of the Central Council, or Mr. Frank Smallwood, convener of the Editorial Committee, will be good enough to satisfy our thirst for information.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. WILLIS.

Folkestone.

WHO IS THE AUTHOR?

Dear Sir,—A few days ago in looking through my papers I noticed a method called Stanton, composed by John Reeve in 1788. The same method was used by J. W. Parker in the method called Premier, in 1892.

Although the figures are not quite the same in both compositions, the method used to produce these figures is. Premier is the better arrangement, it does not have the fault of two bells striking after each other that is found in Stanton—3 and 8 in the first set of eight changes, and in the same posiion in each set, 2 and 7, 3 and 6, and 2 and 8, in the last set.

A peal of Stanton was rung at Stony Stanton on July 16th, 1948; possibly this was the first peal.—Yours sincerely,

E WEATHERBY.

Los Angeles

STANTON		PREMIER	
1234	5678	1234	5678
2143	6587	2143	6587
1234	6857	1234	6857
2143	8675	2143	8675
2413	8765	2413	6857
4231	7856	4231	6587
2413	7586	2413	5678
4231	5768	4231	5768
2435	1786	2435	1786
4253	7168	2345	7168
4523	1786	3254	1786
5432	7168	3524	7168
5342	7618	5342	7618
3524	6781	3524	6781
3254	7618	3254	7618
2345	6781	2345	6781
3254	7681	3254	7681
2345	6718	2345	6718
2435	7681	2435	7681
4253	6718	4253	6718
4523	6178	2435	6178
5432	1687	2345	1687
5342	6178	3254	6178
3524	1687	3524	1687
5321	4678	5321	4678
3512	6487	3512	4768
5321	6847	5321	7486
3512	8674	3512	7846
3152	8764	3152	8764
1325	7846	1325	7846
3152	7486	3152	7486
1325	4768	1325	4768
1352	7486	1352	7486
Composed by John Reeves 1788		Composed by J. W. Parker 1892 Corrigan's List No. 250	

BOB TRIPLES—NOT IN C.C. COLLECTION

Dear Sir.—Mr. H. O. Over is in error. The Collection of Legitimate methods, Section I., published in 1907, does **not** include Bob Triples.

Paragraph two on page nine of the preface gives the reason.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

Note. — The paragraph reads:— 'Triple methods form a comparatively small group. The reason for this is that Triples should be all Triple changes, hence there can be no Imperial methods; further, there can be but a small number of Bob methods with two hunts, and the like of Court methods with two hunts, for methods having but one hunt will not produce a plain course in Triple changes.'—Ed.

LETTERS—Continued

'SCISSORING' AT THE HALF LEAD

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. York-Bramble, there are a number of rows which permit of 'scissoring' at the half lead. Here is an example:—

86745231 86745231
87654321 68472531

The first is the first half lead of Plain Bob Major. If a plain course is cut up as described in my article and the 14 half leads re-arranged, Double Bob and Reverse Bob will result and the first half lead will be altered as above.

I would have liked to have used this example in my article, but these methods are not in Diagrams (except in Minor). Mr. York-Bramble says 'scissoring' at the trebles lie is in conflict with a conventional feature of method construction. If he objects to Double Bob being formed out of Plain Bob, or Double Oxford being formed out of Double Norwich, he should send his complaint to the Methods Committee. I am not the culprit. These things were done a long while ago.

I shall be pleased to send to Mr. York-Bramble a complete list of 42 Major, 54 Royal and 110 Maximus half lead rows which permit of two places being used. All produce legitimate lead ends. I am indebted to Mr. C. H. Kippin, of the Methods Committee, for his assistance with these rows.

I hope private correspondence will clear up Mr. York-Bramble's difficulty about the 'opposing half from a different method.' The word 'different' does not appear in my article.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN SEGAR

71, London Road,
Retford, Notts.

FIRING AT WEDDINGS

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. J. C. Birt is quite right in suggesting that 'firing' the bells at a wedding is not desirable; and not only at weddings but at all times.

After all, surely we endeavour to make our ringing sound as attractive as possible to those outside the church by our best striking, and to do anything that suggests a discordant tintinnabulation to the public is not in the interests of change ringing.

LEONARD W. GILES.

Wadhurst.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting of the above Society was held jointly with the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) at Rotherham Parish Church on Bank Holiday Monday and, as usual, these fine bells attracted ringers from a wide radius. Over 21 towers, including Leeds, York, Bradford, Derby, Luton and Brighton, were represented, and all tastes were catered for, methods ranging from Plain Bob to London and Bristol Surprise Major and a variety of Caters and Royal methods.

Ringers and a number of friends were welcomed at the Parish Hall by Bishop G. V. Gerard. After a sumptuous tea a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was greatly appreciated, and the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Society's president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock. Much interest was shown in the Society's peal book which was available for inspection.

The secretary announced that a joint meeting with the Southwell Guild had been arranged for November 6th at Retford (10), and that the next meeting was the annual cup contest at Killamarsh on September 4th. After suitable votes of thanks, ringers returned to the tower for further enjoyment until all too soon the available time was gone, and at 8.45 p.m. the ten bells were lowered in peal, so concluding a very enjoyable meeting. N. C.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN W. BEST

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. John W. Best, of Chester, on July 26th, after a short illness. He was 46 years of age.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, Chester, on Thursday, July 29th, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. N. Digbie Thomas), assisted by the curate. The service was attended by many of his bell-ringing friends. Half-muffled ringing took place before the service and afterwards a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

Born in Durham, 'Johnny' spent his earlier life in Richmond, Yorks, where he learned to ring. He came to Chester at the beginning of 1935 and joined the Cathedral and Handbridge band. He was an accomplished ringer and rang 150 peals, the last being one of Carshalton Bob Triples as recently as July 3rd.

Included in his total were peals in eight different Surprise Major methods, all the Triples methods with two hunts, the first peal ever in 18 different Plain Major methods—many rung without previous practice—and the first peal in the method for the Chester Diocesan Guild in a further six Plain Major methods. He also conducted peals of Superlative Surprise and Plain Bob Major.

He will, however, be best remembered for his kindly nature, cheerful disposition and ready wit. He could always be depended upon to give of his best and was a regular and punctual Sunday service ringer at both the towers to which he was attached, and will be sorely missed.

His many friends extend to his wife and relatives their deepest sympathy in their very sad bereavement.

MR. GEORGE W. PARK

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. George William Park, of Darlington, County Durham, who passed away on Sunday, August 1st.

Born in 1872 in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Darlington, he lived all his life within 400 yards of the church in which he was baptised, confirmed and married, and in which he worshipped for the whole of his life. In an unobtrusive way he took part in many of the church's activities and was connected with the Sunday School, Bible Class, was a founder member of the Young Men's Club and a former member of the Parochial Church Council; but it was in the belfry where he gave of his best.

The son of a ringer, he joined Holy Trinity belfry when the ring of six bells was installed in 1891. His ability quickly took him to leadership of the band and under his guidance the standard of ringing was raised to and maintained at a very high level. Except for illness and essential holidays he rarely missed ringing for a Sunday service. Not a great peal ringer, he had scored just over 100, chiefly in the North of England, but he was a staunch Association member and so long as health allowed was a regular attender at Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and District meetings, and was for a time vice-president of this Association.

Interment was on Wednesday, August 4th, at the West Cemetery, Darlington, after a service in Holy Trinity Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Simpson, M.A., before and after which the bells were rung half-muffled.

Mr. Park leaves a daughter and three sons, two of whom, Norman and Roland, are at present ringers, and were taught by their father.

Thus passes to higher service one who leaves an inspiration and example to be followed.

F. W. C.

THE BELLS OF SEALE, SURREY

The village is situated in a fold of the hills under the Hog's Back between Farnham and Guildford, a village that is ancient, picturesque and unspoilt. Motor traffic speeds along the top of the hill, but Seale seldom gets troubled with much mechanical transport, being off the main road.

The foundation of the church, dedicated to St. Lawrence, is lost in the mists of antiquity, and the present building has a square tower over the choir. Originally you had to approach the ringing chamber by a staircase behind the choir stalls, and if you happened to be a 'broad' ringer, a door of minimum width was certainly not helpful, for even a 'thin' ringer would have to go through edgeways. Another inconvenience was when the ringers came down just before service time, for they had to disturb the organist from his seat before they could proceed anywhere. To stop this arrangement, a new entrance was cut in the outer wall to give access into the stairway from outside, and, though this method of approach is better than the previous one, it is still a difficult job. At the top of the stone stairway wooden steps up the side of the chancel roof take you to the small ringing chamber, but even here big people were never catered for, as a low arch forms a trap for the unwary, and you are liable to damage your head.

The bells are a ring of six with a tenor of 7 cwt. 40 lb. The first three are by Warner in 1873, the 4th by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, in 1744, the 5th by Richard Eldridge in 1608, and the tenor was recast by Warner in 1873. The previous tenor was a 14th century bell from the Wokingham foundry without any inscription.

The Royal Inventory of 1552 gives; iij belles and one sance bell.' and for further details concerning the history of the bells later in that century the church accounts provide some interesting items. In 1588 'paid to Jhon Jure for kepinge the belles 12d.' This is probably the steeplekeeper's wages for a certain period. Other items are:

'1589 for a new bell rope 14d.'

'1591 to ohn Turner for ringing 2d.'

In those days the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation was celebrated by the ringing of the bells, and two items are: '1591 drinke to the ringers on coronation day 8d.,' and '1594 to a carpinter for one days work mending the bells against the coronation daye 10d.'

Ringing has changed considerably since the closing years of the 16th century, and at the present time it is pleasing to know that Seale is a village where the tower is included in the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild; also that its ringers take interest in the work of the Guild by practical support in every possible way.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

5,088 Rutland Surprise Major (No. 6)

By CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

M	B	W	H	23456
—	x		—	43526
		—		24536
		—		32546
—		—		45623
	x			52436
	x		—	52364
			—	35264
			—	23564

Repeat twice.

ANOTHER PAGE OF OUTINGS

CHESTER

Ringers from Chester, with friends from Buckley, made a tour into Staffordshire and Derbyshire on July 17th.

Ringing took place at Uttoxeter, Ashbourne, Youlgreave, Bakewell and Fairfield (Buxton). Members of the local companies joined in some of the touches at most places and, with the help of Rev. Mr. Graham at Bakewell, a course of London Surprise was rung. Other methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Spliced Plain and Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Southwell and Superlative Surprise Major.

The outing was most enjoyable, despite the very inclement weather during the later part of the day, and the thanks of all are due to Mr. R. G. Corby, who made the arrangements, to the incumbents and the local ringers.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX

Horsham ringers spent a very pleasant day in Kent on July 24th. After coffee at Tunbridge Wells, the day was started well with the fine six at Horsmonden, followed by the ten at Leeds. After lunch, Harrietsham (8) was visited, and here ringing concluded with an excellent 'lower.' Ashford (8) was the next stop, the bells being much appreciated by all the ringers. An excellent tea was taken at a local hostelry.

At Rolvenden difficulty was experienced in raising the tenor in peal and time did not allow a long stop at this tower. The day finished with excellent ringing at Benenden, where a course of Superlative was rung. A stop was made at West Higham for liquid refreshment and Horsham was reached at about 10.30 p.m.

The outing was very successfully organised by Mr. L. Stilwell, to whom is owed grateful thanks.

SPALDING, LINCS

A coachload of ringers from Spalding and district left the Corn Exchange at 7 a.m. on July 10th and headed for the Suffolk border. First call was at Thetford, where our ringing was soon stopped when the headstock on the 6th broke in two. Luckily the bell wedged in the frame and no one was hurt.

Our next tower was Elveden, where the bell tower is detached and joined to the main church by cloisters. The Vicar's wife kindly met us and gave us a very interesting tour of this fine church, which is partly 11th century and partly modern, before ascending to the belfry.

At Bury St. Edmunds both SS. Mary and Peter's and St. James' Cathedral towers were visited. We also had lunch in Bury, for which we were all ready. More ringing followed at Lavenham, and then to Sudbury, where again we rang at two towers, St. Gregory's and All Saints'. Tea was had at Sudbury. Our last tower of the day was at Clare and, although we were a little late on arrival, we still stayed for a good hour's ringing. Alas, Mr. Newington couldn't get that Stedman into rounds.

On towards home again, with a short stop at Huntingdon for refreshments. All agreed it was an excellent and well organised day. The thanks of all go to the incumbents of towers visited and to the local ringers who met us at the towers. R. C. N.

ALL SAINTS', ROCHDALE

A visit to Messrs. John Taylor's bell foundry at Loughborough was this year's outing of All Saints', Rochdale. A start was made at 7.30 a.m. in unfavourable weather. Fairfield, near Buxton, was reached at 9.15 a.m., and a break was made for 1¼ hours' ringing.

After lunch at Derby, Loughborough was reached at 2.30. Mr. John Fidler conducted the party around the foundry—a most interesting tour—which ended with testing the well-known foundry bells. The last ringing of the day was Osmaston; home was reached at 11 p.m., after one stop at Ashbourne.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Stedman and Grandsire, and call changes for the learners.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

Since the early days of the year the Bolsover ringers and their friends had looked forward with eager anticipation to Saturday, June 19th, the day fixed for the annual outing to the Cambridge district, and, after a very long and tiring day, all agreed that this year's tour had proved to be one of the very best in a long line of successful outings.

An early start was necessary and, at the scheduled time, the organiser was relieved to see the full 'Bolsover' complement waiting to board the luxury coach outside the Parish Church. The evergreen Walter Allwood had joined the coach at 6.15 a.m. in Chesterfield and the party was completed by friends from Warsop and Sutton-on-Trent, the latter being picked up in Newark.

The first tower, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Godmanchester, was reached in good time, and the fine ring of eight, recently overhauled, was soon raised and set going to various methods, including Little Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major, Superlative and Stedman Triples. The striking was extremely good and set a good standard for the day. The Rev. P. J. Disney and his wife spent some time with the party and seemed very anxious to make everything comfortable for visitors.

The coach arrived at St. Neots exactly on time and the party were heartily welcomed by the Rev. L. Galley. The heavy eight proved rather difficult to raise in peal, but reasonable touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major were brought round. The local captain was anxious that there should be no damaged stays and, fortunately, nothing untoward happened, the Misses Joan Smith and Doreen Armstrong surprising him by their ability on the heavy bells. Arnold Hill turned in the tenor to Double Norwich and an excellent fall in peal completed the ringing at this fine tower.

After the early start and the strenuous ringing during the morning the party did justice to an excellent lunch at the Blue Boar Hotel, Cambridge.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at the famous Church of St. Bene't, Cambridge. Unfortunately, it seems that these bells are not regularly rung, and certainly need some attention. The ropes required considerable adjustments, but the Minor experts eventually settled down to some good striking. Herbert Rooke insisting that a touch of Stedman Doubles should be rung before leaving St. Bene't's. The programme allowed for a break to give an opportunity for sightseeing, and, as the weather was glorious, most of the party made a special effort to visit King's College Chapel and the river. Several of the youngsters would have liked a trip on the river, but time was short, as tea was arranged at St. Ives.

The meals have always been a special feature of Bolsover outings, but all agreed that the tea at St. Ives was certainly the very best on record.

The evening was spent on the very attractive light eight at the Church of All Saints, St. Ives. The rather long draught of rope presented some difficulty at first, but the ringing eventually settled down and several good touches were brought round. A broken rope on the treble made it necessary to change to ringing Minor, and the North Notts section of the party were so anxious to extend the stay at this tower that ringing did not cease until after 8 p.m., instead of the scheduled time of 7 p.m. Mr. Frank Warrington joined in one or two touches of Minor and the local representatives were greatly impressed by the standard of striking. The extended stay at St. Ives gave the youngsters their opportunity to spend some time on the river.

The long journey home was broken for a short time at Stamford, and the coach finally reached Bolsover shortly after midnight. The party was kept awake by community singing, and it would be interesting to know how many popular songs, hymns, etc., were revived by the very mixed voices. The highlight was the rendering of 'Herr von Schmidt,' the action song so popular at the Derbyshire Association dinners. A. B. COOPER.

ROADE, NORTHANTS

On August 3rd a party of ringers from Roade, Blisworth, Rothersthorpe and Northampton set out to visit eight towers in the Kettering district. A good start was made at Orlingbury (5, 10¾ cwt.), where we met three friends from Bozeat, bringing our number to 11. Next were Pytchley (5, 8 cwt.), and Barton Seagrave (5, 9 cwt.). Lunch was then taken in the Wicksteed Park, Kettering

At Geddington (5, 11¼ cwt.), a touch of 200 Spliced Doubles more than made up for a poor 'rise.' After some difficulty Weldon (6, 10¼ cwt.) was reached. At the top of this tower is a large lantern which, we were told, in days of old was lit by 16 candles and guided travellers through Rockingham Forest. Tea was taken at Corby and we then tried the light six (tenor 7 cwt.), the difference in weight of the treble and fourth being only 77 lb.

Although several members of the party might have been a little reluctant to move on after seeing a sample of the town's female population, we travelled to East Carlton (6, 9 cwt.). We were not expected here, the priest-in-charge from whom permission to ring was obtained failing to inform the tower captain. We were made very welcome, however, and made good use of the bells. Our last call was at Rushton (6, 8 cwt.), where we finished off the day's ringing with a good 240 of Spliced Doubles and an excellent 'fall.'

Thanks are due to the incumbents and the tower captains for their co-operation, and to Mr. G. F. Roome (hon. secretary, Northampton Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild), who so ably arranged our tour J. E. H.

5,400 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Arranged by C. K. Lewis

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Twice repeated, calling Bob Before in the first course of each part.

OXFORD GUILD WEDDING

Mr. Edmund E. Pearson and Miss Betty West

A very pretty wedding and one of considerable interest to ringers in the Diocese of Oxford took place on July 24th at Deddington Parish Church when Mr. Edmund Ernest Pearson, younger son of Mr. Ernest C. Pearson and the late Mrs. Pearson, was married to Miss Betty West, second daughter of Mrs. G. West and the late Mr. W. C. West.

Both bride and bridegroom are ringers at Deddington and indeed the bridegroom is well-known in ringing circles, having a goodly number of peals to his credit. The bridegroom's father, Mr. Ernest C. Pearson, is not only the respected and well-loved secretary of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but also a churchwarden of Deddington and a Diocesan lay reader.

This fine XIVth century church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and was comfortably filled with a large number of relatives and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Deddington (the Rev. M. Frost), assisted by the Vicar of North Aston-with-Duns Tew (the Rev. W. L. Smith). The service was fully choral.

The bride, who wore a gown of ivory brocade and carried a bouquet of cream rosebuds, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R. P. Stevens. Mr. Cecil H. Pearson, the bridegroom's brother, was the best man. The bridesmaids were Miss Ann West (sister of the bride), in pale blue taffeta and nylon net, Miss Gillian Stevens (the bride's niece), in ivory satin and nylon net, and Miss Margaret Bird (the bridegroom's cousin), also in ivory satin and nylon net. The page boy was the bridegroom's cousin, Master Peter Pearson. The bridesmaids all carried sweet peas.

Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after the ceremony, in which the local and visiting ringers took part.

The reception was held at the home of the bride, and the sun at last broke through the clouds to give the finishing touch to the day's happiness. As the bride and bridegroom departed for their honeymoon at Kingswear, a peal of Plain Bob Major was commenced in the church tower and details of this will be found in another column. Suffice it to say that this too was worthy of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will continue to live at Deddington and will not therefore be lost to the tower.

WILTSHIRE WEDDING

Mr. F. D. Mack, B.Sc.— Miss M. I. Kennelly, B.Sc.

A picturesque wedding of particular interest to the bellringing fraternity took place on Wednesday, August 4th, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Melksham, between Mr. Frank Devereux Mack, only son of the Rev. and Mrs. Devereux Mack, of Churcham Vicarage, Gloucester, and Miss Mary Irene Kennelly, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. P. Kennelly, of Melksham. The Rev. C. A. Witcombe, M.A., officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a fitted white silk honeycomb dress with a long full skirt and a headdress of lilies and orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of dark red roses and pink begonias.

In attendance were two bridesmaids, Miss Mary Hobbs, who wore a dress of printed nylon over cyclamen taffeta and Miss Daphne Mack, youngest sister of the bridegroom, who wore a similar dress of hydrangea blue taffeta. Both wore headdresses of white begonias and carried bouquets to match. Mr. Lance C. I. Watson was best man.

On leaving the church after the ceremony the happy couple were greeted by an archway of handbells held aloft by members both of the local band and of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers, of which Mary and Frank are highly popular members, whilst overhead the church bells pealed forth their tuneful sounds over the sunlit scene. The reception, attended by 62 guests, was held at Melksham House, and the honeymoon is being spent on the Norfolk Broads.

Immediately after the marriage ceremony a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following:—C. F. Andrews (conductor) 1, S. R. Cockell 2, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts (U.B.S.C.R.) 3, R. J. Stokes (U.B.S.C.R.) 4, I. H. Trueman (U.B.S.C.R.) 5, G. R. Eyles 6, W. C. West 7, F. Price 8. L. C. I. W.

THE DIALECT IS INFECTIOUS

DREE DAYS IN ZUMMERZET

The dree day toon by 'vrends ov the exerzise' at Whitsun be cum to stay, so us opes. Us calls um vrends cos us knaws um var too wull t' call um Laydies and Ginnelmen, and the rist aut is cos us doant want nort to do wi they ther paple oo calls thersels tower grabbers, tho baying vrends, so to spake, us doant want to vall out wi nobody.

Tis the zecond yer us av done it, an the avair be got up by one aus oos ome be in Devon, but the rist aus comes vrum all auver the plaace if ee knaws what i mane. This yer they cummed vrom Zwindun, Chippenham, North Bradley (can't make nort ov they), Vairford, which be way up in Gloster so thev tells me, an a place called A'burne or zum zich.

Lots aum were cumming vast, but one thing and t'other stapped um, zo only zix aus met Zaturday at Beckington. Still us tickled they old back six a beet vor us left, and wen us gets to Vroom St. John's two o the rengers cummed and elped us. The Lord knawed us neyded it too.

Zame thing appened when us got to Castle Cary, but didn worry us, cos one o they college kiddies oo went wi us last yer zed our motty was summat in Latin which manes 'Us doan't care.'

Then us goes to Zummerton an ad zum grub in one o they posh plazes wer they gives ee paper andgershifs to wipe yer vingers in arter you've vinished pecking the bones. I beant zure if twas the Unicorn or the Lamb but I knaws us ate one in t'other ad a vine old ditty on they bells too. Plenty o that ther miner stuff an it zounded rale dacent. Rest ov the crowd were wating vor us at Martock an two vullers vrom Yawvill zo that made the party 13. Trouble was, Mr. Varrent must av vergot us was cumming cos us ad to vetch the kays vor us cud start. You shud av yerred us dapping they bells round. I rekkon aven Paul Taylor wud av zed twer gud, an ee hanged um. On us goes, Zouth Petherton, Ulminster un Chard. I tell ee, us ad a vine old time.

Zindy marning split up a beet. Zum aus renged at Haste Budley, zum at Otterton and zum at Littleman, an evrywer us went vrom start to vinish us ad a warm welcum.

Arter dinner us called on they ther vullers at Exeter Catheydrel. Proper gud zorts they be. Aven zhook ands wi us, soo ee can zee why us baint no ordnery tower grabbers.

On us goes to Newton St. Cyres, an was us late? Us coudna blamed the chap wateing if eed bin a bit waxy like. But not ee! Kirton next stop an us wus enjoying evry minute ov it. Ad 'Tay' yer too.

Wull us vinished up renging vor Zervice at Down St. Mary an us nevver seed s'many Photygraphs on a tower wall afore. Certifycats or zummat they calls um, ver this yer call change renging. Mind you they vullers can dap em round a bit smart. Pears us shuke the Passon ther too, cos when ee give out the notices ee zed that when us rote, an ee ask us to stay ver zervice ee didn't think us wud. Wull us did zee!! Wull that were all vor zindy, ceps when us gets back Budley zum vools goes up the churchyard and rengs a corse ov Gransire Treples on and bells. Zed thers a vust time vor everything.

Mundy us wuz off in a vorrin country agin avor you cud zay Jack Snap. North Curry, Curry Rivel and a place called zummat like Zwish Episle. Vuller called Cuke up in Lester wus thonly one ever I knawed zay it right. Vust two made us veel ungry like, an zure nuff us ad a rale veed at Curry Rivel. Then cums Langport an us ad zum gud renging at all aum. Next wer Quane Camel, an what thik vuller Reeves thot ov our rize I'm veared to think. Mind you us didn do bad arter they wuz up. Zo us ends up at Bruton and Warminster, an everybody rekkons us ad ad a rare old time. Ad a quick one vor us zhuke ands an parted an zed us'd av a small 'do' zune an another big un on the 16th ov October, zo if any ov ee wants to cum wi us, just lets knaw, an I think yu'll vind, as I zed afore, that us be purty vrendly. C. S.

ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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Rung at Erdington Abbey, June 14th, 1954.

MR. W. WEATHERSTONE

With reference to the late Mr. W. Weatherstone, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, informs us that he met and rang with him once at Chislehurst about 1898-1899.

According to the records of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council, Mr. Weatherstone was born on October 23rd, 1840, and died on September 17th, 1914, and was buried in Nunhead Cemetery. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade.

He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on January 29th, 1884. Among the towers with which he was connected were Westminster Abbey, St. Clement Danes, St. John's, Waterloo Road; also in the Deptford and Lewisham areas. When the Society of Trinity Youths was re-established in 1888 he was elected Master. He rang his 101st peal at Greenwich in 1891. He was elected a member of the Central Council in 1897 as a representative of the London County Association and remained a member until 1905.

To his memory a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, on September 26th, 1914, by the following band: J. J. Lewis 1, W. Truss 2, C. H. Hughes 3, T. H. Taffender 4, H. Burton 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, T. Groombridge (conductor) 7, G. H. Harmer 8.

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CORNER.—George Hardy, of 100, St. Peter's Road, Whitby, Yorkshire, late chief steward aboard S.S. 'Egton,' died August 2nd, 1954, aged 53 years, after one year's illness most patiently and cheerfully borne. A ringer in sea ports all over the world. 4827

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MEETINGS

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted (8), Aug. 14th. Please notify E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted, Uckfield.—C. A. Bassett. 4814

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Old Woking (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th, 6-9 p.m. Make this meeting a success by your attendance.—J. F Dodson. 4809

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Flamstead (6), Aug. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4797

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Edgar, Holker, Grange-on-Sands.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4824

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch. — A monthly practice will be held at Caversham (8) on Saturday, Aug. 14th, commencing at 6.30 p.m.—N. E. Swan. 4829

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano, Aug. 21st, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4839

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Aug. 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4846

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by 18th at latest.—Mr. Charles B. Pemberton, 9, School Lane, Bidston, Birkenhead. 4843

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch. — Meeting, Wolvey (6), Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify if you want tea.—J. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 4847

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4842

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Earle, North Lodge, Stisted, Braintree. 4808

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavels, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 19th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 4852

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Brightling, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 4826

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at All Hallows' Church, Bispham, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. H. Foster. 4844

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 4835

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells from 3.—J. Porter. 4834

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Wanlip, Aug. 21st, 2-4.30 p.m. Birstall 6-8.30 p.m. Tea only if names are sent, by the 18th, to Mr. P. Johnson, 72, Beechfield Avenue, Birstall. 4832

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Harlington, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) from 3. Tea 5.15. and business meeting in Church Hall. Cranford (6) in evening. Note: Hillingdon meeting is Oct. 23rd, not 16th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4838

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Summer meeting, Little Aston (near Sutton Coldfield), Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 4810

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Further ringing after tea.—P. A. Sadler. 4833

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please notify for tea, by Aug. 18th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4818

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, Aug 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify, by Aug. 17th, Mrs. Pritchard, The Burns, Lake Road, Curdridge. 4819

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Nether Wallop, Aug. 21st. Bells (5) 2. Tea 4.30, at Butcher's Arms. Service 5.15. Over Wallop after tea. Names by previous Monday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4851

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Butcombe, Sunday, Aug. 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by August 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4840

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 28th. St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4837

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches. — United meeting at Martock, Aug. 28th. Tea provided for those who give notice not later than Aug. 24th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 4841

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—The meeting arranged for Aug. 28th **has been cancelled.** 4845

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Lightcliffe, Sept. 4th. For teas please notify by Aug. 30th, F. Popplewell, 51, Well Grove, Hove Edge, Brighouse.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4817

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SOME BERKSHIRE BELLS

BERKSHIRE seems to be a happy hunting ground ground for old bells, and Part XIII. of the 'Church Bells of Berkshire,' by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, gives a number of such instances. The archæological side of bells is making an increasing appeal to many of our younger ringers. It is a good sign that the art of change ringing can extend in this direction and lead to individual research. The work of Mr. Sharpe, Mr. J. W. Clarke and Mr. R. Clouston will, we trust, lead to equally keen antiquarians in the next generation.

One of the most interesting of Berkshire bells is to be found under the cupola on the top of the tower of St. Andrew's, Sonning. It is a genuine 13th century bell, and strange to relate, after nearly seven centuries of life, is still in use as a clock bell. Formerly hung for ringing, it retains its clapper and headstock, although it is now hung 'dead.' Mr. Sharpe gives its date as 1280, and because of the associations between Sonning and Exeter suggests that this bell might have been cast in that city. There is no date on the bell—just a cross and the word 'Maria' in a primitive type. The principal dimensions of the bell are: diameter at lip 23 inches, height from lip to crown 19½ inches, canons 4½ inches high, thickness at sound-bow 1½ inches. Its strike note is approximately G natural. The four largest bells of the ring of eight at Sonning are by Ellis Knight I., of Reading, 1640–41.

It is perhaps only natural that the Knights of Reading should be strongly represented. Lettering to them did seem important. A letter 'X' was substituted for 'I' on a number of occasions by Henry Knight. Thus the treble at Stanford Dingley is inscribed: 'HENRX KNXGHT MADE THXS BELL 1609,' and the second at St. Michael's, Steventon, reads: 'HENRX KNXGHT MADE THXS BELL ANO X6X7.' This substitution of 'X' for 'I' is also found in two bells at S. Nicholas', Sulham, by Henry Knight I. and Ellis Knight I., and also on one of the two bells at Sulhamstead-Banister.

The Georgian cupola at the top of the tower to house a sanctus bell is also found at Streatley. This bell, which was doubtless the one referred to in the Commissioners' Inventory of 1552, is now preserved in the tower. From its lettering Mr. Sharpe deduces that it was of the first half of the 16th century. Its founder's name is unknown, but it closely resembles a bell at Loxwood, Sussex, which Mr. A. D. Tyssen describes in his 'Church Bells of Sussex.'

We hope that the attention of the Parochial Church Councils are called to where the bells need attention. For example, at Sulhampstead-Abbots there are three bells, two being of the 17th century. 'All the bells,' writes Mr. Sharpe, 'retain their canons and have not been quarter-turned—a process which should not be long delayed if the 17th century ones are to be preserved. The tenor has a false crown staple secured by means of 17th century slotted pins and keys.' Frequent inspections are rarely carried out of old bells unless they are rung regularly, and a ring of three is naturally outside the ken of a diocesan guild. These old towers, with bells that are not rung and neglected by the parish, are apt to get into a deplorable condition that beggars description. One ringer, archæologically bent, found in a North Bedfordshire tower enough rubbish to fill a three-ton lorry. The condition of the tower and bells of a church would be a good subject for an archdeacon to address the churchwardens on at his annual visitation. It should be incumbent upon all churchwardens to visit their tower at least once a year and undertake a thorough inspection. We feel that the Central Council's handbook, 'The Preservation and Repair of Bells, etc.,' is not sufficiently known. It should be in the possession of every Parochial Church Council, and ringers who serve on diocesan and ruri-decanal committees would perform a useful service in publicising this publication.

TEN BELL PEALS

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
†DAVID HEIGHTON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
WILLIAM LOVE	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	JOHN MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	*JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER BORDER	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Royal.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*G. ALEC DIMMOCK	6
*JOHN R. NASH	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	*PATRICIA BOURNE	8
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 FRANKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	PETER BORDER	7
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-part, No. 13, in the method: 4th's place bobs
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	3	JOHN MOORE	7
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UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	ARTHUR PEARSON	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	PETER BORDER	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	*Treble*	ALAN CARVETH	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
HARRY HARPER	3	CLEMENT W. JOSE	7
A. HUBERT EPLETT	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 48 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE W. PIPE	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
*DIANA M. MATTHEW	3	BERT GOGLE	7
CECIL W. PIPE	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSIOW. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble has 'completed the circle' at this tower.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of Suffolk's fifth bishop.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*DAVID BANKS	*Treble*	JOHN W. GIBSON	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND	6
PETER WOODWARD	3	*KENNETH PARK	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal on eight bells.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 31, 1954. in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*PETER G. SMITH	*Treble*	STANLEY H. WALLIS	5
ALAN S. SMITH	2	*NORMAN J. BETT	6
SHEILA DUFFIN	3	CYRIL J. SMITH	7
HAROLD W. SMITH	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*THOMAS LEE	*Treble*	JOHN E. SPICE	5
†LESTER L. GRAY	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
ALAN P. CAVE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method. † 300th peal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
LESLIE FORSTER	2	ALAN G. FEVER	6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

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On Tues., Aug. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	*ROLAND W. MORANT	6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ELSIE K. FULTON	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
SYDNEY A. WARWICK	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	6
SIDNEY WADE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
HAROLD J. HAZELL	4	JOHN W. EUSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
First peal as conductor. In honour of the Queen Mother's birthday.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
JACK R. WORRALL	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	ROBERT SWIFT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	6
RONALD CHAFER	3	JACK BRAY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung as a welcome to the Ven. L. Ashcroft, who was instituted and inducted to this parish on July 15th; also to Rev. F. Woodford, his assistant.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*ERIC N. HARRISON	*Treble*	*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
DENIS A. BAYLES	3	†KENNETH ARTHUR	7
*MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	4	†THOMAS W. CROWE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.
First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 6th and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Treble*	*BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	DORIS E. COLGATE	7
KEVIN S. HOHL	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 75th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Ladd and F. H. Hicks.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	DENIS BERESFORD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
*TREVOR A. CROSS	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Eric Naylor and Miss Moira I. Hemer, who were married earlier in the day at Bath.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*MRS. E. CHANDLER	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	†WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
*BRIAN WERRY	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

J. J. Parker's No. 2.			
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE	*Treble*	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	5
JOAN HOODLESS	2	BRIAN BUSWELL	6
ALLAN SIMPSON	3	PHILIP H. SPECK	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method by all; also on the bells and by the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	5
JOHN E. CANNELL	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	6
*MARGARET M. LEWIS	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

MARION GRAIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
GILLIAN A. SMITH	2	NORMAN MALLETT	6
RICHARD W. HOUSDEN	3	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	7
CYRIL A. HURST	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	2	†DAVID HEIGHTON	6
*J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	SAMUEL J. HAINES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal in the method.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 17¼ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. BEST	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by E. S. POWELL. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Triples in the method for all the band and the first peal in the method on the bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Composer's Twelve-part No. 14 in the method; all singles.
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	3	JOHN MOORE	7
*EDWARD G. CURSON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and two extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. A. D. SAYER	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. SAYER	4
PERCY G. BAILEY	2	†BRIAN PRATT	5
*ALAN E. LING	3	†GEOFFREY PRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.

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

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK	*Treble*	*BRIAN BLADON	4
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	MARIE R. CROSS	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight methods. First peal of Minor in more than one method on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. James-the-Great, also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Hilary Eason, a member of the local band.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being thirty 120's and six 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*ANTHONY J. COLLIN (16)	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON	4
DONALD H. METTAM	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	ALBERT FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of esteem and respect to Miss Isabel Dobney, Miss Jesse Dobney and Miss May Forrest, devoted friends and faithful church members.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PETER G. SMITH	*Treble*	†C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	5
JOAN HARDING	3	C. HENRY HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

* First peal. † 250th peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Harding, of Toronto, Canada.

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TAXAL DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 96, 98, 97; 99, 100, 101; 95). Tenor 17 cwt.

*DEREK BROYD	*Treble*	*JOHN W. SINFIELD	4
*RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
MICHAEL ORME	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Delight. Believed to be the first peal in the method.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 22 cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	4
DAVID VINCENT	2	ALAN J. BROWN	5
A. NEVILLE BROWN	3	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Plain Bob, two of Single Court and four of Single Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

DONALD H. METTAM	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	*WALTER WESTON	5
DENIS A. FRITH	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Engineer Officer Frank R. Mitchell, a membe: of the Silk Willoughby band, and Miss Maureen Ann Lowbridge, whose wedding was solemnised at the above church previous to the peal.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Treble*	*WILFRED J. MOGG	4
*CHARLES E. BISHOP	2	*ALFRED F. WREN	5
PHILIP W. MOGG	3	HERBERT I. PITMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug.-4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*HARRY JARVIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4
PETER JARVIS	2	†WILFRED W. RING	5
HARRY BAKER	3	†MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal together.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents of Norwich and four extents of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

JOHN G. GIPSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
*MICHAEL J. DYER	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.

* First peal in two Surprise methods.

Rung on the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM O. WHARTON	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
TERRY OWEN	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN...	3	GEORGE BATTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

A birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen Mother.

GOLDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four Morris' 240's (two variations) and 34 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*ROGER A. LENNARD	*Treble*	THOMAS SENIOR	4
*STEPHEN IVIN	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
*PHYLLIS M. GRAY	3	†HOWARD D. G. BROOKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of the Transfiguration.

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GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Peter W. Croft .. ..*Treble*		George Cherry	4
*Roy Head	2	Frank W. Croft	5
*Kenneth C. Timbury ..	3	John Church	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter W. Croft.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. W. Croft.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Hugh Matthewman ..*Treble*		Ernest F. Payne	4
*Jean A. Kirkman ..	2	B. Stedman Payne	5
Mary C. Payne	3	Royston Wilmore	..*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal of Minor.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., August 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Plain and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

Ernest Brown .. .. ..*Treble*		Sam J. Twitchett	4
Rosemary Seabrook ..	2	Urban W. Wildney ..	5
George Waterman	3	Tom Bird	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Cecil Hinton .. ..*Treble*		Montague Saunders ..	4
*Barry Saunders	2	George W. Holland ..	5
William J. Chester ..	3	William A. Yates ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Yates.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to William A. Yates and George Shellard.

KENTISBURY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 8 cwt.

E. Maurice Atkins ..*Treble*		Derek Jewel	4
*Beatrice M. Boyle ..	2	Fred Yeo	5
D. Kenvyn Walters ..	3	Leslie Walters	..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

* First peal. First peal on the bells recently augmented to 6. Except for the conductor this is the first attempt for a peal of Minor by the rest of the band, who are service ringers from the neighbouring parish of Combe Martin.

Arranged for the 15th birthday of D. Kenvyn Walters.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Robert E. Lester .. ..*Treble*		Arthur F. Ballam	4
Kenneth G. Brown ..	2	Leonard Sharpe	5
George E. Catton	3	David Brand	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. R. Newman, M.A., after his Induction Service.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Elizabeth Grime .. ..*Treble*		Francis R. Lowe	4
†Sampson Walklate ..	2	†David K. Walklate ..	5
Albert E. Thompson ..	3	Denis Carlisle	..*Tenor*

Conducted jointly by Denis Carlisle (one 720 London and two 720's Cambridge) and D. Walklate (one 720 London, one 720 Oxford and two 720's Kent).

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. F. Murfin, of Etwall, and E. Walklate, of Derby.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents 120 each of: Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*Dennis Simpson .. ..*Treble*		*Arthur J. Chamberlain	4
William L. Exton	2	F. William Midwinter..	5
George E. Foster	3	†J. Bryan Smith	..*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Foster.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Westminster, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Pontefract and Wath Delight, Trinity Sunday and Killamarsh Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Ralph Vincent Larmour as Vicar of Rampton, inducted on July 27th.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
In St. Margaret's Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

Brian G. Warwick ..	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	*B. Stedman Payne ..	7—8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank W. Perrens ..	1—2	*Daniel T. Matkin ..	5—6
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3—4	Alfred Ballard	7—8

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

* First peal of Major in the method 'in hand.' Mr. A. Ballard has now rung each pair to a peal of Major in the method.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Oxenham 1, V. N. Burrow 2, T. Toze (first quarter) 3, J. F. A. Waite 4, D. Bellamy (first of Grandsire as cond.) 5, A. Cooke 6. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and a farewell to T. Toze on joining H.M. Forces.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hulbert 1, A. R. Price 2, G. Jones (first quarter) 3, J. Alsop 4, Miss J. Powell (first of Triples as cond.) 5, A. Evans 6, W. Dare 7, G. Williams 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Griggs 1, Miss J. Haffenden 2, H. Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, F. Goodearl 5, G. Waters (cond.) 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Paine 8. Rung with 7, 8 cover.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss Groves 1, Mrs. Bridges 2, Miss Solly 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, A. Hinkley 6, C. Durham cover. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Vicar of Birchington (Canon and Mrs. Sharpe).

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. E. Corderoy 1, J. Grace 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, J. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. For Evensong.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Harding 1, B. Pattison 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, B. F. Sims 5. Rung as a welcome to Eric Woodward Harding, born July 16th, 1954.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Burman 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, R. Line 3, N. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Rung as a welcome home to R. Daniels and R. Line from the Forces.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's, on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: Janet Cochrane 1, C. G. Smith 2, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 3, Jill Cochrane 4, A. W. Skelton 5, S. Hood 6, K. Pulford 7, M. C. Dunn (first quarter) 8. Rung as a wedding day compliment to Mr. Roy Pryce, a ringer at St. Modwen's, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane, parents of the ringers of 1 and 4. The tenor ringer is joining H.M. Forces.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Hart 1, Miss A. Scarfe 2, L. Baughan 3, T. Lanaghan 4, E. Baughan 5, D. Jones 6, E. Busby (first 'inside') 7, H. Osborne (cond.) 8. First of Major for ringers of 2, 3 and 5. An 80th birthday compliment to the conductor's mother, and also a birthday compliment to the sister of the ringer of the third.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On July 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. A. D. Sayer 1, A. D. Sayer 2, A. E. Ling 3, B. W. Cracknell 4, G. Pratt (cond.) 5, B. Pratt 6.

CORSTON, Nr. BATH.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. J. Taylor 1, R. O. Fry 2, Miss M. L. Hannam 3, S. G. King 4, D. Miller (first of Triples) 5, R. Short 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 8. Rung for the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the 4th, who is the local tower master.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Holpin 1, Miss D. M. Drew 2, Miss B. Bridgeman (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Edwards 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, R. Beale (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, who went to Egypt on August 5th.

DUNBLANE, PERTHSHIRE. — At the Cathedral, on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on the back six: Miss M. S. Taylor 1, Miss A. I. Whitson 2, R. S. Wilson 3, A. W. Lloyd 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Parker 1, J. Carter 2, C. Savage 3, S. Skinner 4, J. Quick (cond.) 5, M. Board 6. First of Bob Doubles for all.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Aug. 1st, on the front six, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia Craig (first of Treble Bob) 1, Dr. Katherine Branson 2, M. Orme 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, Wm. H. Pickett 6.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, Margaret M. Lewis 2, A. H. Winch 3, R. Tomlin 4, Joan Beresford 5, G. W. Massey 6, A. H. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): R. Thatcher 1, E. Brown 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, C. Marshall 4, E. Bray 5.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, R. Head (first of Cambridge) 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, J. Church 5, P. W. Croft 6. Rung for Evensong.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Foreman 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, W. Newnham 3, H. J. Hazell 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. L. Morris 6, R. H. Young 7, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 8th, 720 Norwich Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Perkins 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6.

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LATE NEWS

The B.B.C. has dramatised Dorothy Sayers' famous book 'The Nine Tailors,' and is broadcasting it in the Light Programme in four parts, commencing on Tuesday, August 24th. For this recordings were made at Banstead on Friday last, consisting of tolling, muffled ringing, Kent T.B. Major and handbell practice.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Kent ringers extend their congratulations to Mr. Eric Naylor, of Rainham, on his marriage at Bathampton on August 6th to Miss M. Hemer. Unfortunately a peal attempt in honour of the event at St. Mary's, Upchurch, failed owing to the Vicar knocking on the door when only five more 120's were needed to complete the peal of Grandsire Doubles. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rainham was also lost.

With a peal at Wimborne (St. Giles) Mr. D. T. Matkin, of Bournemouth, has now rung peals of Erin from Triples to Cinques.

Two Hitchin ringers—Derek P. Jones and Michael Orme—scored quarters at Dunblane Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, while on a recent holiday.

In connection with the Stonham Aspal Bell Restoration Fund, Mr. W. J. Button, on behalf of the committee, thanks all ringers for their donations and help in restoring the bells. The fund is now closed.

Mr. F. W. Cooke, of 10, Limehurst Road, Darlington, has been appointed 'Ringing World' representative to the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

A good start in peal ringing was made by Mr. J. Desmond Painter, of the Norwich Diocesan Association. His first peal was of Cambridge Surprise Major on a working bell at Marsham on August 7th.

Mr. John Long, of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers on tour in Dorset, appeared in the 'Eye Witness' broadcast of the B.B.C. on August 11th. A well-struck touch of London Surprise Minor on the bells of St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, followed the interview. This was the Bedfordshire Young Ringers' fifth tour.

The peal of Double Norwich recently rung at Liverpool Parish Church was only the second in the tower. The first was on the old bells on July 29th, 1924, almost 30 years to the day before the present peal. This first peal was rung on the front eight of the twelve, but there was no semitone bell in those days and the music must have been somewhat peculiar. George Newton was the conductor, and the only three members of the band who are still alive—Messrs. Hammond, Larkey and Lintott—are still regular members of the St. Nicholas' band. Tom Hammond was recently taken ill while in the South of England on business, and had to have an emergency operation in a hospital near Tunbridge Wells. His many friends will be glad to hear that he has made a good recovery and has now returned home to Liverpool.

A correspondent asks which dog has bagged most belfries. If Mr. David Vincent has kept a record, his 'Bess' which accompanied him to Newcastle at Whitsun has a substantial tally.

The friends of Mr. John Arbury, of Ottery St. Mary, will learn with regret that he has gone into the Devon and Exeter Hospital for an operation, and will wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

Seventy-three-year-old Mr. C. F. Popple, of Lincoln, has rung at Kelvedon, Essex, his first quarter away from his home tower. The selection of Kelvedon is appropriate, as his grandfather was a ringer in that tower 100 years ago.

The bells of Howden mentioned in Miss Wyman's article on 'Sussex Tour of Yorkshire' were from the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. She expresses regret for wrongly attributing these bells to another foundry in her report.

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RINGING IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

AFTER Cornwall comes, in alphabetical order, Cumberland, and since conditions are almost the same in the neighbouring county of Westmorland, it is convenient to consider both together. We found that peals were few and far between in our extreme south-western county, and the same applies to an even greater extent in these two most north-westerly ones. But the reasons are different. There is much ringing in Cornwall, but mainly of the 'stony' variety, but in Cumberland and Westmorland there is very little ringing at all, partly, no doubt, because of the sparse population and the difficulties of communication in that wild part of the country.

There are only 37 rings of bells in the two counties as against Cornwall's 145, but although only 114 peals have ever been rung on them, the average per tower is better than Cornwall's! As far as peal ringing is concerned, visiting bands have been responsible for an even larger percentage than in Cornwall, so few are the resident change ringers. Most peals in both counties were rung between 1925 and 1933, the latter year being the peak in both cases—eight in Cumberland and nine in Westmorland. The years 1925, 1927, 1930 and 1931 all saw more peals than have been rung in any year since the war, when the highest combined total has been seven in each of the years 1950, 1951 and 1953. None were rung in 1949 and 1952 and there has only been one this year, so far.

The only ten-bell tower in the two counties has recorded the most peals—Kendal with 16. The first was rung in 1894, but this was not the first to be rung in that part of the world although it was the first in Westmorland. This honour belongs to Carlisle (St. Stephen's), where two peals were rung in 1890 and 1892. The 16 peals at Kendal are spread fairly evenly over the whole period since 1894—the biggest gap being the last, for no peal has been rung there since 1936.

The only other tower to have reached double figures is a six-bell tower, also in Westmorland—Burton. This has 15, commencing in 1927. Eight of them have been rung since 1950, so here is a centre where something is 'happening' at the moment. St. Bees also deserves mention in this respect, too, for five of its six peals have likewise been rung since 1950. Three eight-bell towers (the highest number for any county except Devon and Warwickshire) do not appear in the lists at all. They are Aspatria, Irton and Silloth, and all are in Cumberland. There are likewise nine six-bell towers and the only five-bell tower in the two counties still waiting to be conquered. No doubt they will fall before long!

The highest number of peals in Cumberland is nine, at both Crosthwaite and Egremont. The former had its first peal in 1895 and the last in 1950, whilst the latter's list commences in 1921, and it is here that the one and only peal of this year was rung.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, who are touring this country as a golden wedding anniversary, have since their landing in July met ringers at Shrewsbury, Market Drayton (Mr. Weatherby's birthplace and where, in 1889, he was captain of the ringers), London and Guildford. It is 30 years since Mr. Weatherby was in England.

While at Scarborough, where he stayed with his sister, Mrs. Annie Harper, he was interviewed by the local Press, and mentioned that when Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., was opened in 1936, he travelled 1,500 miles to ring the bells there. Nine years later he made a similar trip to ring these bells as a tribute to Sir Winston Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherby left Scarborough last week for York and Edinburgh on their way to Lossiemouth on the Moray Firth. On their return journey they are calling at Loughborough, Leicester and Basingstoke before sailing on the Queen Mary for America on September 2nd.

Now 83 years of age, Mr. Weatherby writes: 'It has been a wonderful experience and a great pleasure to see so many old friends again and the memory of their kindness will remain with me for the rest of my life. My ringing has not been of the best—but I cannot expect to ring too well after so many years without any practice.'

All we can add was at Holy Trinity, Guildford, Mr. Weatherby rang a touch of Stedman Triples on his old bell, the fourth, to the satisfaction of his one time conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

AN AMERICAN SEES ENGLISH RINGING

Mrs. Carol S. Scott, of St. Petersburg, Florida, U.S.A., who, on a brief visit to this country, was anxious to see something of English ringing, writes to the Editor expressing thanks for the opportunities that have been accorded to her in various towers.

On her first Sunday in London Mrs. Scott saw ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in the morning and St. Paul's in the afternoon. The two views of London from the towers, she states, were magnificent. The following evening she was allowed to attend the handbell ringing at St. Martin's.

The next Sunday she was in Edinburgh and in the morning was with the ringers at St. Mary's, and in the evening at St. Cuthbert's.

The third Sunday she was privileged to visit the ringers at York Minster and later in the week attended a practice at Cambridge. She concludes her letter by stating: 'The six towers have all been as different as one could wish—from six bells to twelve bells, with different rhythms and methods and every one has been interesting.'

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

The quarter peal rung at Llandaff Cathedral on August 10th was the first on the bells since they were rehung after the extensive air raid damage done to the Cathedral during the last war. It was specially arranged by Mr. Tim Yeomans as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joe Bailey on his 82nd birthday. Mr. Bailey was a member of the Cathedral band for 30 years prior to the war. In the quarter were ringers from Aberavon, Birmingham, Bridgend, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Llantrisant, Porthcawl and Whitchurch.

A WELSH WEEK-END IN SOMERSET

Unfavourable weather did not damp the spirits of seven ringers and two wives who gathered at the Angel Hotel, Bath, on July 31st, for a ringing week-end in Somerset. This was a reunion of the party that travelled to Pembrokeshire last August, with the Welsh contingent this time 'playing away.'

Everyone was prepared for a hectic week-end and Saturday morning found us gathered at Newton St. Loe, where we were joined by friends from Corston. Several methods were rung including an ill-fated attempt for London Minor. It was but a short ride to Corston, where the topping little eight just rang themselves.

On then to St. Stephen's, Bristol, where we were met by Mr. Albert Tylor. A good peal of Grandsire Caters ran round in 3 hours and 14 minutes.

The party then retired to the lounge of the Angel, where friends from Bristol, Bath, Corston and Colerne assembled. A very pleasant evening ensued, during which Mr. Robert Coles, on behalf of the company, presented a perpetual calendar to Miss Jacqueline Evans and Mr. David King. This would be a constant reminder of a wonderful week-end in West Wales.

On Sunday we joined the band at Twerton-on-Avon and attended Matins. In the afternoon, with the help of Mr. S. Woodburn, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Weston, Bath. After tea we made our way to Bath Abbey and a very cordial welcome was given us by Mr. W. Prescott.

In such good company it was very difficult to say 'Good night.' This became evident on Monday morning, when an attempt for Double Norwich at Bitton 'went up in smoke.' We were told that the bells didn't know the method and after half an hour the conductor found he didn't know it either!

After lunch came the 'goodbyes.' and the 'Umbrella Brigade' went their several ways in all innocence of the 'ordeal by confetti' which they had so narrowly escaped! (It had been planned to fill their 'gamps' with the stuff.)

Everyone expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Roger Fry for his wonderful arrangements and hearty welcome to Somerset. There is much speculation about next year but we know that if the plans are in Roger's hands they will indeed be successful.

J. E.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-West Branch Meet at Holsworthy

The summer meeting was held at Holsworthy on August 7th and some 25 members and friends spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Much good instruction work was done while the more expert ringers brought round good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples as well as Kent Treble Bob Major.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Warne), assisted by the president, Prebendary E. V. Cox. The Rector preached and Mr. Pulsford was at the organ.

Tea was served at Sanders' Cafe.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. F. C. Smale, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill being unable to attend.

Two new members, including the Rector, were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his fine address and the use of the bells, as well as Mr. Pulsford and all who had contributed to the excellent meeting.

Visitors from Ross, Rewe, Dorset, Redruth and Plymouth were heartily welcomed, and pleasure was expressed on all hands with the bells and arrangements on this happy occasion.

F. C. S.

PEAL RINGING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The present series of articles on county peal totals makes interesting reading, but an analysis of the varying totals may add to this interest.

In Bucks, Hughenden has a tremendous lead. The older generation will remember John Evans, pioneer of Surprise ringing in Bucks, who hailed from Hughenden, conductor of the first peals of London in Bucks and Berks. Contemporary with him were the Biggs's, all splendid ringers, Mr. Roland Biggs (Ringing Master of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild) and his son continuing the family record. Hughenden has always possessed an advanced band, and to-day has one able to ring a non-conducted peal. Being in the middle of a large park (Disraeli's home), peal ringing is no nuisance at Hughenden tower, and this, together with an enthusiastic band, accounts for its peal total.

High Wycombe (111 peals), being the only ring with more than eight bells until Slough had ten bells in 1951, naturally attracted the attention of enthusiasts for the higher numbers. Under the leadership for so many years of Fred Hayes, now in his seventies, numerous peals of Stedman were rung.

Burnham (143) has always been a popular tower and it was here that Surprise ringing was first practised in S. Bucks, George Martin taking a prominent part. Since the advent of George Gilbert, who has trained countless young ringers up to peal standard, Burnham's total has soared. In recent years there was almost a monthly peal attempt.

Beaconsfield (103) has long had a good band and Surprise methods have been regularly rung under Harry Wingrove's leadership, with the Fletcher family well to the fore. In the 30's, when Mr. Wingrove's band and Mr. Alan Pink's were competing for honours in S. Bucks, there was a terrific scramble for towers, Mr. Pink being forced to perform mainly in Berks, Middlesex and Surrey. Besides his own tower, Mr. Wingrove scored many peals at West Wycombe, the church being ideally situated for peal ringing, right on the crown of a hill behind the village. Both bands rang peals at Wooburn, which helped along its total (55).

Wraysbury's 60 peals are probably due to its being easily obtained for peal attempts, and many peals were rung here in the 30's. Although not in Bucks, being almost opposite Wraysbury on the south bank of the Thames, one must mention Old Windsor, a very popular tower for peals. Bill Welling has trained many bands and conducted 'local' peals here, and has made his tower available for numerous attempts.

Farnham Royal (47), of course, enjoyed popularity under the leadership of J. J. Parker (of Twelve-part fame), but since his decease in 1934 there has been a decline, despite all the labours of Bill Henley who, since the last war, trained a good young band which has recently dispersed.

Fulmer (35), Hitcham (58) and Horton (32) were sixes easily obtainable, and so created a diversion from Major ringing and another opportunity for a peal. At Horton one earns a peal, Fulmer might be more popular if they were in the usual scale, and Hitcham, being a light ring on the outskirts of Burnham, provided an excellent training ground for George Gilbert's ladies' bands in their early peal-ringing days.

Slough's total of 48 would have been much greater had the tower been more easily obtainable. Even with the Fussell brothers (W. H. and A. C.) in the band the total remained low, complaints being common. During the recent war an 'emergency' hospital was erected adjoining the church (it seems to be there 'for keeps'!), so all ringing is seriously restricted, but the local band exerted enough pressure to raise the attempts from one to two per year.

Of the towers in North Bucks I have little knowledge, but I was very surprised to see no mention in Mr. Felstead's article of Buckingham, as this tower has long boasted a first-class band, and one would have expected a good peal total.

The general conclusion is that the Buckinghamshire peals have been scored mainly in towers easily obtained for attempts and in those led by an enthusiastic conductor.—Yours faithfully,

Slough. W. BIRMINGHAM.

JOINT MEETING AT COTTESMORE

The annual joint meeting of the Peterborough Guild (Rutland Branch) and the Leicester Diocesan Guild (Melton District) was held at the Parish Church of Cottesmore, a beautiful old-world village in the heart of Rutland.

This meeting attracted over 40 ringers from the following towers: Asfordby, Ancaster, Ashby-Folville, Anstey, Barrowden, Cottesmore, Claybrook, Edithweston, Empingham, Grantham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Melton Mowbray, Market-Overton, Preston, Sapcote, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treeton (Yorks), Wing and Wymondham.

At 4.30 p.m. a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. Howells) with Mr. R. Scott as organist. Tea was served in the Rectory.

Mr. Scott, chairman of Rutland Branch, thanked the Rector for his services, also for the splendid tea. He also extended a warm welcome to the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Mr. J. H. Cook (secretary), in his reply, apologised for the absence of the chairman and thanked Mr. Scott for his warm welcome, and hoped they would be able to have another joint gathering next year.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. J. H. C.

WEST WICKHAM PARISH CHURCH

In common with many of England's lovely and ancient churches, the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, West Wickham, Kent, is beginning to show the effects of its age. A recent complete survey undertaken because of the need of repair to the fabric, revealed the presence of dry rot and woodworm in various timbers to an extent that demanded immediate action.

All the woodwork in the church has been treated to control this, but as a considerable proportion of the timber in the tower is being replaced, ringing has had to be suspended for about a month. The ceiling of the ringing room is to be renewed, but fortunately the bell-frame is not affected.

Built in the 15th century and replacing an earlier building, of which traces are still to be found, West Wickham Church stands in what is now London's Green Belt, and in recent years has been too small to accommodate growing congregations. To overcome this, plans have been approved to extend the building on two sides and thus provide over a hundred additional seats. When this work will commence is not yet known as the complete restoration and rebuilding programme, which includes recasting the cracked fourth and fifth bells, and rehanging all six, is estimated to cost £25,000. The source of this sum is also not yet known!

A. S. R.

LONDON SURPRISE

Because of the high rail-fares some members of the Ladies' Guild and their friends going to the meeting at Kilburn on July 31st went to London on the 'workers'' train. To occupy the time gap between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. arrangements were made to ring at a few London towers.

The rendezvous for ringers from Baldock, Finchley and North Mimms was at Finchley (8). After enjoying ringing on the fine light octave in this beautifully modern church, Mr. Blake kindly guided the party to St. Anne's, Highgate (8), where the Norton members were already ringing Minor. The Norton ringers, including the organiser, had earlier attended the funeral service of their beloved organist, and so were delayed.

At St. Anne's the clock-case is unusually worn on one place, the reason being painfully obvious if the ringer of the sixth forgets to keep his elbows strictly to himself. Afterwards we went to St. Margaret's, Edgware (6, 9 cwt.), where we achieved Cambridge. Leaving half an hour late, we travelled to Hyde Park, intending to eat our lunch by the Serpentine and then visit St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. There was no time to finish lunch, for the main road was being torn up and traffic was restricted to 'one way only'—the wrong way for us—so we had to walk all the way to St. Mary Abbot's!

However, when we eventually arrived, extremely late, we were welcomed and allowed to ring for an hour. These heavy ten are a pleasure to ring. Our youngest ringer thoroughly enjoyed ringing 'inside' on the back end; and the tenor itself (32 cwt.) was rung down easily by one young lady. We only wish that we could have done full justice to the bells before we had to leave for Kilburn (8), where the meeting was held.

So a young band, whose average age is probably only 18 'went London.' 'Thank you' to all who helped us. The surprise mentioned in the title is that of the organiser. J. S

It is a treat to hear of new bands being formed in London. St. George's, Camberwell, ringers rang their first quarter on Aug. 1st. The whole of the band learned to handle in this tower and without outside help have managed to pass one milestone. The conductor, Mr. F. R. L. Brewer, hopes it will be the prelude to many more quarters together.

AND SHALL BOB TRIPLES DIE?

By G. L. GROVER

A good tower and a trusty band,
A merry peal and true,
Those Council chaps shall understand
What Plain Bob chaps can do.

They may have fixed the where and when,
But should Bob Triples die?
There's many a hundred Plain Bob men
Who'll know the reason why.

We'll cross the Avon, ropes in hand,
The Severn is no stay,
And westward we will send a band
To bid the Council 'Nay.'

At Bristol then, ye ringing kings,
If you some sense would see,
Confine your talks to other things
And let Bob Triples be.

Bob Triples he is threatened bad;
Bob Triples he may die,
But there's many a hundred Plain Bob lad
Who'll know the reason why.

With apologies both to the Bishop of Trelawny and to R. S. Hawker, both of whom, however, are long since dead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LET DOUBLES RINGERS DECIDE?

Dear Sir,—From personal contact and reading between the lines of his recent letter, I would say that W. Birmingham is more biased against Doubles than concerned about Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques. After the peal of Plain Bob Cinques all you could get from him was, 'We must ring a peal of Plain Bob Caters,' but if anyone mentions Doubles he rises up in wrath and denounces all those who ring four blows behind.

What is wrong in making exceptions if they are clear-cut and there is adequate reason for making them? The advantages of allowing Plain Bob on odd numbers should be obvious to him if he compares the high local standard at Burnham with that of stick-in-the-mud Grandsire and Stedman towers. Learners who begin with Plain Bob Doubles and Triples advance far more rapidly than those who begin with Grandsire, but what is the point of learning the method if you are not allowed to ring a peal of it.

If four blows are not allowed in Doubles we are left with twelve plain methods and twelve principles, all of which can be included in a quarter peal, whereas on other numbers it is impossible to ring all the methods in a true peal. Surely that is adequate reason for allowing four blows in Doubles.

There is a ruling that Minor methods shall not have fifths place made unless treble is making sixths, but the peals of 35 Surprise Minor include methods with this fault, and which fetch up 6-5's at backstroke in the first lead of the plain course. This is the result of an exception made by the 1928 Council at Hereford, allowing Double Surprise Minor. I wonder how many members of the 1953 Council knew of this when they were led into voting against non-Plain Bob lead ends by C. K. Lewis's twisting of figures.

Finally as W. Birmingham does not ring Doubles I would suggest that he, the Methods Committee and the Central Council leave it to Doubles ringers to decide what they shall ring in peals.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

'PEAL RINGING IN CHESHIRE'

Dear Sir.—This very interesting article stated that Overchurch is one of the seven churches not having rung a peal. This statement, I feel sure, is correct, for some few years ago I examined all the records of the church and there is no reference to ringing a peal.

The bells were hung in 1868, so 86 years have passed without a peal. Is this a record? —Yours faithfully,

W. G. H. JONES

Upton, Wirral.

PEAL RINGING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Edman's query, I have not recorded any peals at Great Horwood so this tower is one of the 14 'peal-less' ones mentioned in my article.

Owing to lack of space it is not always possible to list such towers—it depends how many there are—but I shall always be very pleased to give more detailed information if those interested would care to write to me.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,

Southampton.

NOMENCLATURE!

Dear Sir,—I am a regular reader of 'Belfry Gossip' and 'The Ringing World' in general. I think you may be interested to know that '**campanology**' is not only of use in ringing circles.

As a breeder of pedigree Cairn terriers and a member of the Universities Association (I was at Bristol), it occurred to me to unite, as it were, my two hobbies—dog showing and breeding and ringing—by choosing as my registered prefix the word 'Campanologia.' This is registered at the Kennel Club and can only be used by myself. (In fact a sort of trade mark in the dog world.)

It is most surprising to find the number of people who have not a clue as to the word's derivation or meaning. At shows I am constantly being approached by complete strangers (who see my dogs' names in their catalogues) asking what the word means—if, in fact, it has any meaning!!!

A great honour has recently fallen to my lot—that of exporting to America a Cairn puppy whose full name is '**Campanologia Epexegesis.**' This news (not least the name) has created much interest in the local and the canine Press.—Yours faithfully,

(MISS) M. SYBIL CHURCHILL.

Warmley, Glos.

Note.—We would be interested to know if any other ringers' dogs have names associated with the Exercise.—Ed.

ATTEMPT TO RECAPTURE FORMER STANDARDS

Dear Sir,—Owing to the decline in the standard of ringing throughout the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, several members have suggested holding a monthly Surprise practice as well as the Guild meeting.

If older ringers glance back to pre-war years they will notice many Surprise peals were rung at Boyne Hill and neighbouring towers by George Martin and Co. A high standard of ringing was indeed reached and would have continued had not World War II. ensued.

This standard was maintained by monthly Surprise practices. A method would be named and ringers would come prepared to ring this method until they knew it thoroughly. Then, and only then, would they venture further afield.

We intend to hold a meeting of this nature in the Windsor area, and provided it is well attended, will continue to do so on the second Saturday of each month. The first meeting will be held on September 11th, 6 p.m., at Old Windsor, and a notice to this effect will be published.

All ringers interested will be most welcome, the greater the attendance the wider the scope of ringing and, what is more important for the learner, the stronger the band.—Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK R. SCOTT.

Slough.

FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN FOR ST. DAVID'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Now that we are all satisfied about the first peal of Stedman for the St. David's Guild, may I. as one who believed the peal on June 29th at Tenby was the first, apologise to Mr. Poole for assuring him it was. However, it must be the first of Stedman on the bells—or is it?

I maintain that the most certain way to find out these things is to claim them as such.—Sincerely yours,

GWYN I. LEWIS.

Cadoxton, Neath, Glam.

THE LATE MR. G. L. JOYCE

Dear Sir,—I greatly regretted to read of the passing of Mr. G. L. Joyce. He was one of the first to realise the truth of round blocks and transpositions in methods, principles and systems and he wrote several articles on the subject which were published in 'The Ringing World' in 1928.

About the same time the late Mr. A. T. Baker (Irenæus Pistor), no relation of mine, also wrote calling attention to the articles of 'Minor Mania' (G. L. J.), and in an article headed 'The Light of Truth' urged the Exercise to study them, and he wound up with: 'George Baker's Round Block progression is established, it is on a Rock, and not even the Powers of—beg pardon—can move it. Study it, that's all.'

May the souls of 'Irenæus Pistor' and 'Minor Mania' rest in peace, and, as I am nearing 89, it cannot be so very long before I join them.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

P.S.—The ringers who do understand round blocks and transpositions are gradually dwindling and, as far as I know, they could now be counted on the fingers of one hand.—G. B.

PARSONS AND MUTED BELLS

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. Atkinson's letter of August 6th and his reference to a 'Parson's Gag,' I would draw attention to a similar instance.

At a certain North London tower where repeated efforts have been made since the war to get the bells restarted, I was recently informed by the Vicar that a chiming apparatus had been installed which would prevent any further ringing. On investigation I found that the apparatus consisted of pieces of rope attached to the clappers for clocking. These bells are absolutely ringable and in a perfectly safe tower. If only the clergy realised how much of the present antagonism to the church is due to this underhanded type of attitude that is all too common!

At another six-bell tower in London, where since the war a thriving band were practising multiple methods, the bells now hang mute and still. Why? Because 'the Parson' doesn't like ringing.

One is tempted to ask what right he has to adopt such an attitude. The bells were given to be rung for service, whatever he personally may think about ringing or ringers. Needless to say his church is like the majority to-day, about as full of life as a charnel house.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham.

MUST TAKE SECOND PLACE

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to disappoint the ringers concerned, but I fear I have recorded a single previous peal at both Midgham and North Marston. At the former Grandsire Doubles was rung on May 6th, 1922, and at the latter Grandsire Doubles on January 30th, 1932.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

THIRTEEN-FEET CLOCK PENDULUM

Dear Sir,—May I thank, through your columns, those who have so kindly given me information about clocks with 'great' pendulums. This includes some who have written to me personally as well as those whose letters you have printed. The list so far is not a very long one, but many counties are represented showing a wide interest in the subject.—Yours sincerely,

P. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory,
Biggleswade.

OUTINGS

GREAT TEY, COLCHESTER

Kent and Surrey were visited by the ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, for their annual outing on July 24th, which was organised by Mr. Dyer.

Leaving Great Tey at 7.30 a.m. the first stop was at St. Mary's, Westerham, where they were met by the verger. Members of the local company gave them a warm welcome at St. John's, Croydon. After lunch the party travelled across to St. Peter's, Old Woking, where two local ringers met them. Tea was partaken of in Woking.

A good pull was enjoyed in the evening at St. John's, Epping, on the fine bells. Home was reached at 11.55 p.m. after a long and enjoyable outing.

MELTON MOWBRAY

Ringers from St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, and friends had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. Leaving the Car Park at 8 a.m., the first tower visited was Claybrooke with its beautiful ring of eight, which was much enjoyed. The party arrived at Evesham about noon and after partaking of a cold lunch paid a visit to the famous bell tower. Ringing later took place at Hampton and Hinton-on-the-Green was reached by tea-time, where a splendid tea was very kindly provided by Mrs. and Mrs. J. Thomas. After ringing on these famous bells the return journey was made via Norton and Stratford-on-Avon. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS

The ringers, with wives and friends, held their annual outing on July 18th. Travelling by coach the first halt was made at Alnwick for lunch, and then on to Howick Hall, the seat of Earl Grey, where a walk through the grounds and gardens was enjoyed.

The weather improved and the sun broke through and we enjoyed the run over the moors to Rothbury. After an excellent tea, the bells of Rothbury Parish Church were rung for the evening service, by kind permission of Canon G. H. Harris. The older ringers were impressed by the way in which the not so experienced ringers handled strange bells. The return journey was via Scots Gap and Hexham, where a short stop was made, and then to North Shields, thus concluding a much appreciated outing.

WANLIP

The first annual outing took a party of Wanlip ringers into south-east Leicestershire, where touches of various Minor and Doubles methods were rung at Thurnby, Billesdon, Hallaton, Medbourne, Illston-on-the-Hill and Arnesby. At Medbourne the Vicar, Canon F. D. H. Harris-Evans (a former curate of Wanlip) joined the ringers for tea and afterwards showed the party round the church. The bells at Arnesby had not been rung for three years but after some attention a couple of courses were successfully concluded. The Wanlip ringers are indebted to those responsible for placing the bells at their disposal and so ensuring a most enjoyable outing.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Aug 8th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, F. Elsom 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, H. W. Pratt (first 'inside' Treble Bob) 4. E. J. Parish 5, L. W. Fisher 6.

DEDICATION OF NEWARK PARISH CHURCH BELLS

WRITING in 1820 of the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark-on-Trent, a local historian recorded that the present edifice, as a parish church, was, perhaps, scarcely to be equalled in the kingdom. That description is as true to-day as it was then.

Newark-on-Trent stands at the intersection of the Great North Road and the ancient Fosse Way and countless numbers of people pass through the town in the course of a year. Perhaps they have time to pause and reflect on the skill and devotion of the mediæval craftsmen who fashioned a wondrous building out of stone and whose masterpicce is the glorious spire which dominates the town. The spire has a grace and symmetry of surpassing beauty and is unusual in that it has 16 window lights.

It was to this noble setting that the footsteps of many ringers turned on Saturday, July 24th, when the ring of ten bells cast by John Taylor in 1842 was rededicated by the Vicar of Newark (Canon G. W. Clarkson), assisted by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, the Rector of West Bridgford and chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.

The bells (tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.) have been rehung on the old cast iron frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. with completely new fittings consisting of Ransome and Marles ball bearings, cast iron box headstocks, new wheels, clappers, etc. The ringing chamber has been redecorated and new lights installed and a measure of sound control introduced.

Retuning has improved the tone of the bells to a considerable degree although the tenor seems inclined to 'thump' more than the old bell.

It is interesting to recall that the present ring was the first complete ring of ten bells cast by John Taylor in 1842. They were rehung in 1896 and again in 1913-14. The circle is excellent, but in the past the bells have always proved rather heavy and lumbering to ring. The present restoration should completely alter that unsatisfactory aspect.

THE OLD BELLS

There were five bells in the tower in the early 1600's and later in the century another bell was added. In 1713 these were recast and with additional metal made into a ring of eight, largely through the generosity of Richard Sutton, a brigadier-general, who resided at neighbouring Kelham Hall.

Records of this worthy create the impression of a swashbuckling cavalier. He is reported to have diverted the waters of the Trent to improve the flow of a small stream which flowed past his house and in consequence to have been sued by the inhabitants of Newark for lowering the level of the river and interfering with the working of the mills.

Then, having largely paid for the new ring, he had inscriptions on three of the bells to sing his praises and these are worth recalling.

On the 4th:—

'Brave Sutton rais'd us to declare
The joys of peace, the end of war.'

On the 5th:—

'If Sutton's praises we could speak
Much sweeter echoes we should make.'

On the 6th:—

'While here we're loud in Sutton's fame
What place rings not of his great name.'

The old inscriptions were not repeated on the 1842 bells.

Few peals have been rung at this church and the writer can only find a record of three.

Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1816 and 1913 by local bands, and a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in 1897 by the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln.

The present restoration has been made possible by the munificence of Mr. Charles Henry Newbald, Master between 1896 and 1909, and founder of the present local Society, who died last year and who bequeathed a legacy for that purpose. The balance has been provided by public subscription.

It is intended shortly to place a tablet in the ringing chamber to his memory as under:—

'To the memory of Charles Henry Newbald. Born 24 Aug., 1872. Died 19 Mar., 1953. Master of the Ringers 1896 to 1909.

By his faithfulness the Band of Voluntary Ringers was sustained from its foundation in 1896, and by his generosity the bells were retuned and rehung in 1954.' J. W. R.

LYME REGIS

Some of the most beautiful scenery of Devonshire was enjoyed by Lyme Regis ringers on their annual trip on August 7th. Moreton-Hampstead provided a pleasant ring, and time for a break with excellent coffee afterwards. At Chagford the grand eight unfortunately could not be heard in Major as, after some Triples, a jammed slider, and fruitless efforts to adjust it, brought the ringing to a close. This ancient granite church possesses a unique processional cross of beautiful craftsmanship in aluminium from the Zeppelin brought down at Cuffley, Herts, in September, 1916.

Picnic lunch was taken on a quiet edge of the Moor, near Throwleigh, and rain just at that point was rather a disappointment. At Okehampton, where high country separates the church from the town, the ringing was good enough to gain the commendation of the local 'call-changers'—which must be praise indeed! A pleasant cross-country run brought the party to Crediton, where the heavy eight were very respectably handled in Triples and Surprise Major. A well-earned tea followed at the Ship Hotel. The final tower of the day was St. David's, Exeter.

Methods rung during the tour included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major. The thanks of all are given to the incumbents of the various towers, also to the local ringers and others. C. C. C.

FARNHAM DISTRICT HAVE A CYCLING TOUR

The cycling tour, organised and led by Mr. E. J. Wells, Ringing Master of the Farnham District, proved very successful and enjoyable to the few who had the courage to face the 50-odd miles of pedalling.

The party gathered at Farnham on Saturday, July 31st by 9 o'clock, and set out for the first ring at Upton Grey. Then on to the old church at Rotherwick. All these bells can boast of are long ropes and the belief that the third bell is the second oldest in the country.

Picnic lunches were followed by ringing at Bramley, Hants. Here the band were joined by local ringers. The travellers then went to the ancient church of Silchester, where they enjoyed many Doubles methods on the five bells.

A good place was found for picnic teas and then on a short distance to the best bells of the day, those at Stratfield Mortimer. Here again the party were joined by local ringers and the band were greatly encouraged when these joined the last part of the tour, which was to Heckfield. Less said about these bells the better, but it was all good practice in how to handle a bell!

'Goodbyes' all said, the band left for home, which they reached by various routes by ten o'clock, perhaps a little tired and sore, but triumphant. M. A. C.

A CORNISH JUBILEE

St. Kea's Interesting Record

ALL HALLOWS', St. Kea, Cornwall, delightfully situated in unspoiled countryside some two miles out of Truro, is the third church to have been built in the parish. The first was on the banks of the River Fal, but in 1802 it was taken down. The 15th century tower was left standing in the churchyard. To-day it is but a hollow shell. The battlements remain. One pinnacle is missing. Jackdaws nest high up in its walls. It is silent but for their ceaseless sounds at nesting time. A mission church was built close by.

The second church was built in the centre of the parish some three miles away. It was rectangular and ugly. In 1894 this, too, was taken down and the present church of beautiful design, with tower and spire, was consecrated in 1896. Three bells had been brought from the old tower by the river and were incorporated in a new ring of eight from Loughborough, which was dedicated on July 22nd, 1904. This was a great day, far surpassing most present day dedications. There was Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. The bells rang from 11.30, although the dedication service was not until 3 p.m. Luncheon was at 1 p.m. and tea later; 4.15 to 5.30 and 6 to 7 were set aside for two quarter peals of Grandsire Triples by chosen bands. At 7 p.m. there was Choral Evensong, after which the Kenwyn band, whose bells were recast in the following year, and with which band there has ever since been a strong fellowship, rang until 9 p.m. Two of the three ancient bells were recast, but one, the present seventh, remained intact. It bears the Royal Arms of the 15th century and is inscribed 'Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum.'

The late Squire J. C. Daubuz, of Killiow, on whose land the church had been built, inspired the hanging of the bells and enthused the ringers. He did not ring but he loved bells and change ringing. He gave the second bell at Truro Cathedral. The new Kea band, encouraged by the Squire, made rapid progress. On August 2nd, 1909, two peals of Grandsire Triples were rung with the help of visitors, and eight local ringers rang their first peal. In 1910 two peals in the same method were rung in six days, one being conducted by William G. Sandercock, who was the first resident member to call a peal for the Truro Guild.

In 1913 three peals were rung in five days. The late William Pye took a touring band to Kea and rang London. The next morning, starting at six, they rang Superlative. After refreshments at the Vicarage they left by train for Plymouth to ring Kent Royal at St. Andrew's, but this failed nine leads from the end. not owing to fatigue, but because the ball of the ninth clapper broke off. The Kea men seemed to have been enthused by this visit, for three days after, John Thomas, of Edmonton, called The Original for them. The local captain was also called John Thomas. The former returned in 1933 to call the same peal. In 1934 Stedman Triples was attempted one evening and lost, but rung the next. District peal enthusiasts took part in these, and all this activity, and more, is evidence of the tradition of generosity in allowing the use of the bells that had been established.

For a period of 25 years the Vicar was the late Rev. A. D. Sowell. He was a ringer. His only son, Arthur, became a keen ringer, and rang in several peals in Devon whilst studying at Exeter, and at Kea. He hoped to be ordained but was killed in the 1914-18 war. A tablet in Kea tower perpetuates his memory.

The Jubilee was duly celebrated with a peal. On Saturday, July 22nd, Parker's peal ended abruptly and mysteriously in the twelfth part. In this attempt were two young Kea ringers—Paul Harding and Anthony Locke—whose first peal it would have been, and who rang well. The present Vicar, the Rev. V. A. Callow, who always meets and, afterwards, either congratulates or condoles with visitors, at once said another attempt could be made on the following Monday evening. This was successful.

Mr. Clement W. Jose is the present congenial and enthusiastic captain, and is splendidly carrying on the tradition of the past. He trains many young ringers who inevitably go away from this type of rural parish, but his band building goes on, and the essential task of manning the bells on Sundays and festivals is fulfilled.

Kea has been a tower of activity and learning for many years, and for some its memory is fragrant and fresh. It has played a fundamental and essential part in the history of the Truro Guild; for example, in 1927 resident members of the Guild took part in a peal there which was the first by any living in the county of Cornwall for a period of no less than 14 years. This began a revival. Kea was the place of revival. May this tradition of inspiration go on. For all who visit Kea it is a pleasant place, but it is much more—it is holy ground. God bless priest and people who serve Him there.

A. S. R.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District at Chiddingstone

From Cheshire to Chiddingstone is a long journey, and it is more than probable that most of the Cheshire ringers have never even heard of it, but on Aug. 7th, when the Tonbridge District held a meeting, the locals were pleased to welcome the Rev. E. Taylor, Vicar of Norbury (Hazel Grove), and in his most helpful address he proved that although he himself is not a ringer he is very familiar with ringers and their ways.

In spite of travelling difficulties, ringing commenced punctually at 3 p.m., the oldest member of the District, Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, now in his 86th year, having overcome the lack of buses by walking from his home, a journey which took him an hour.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Taylor, who was in charge of the Parish during the absence of the Rector, and Mrs. Taylor played the organ. At the business meeting the grateful thanks of the ringers were expressed to the Rev. and Mrs. Taylor for giving up a day of their holiday so that the service could be held.

One new member was elected, one election prior to a peal confirmed, and nine non-resident members from Lancashire, Cheshire and Warwickshire were elected. The hope was expressed that these non-resident members, who were to stay in Sevenoaks for a week's tour, would enjoy their holiday and have a successful time.

Ringing catered for all tastes, although there was a marked reluctance on the part of even the most enthusiastic to turn in the tenor.

A notable feature of the last few meetings of the District has been the number of young ringers attending. It these continue with the same enthusiasm as they have begun the future looks quite promising.

COMPOSITIONS

WINCHESTER SURPRISE

MAJOR

	12345678	
	21436587	
	12463857	U
	21648375	
		V
	26143857	
	62418375	
A	62148735	W
	26417853	
B		X
	62471835	
	26748153	
C	26471835	Y
	62748153	
D		Z
	26784513	
	62875431	
E	68257413	
	86524731	
F		
	68257431	

2nds place L H
15738264
4ths place Bob

F.C.E.'s as Cambridge Major

First rung at East Tytherley, May 29th, 1954.

ROYAL

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	2143658709	
	1246385079	U
	2164830597	
		V
	2614385079	
	6241830597	
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	2641089375	
B		X
	6240183957	
	2604819375	
C	2640189735	W1
	6204817953	
D		X1
	2608471935	
	6280749153	
C1	6820471935	Y1
	8602749153	
D1		Z1
	6820794513	
	8602975431	
E1	8069257413	
	0896524731	
F1		
	8069257431	

2nds place L.H.
1573920486
4ths place Bob

F.C.E.'s as Cambridge Royal

First rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, July 31st, 1954.

5,056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

By ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 8)

M	W	H	23456
	—	3	52436
—		3	42635
—	—	2	65324
	—	3	26354
	—	2	23564
	—	3	62534
—	—	2	54326
—		3	34625
X		2	23456

Rung for the first time at St. Thomas', South Wigston on May 22nd, 1954.

WEDDING BELLS

AT BATHAMPTON

The picturesque old village church at Bathampton, on the outskirts of Bath, Somerset, was an ideal setting for the wedding of two well-known Bath ringers on August 6th. Even the sun put in one of its rare appearances and shone brightly for the occasion.

The bride was Miss Moira Hemer, who rings at Bathampton, and the bridegroom Mr. Eric Naylor, formerly of Rainham, Kent, a ringer well known in that county, who now resides in Bath, and is a member of the Bath Abbey and St. Michael's, Bath, ringing companies.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina length dress of white lace and carried a shower bouquet of flame roses with white sweet peas and stephanotis. Her bridesmaids, Miss Pamela Hemer (sister, and formerly a ringer at Bathampton), Miss Rachael Sanger-Davies and Miss Anne Rigden (friends), wore ballerina length blue organdie dresses. They carried shower bouquets of white roses and delphiniums, with headdresses to match. Best man was Mr. Harold Cross.

As the couple left the church a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Mrs. Cooper (Bathampton), G. Hawkins and W. Cope (Bath) and G. Naylor, G. Kenward and E. Barton (Rainham).

Somerset and Kent ringers were well represented at the reception held at the bride's home.

A large number of congratulatory telegrams were received and many of these had a strong campanological flavour, whilst among the presents on view were gifts from the ringers at Bath Abbey, St. Michael's, Bath, and Bathampton.

AT ILFORD

Mr. H. A. Bradbury, secretary of the Rickmansworth tower, was married to Miss Sheila Harvey at Ilford Parish Church on Saturday, August 7th.

In honour of the wedding 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on Monday, August 9th, by D. Bell (first quarter) 1, T. Clark 2, F. W. Elliott 3, C. Wenban 4, A. Wenban 5, D. C. Bartholomew 6, G. Seaman (conductor) 7, J. Lloyd 8.

AT LINCOLN

On Saturday, August 14th, the wedding took place at St. Giles', Lincoln, between Mr. Edward W. Colley, a ringer of Worthen, Shrewsbury, and Miss Nancy E. Swann, a ringer of St. Giles', Lincoln, who is secretary of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The couple will now reside near Reading.

The service was conducted by the Rev. V. I. Dalby, Vicar of St. Giles', and Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. E. A. C. Buckmaster, Rector of Worthen. The bells were rung before and after the ceremony, and in the afternoon a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung to celebrate the occasion.

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QUARTER PEALS

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HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On July 30th, 480 St. Simon's and 960 Bob Doubles: J. R. G. Spicer 1, Miss L. Allen 2, M. J. Dyer 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Popple 1, J. Papworth 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Aug. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. T. Yeomans 1, F. J. Bailey 2, F. Hannington 3, T. M. Roderick 4, F. Rowsell 5, W. H. Dare 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, Geo. Davis 8, R. E. Coles 9, Thos. Petty 10.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. L. Dadds 4, A. F. Udall 5, A. J. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, H. Purchase 2, T. N. Bristow 3, G. Davis 4, F. Branchflower 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Commins 8. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. N. Bristow 1, D. V. Smith (first as cond.) 2, Miss M. A. Robbins 3, C. W. J. Tarr 4, R. Winter 5, F. Branchflower 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, H. Commins 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, A. J. Dunk (first 'inside') 2, H. Springate 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, T. A. Cross 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, W. Hollands 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Eric Naylor to Miss Moira Hemer, which took place at St. Nicholas' Bathampton, on August 6th.

RIBCHESTER, LANCS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Downing (first quarter of Minor) 1, Rosemary Parkinson 2, E. J. Gower 3, Jean Dawson 4, W. E. Wilkinson 5, Patricia M. Bourne (cond.) 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. N. Stevens 1, S. J. Ivin 2, G. Olney (first quarter 'inside') 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, J. F. Olney 5, P. J. Lawton 6. Rung after Evensong for the patronal festival.

STAINES, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 9th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss M. E. Collins (first quarter 'inside') 2, P. E. Parry 3, R. Lathbury 4, W. Shepherd (cond.) 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, M. W. Harbott 7, H. Hancock 8. An 88th birthday compliment to William C. Parker, the well-known steeplekeeper and ringer.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Aug. 19th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, P. Devenish 2, T. Welbourne 3, R. Charge 4, R. Sanders 5, J. Chapman (cond.) 6, F. E. Corfield 7, J. Tomsett 8. A birthday compliment to ringers 1, 3 and 6, also to Mrs. R. Sanders. Rung by a combined Wimbledon and Streatham band, four of each tower.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Clarke 1, Miss R. Morgan 2, J. Sutton (Salisbury) 3, H. Huckle 4, K. Orchard 5, M. J. Soper (Monkton Hadley) 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, W. Damer 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving the district.

AT LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL

It was a happy day at Longbridge Deverill, Wilts, on August 4th, when two of the local band, Miss Ruth Avery, daughter of the captain, and Mr. Reginald F. Jones were married Appropriately, the best man, Mr. Patrick White, and the chief bridesmaid, Miss Carol Jones, are both Longbridge Deverill ringers.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR HALE

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Arthur Hale, of Tirley, Glos, on August 7th, after a short illness, aged 65 years.

One of the oldest members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. Hale joined some 30 years ago and was an active member of Tirley band. Although not a peal ringer (he only rang one peal), he was a regular Sunday service ringer and supporter of Branch meetings and also a keen churchman. He originated from Tewkesbury, where his father, the late Mr. John Hale, was a member of the Abbey band for many years.

The funeral took place on August 11th at Tirley Church and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. T. Parker), an honorary member of the Association. The bearers were Messrs. H. Ball, A. Chamberlain, F. Chamberlain and G. Goulding. The service was attended by many of his ringing friends, including Messrs. E. T. Newbury and J. Beech, chairman and secretary respectively of the Tewkesbury Branch.

The bells were rung half-muffled following the service, by Tewkesbury Branch members and during the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted by the local band but failed after 40 minutes.

Mr. Hale will be sorely missed at Tirley and much sympathy is expressed to his widow, son and two daughters. J. B.

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MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Carlton on Saturday, Aug. 21st, at 3 p.m. A special (yellow) bus will leave Middlesbrough Town Hall at 2.30. Fare about 1s 6d.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4886

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4842

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting, Gransden, Aug. 21st. Special methods, Kelso Surprise and Oswald.—F. Warrington, Dis. Ringing Master. 4877

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Earle, North Lodge, Stisted, Braintree. 4808

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Brightling, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 4826

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Harlington, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) from 3. Tea 5.15. and business meeting in Church Hall. Cranford (6) in evening. Note: Hillingdon meeting is Oct. 23rd, not 16th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4838

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Further ringing after tea.—P. A. Sadler. 4833

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 4818

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Nether Wallop, Aug. 21st. Bells (5) 2. Tea 4.30. at Butcher's Arms. Service 5.15. Over Wallop after tea. 4851

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 28th. St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4837

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches. — United meeting at Martock, Aug. 28th. Tea provided for those who give notice not later than Aug. 24th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 4841

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Shipham, Sat., Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 4864

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting, Wembdon, Aug. 28th, 6.30 p.m. Provisional date, Thurloxton. Sept. 18th — R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4858

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Arksey (8), Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 25th, to D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe. 4869

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, Aug. 26th. to Mr. R. Gofton, 8, Hermiston, Monkseaton. 4861

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Wingerworth, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. All welcome.—B. A Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4866

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4872

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—At Basingstoke, Aug. 28th. Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District). Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea in the Church Cottage 5. Towers available: Basingstoke (2), Bramley, Overton, Upton Grey, Odiham, Deane, Sherborne St. John, Monk Sherborne and Oakley from 2.30.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4874

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTROL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Mangotsfield, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 24th.—W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 4871

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Allensmore, Hereford, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 24th, to A Wingate, c/o 15, The Cloisters, Hereford. 4883

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Aug. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Kirkstall Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4880

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Names to J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington. 4888

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Otley, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 487

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Names for tea, by Aug 25th, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton. 4867

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Aug. 26th. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton. 4887

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dersingham, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to G. Batterbee, White Horse Drive, Dersingham, King's Lynn. Look up Single and Double Oxford. 4885

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Burnham, Aug. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by 24th. No name, no tea.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 4857

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, West Overton, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4870

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield (8), Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, 5 p.m., must be received by August 25th.—R. W. Pankhurst. 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4884

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Epping, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; own arrangements. Rounds to Surprise. All welcome. 4873

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Lightcliffe, Sept. 4th. For teas please notify by Aug. 30th, F. Popplewell, 51, Well Grove, Hove Edge, Brighouse.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4817

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, not late than Wednesday, Sept. 1st. Northbourne bells after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Lamberhurst, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) at 5.15 p.m. Names, by Sept. 1st, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4879

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Mablethorpe, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 4868

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Llandudno on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. followed by business meeting and tea. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 1st, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4863

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Olney, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4881

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Uffington, Sat., Sept. 4th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 4876

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Colston Bassett (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. **only** for those notifying, by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, Mr. G. R. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts No name, no tea. 4859

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 4860

FARNWORTH, LANCS. — Dedication of new eight bells (Taylor's, 12¼ cwt.), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names **essential** by Aug. 31st to Joseph Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, near Bolton, Lancs. 4816

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 8th, to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4875

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) available from the undersigned.—Apply NOW, as the seating accommodation is limited, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, Kent. 4849

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—317th Anniversary Dinner, Bridge House, London Bridge, Saturday, November 6th, 1954. A. B. Peck. 4889

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, D. Elwick 3, R. A. Appleby 4, G. W. White 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, H. Short 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. H. Corner, aged 53, interred this day, and who for many years was a ringer at this church.

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ON MY DOORSTEP

By the REV. J. G. M. SCOTT

THE archivist at the City Library was very helpful; yes, she said she would take my list of Exeter bell-founders and see what she could find about them. But the letter, when it came, was apologetic and rather disappointing. The only person they could find out anything about was Thomas Byrdall; they had a deed concerning a tenement which he had leased from the Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter in 1594—a tenement, incidentally, on or near the site of a present-day foundry, Messrs. Garton and King, in the parish of Saint Thomas the Apostle.

I was glad to learn something about Thomas Byrdall; we haven't many bells from him surviving, only three bearing his name; about four more have the initials of John Byrdall, who operated after him. But they are an interesting pair, because under them the Exeter foundry, which had been in existence for over two centuries, came to an end. They used the old trade-mark and sometimes the old crosses and other stamps of their own; Thomas put his name in full in black-letter with big Lombardic capitals; John used his initials, I.B., in very unusual capitals all sprouting with foliage like a rustic pergola suddenly come into leaf and very handsome. Their bells are long-waisted and often have very high-domed crowns; one of them hangs in the Cathedral (the fourth) and is called Byrdan, because Thomas always spelt his name like that on his bells : as it is never so spelt in records, perhaps he was using a black-letter 'n' for a double 'l.'

And here they are, after all my searches, right on my doorstep! The registers are in the Vicarage, and begin in the 1550's; luckily they are transcribed and indexed, so the search for Byrdalls is not a long one, and what a crowd of them there was! Over 120 entries before 1690, when this volume finishes.

The registers give us a picture already half-completed; Thomas Byrdall, brasyer, seems to have had children whose baptisms are not here, but whose burials are. There is also a John Byrdall, presumably his brother, whose occupation is not recorded. And on almost every page their children turn up with astonishing regularity in the baptism register, and almost as often, alas, in the burial one, too. It's hard to keep to the matter in hand with these old books; all sorts of half-drawn pictures are conjured up, and half-told stories, humorous, gruesome or tragic, by the notes against the entries. Here is the doughty but unfortunate Gilbert Mortimore (odd, that, my two middle names!) who 'cam to his death by wrastlyng'; here, with apologies to the medical profession, is Grace Hallce, 'of the prish. of Woodberye but was under the caer of Doctor Coll of this prish. and being distracted drouned herself'; here, in a brief glimpse of mystery, is Richard Hollman 'who was shot'; here, is Roger Wreford (an ancester of Fred, perhaps?) who 'was most cruelly murdered in the Long Marsh by Exe'; here are 'two shoulders (soldiers) that were shute to death against Mr. James Hunt's wall behind ye Bridewill for ye runing away from their Coullers' . . . but we must get back to the Byrdalls and leave these fascinating diversions.

Like many others in their times, they were not a lucky family, and their infant mortality was appalling. Thomas's brother John had eleven children, of whom the first seven all died before him; in the year 1570–1 ('a plague or pestilence this yere') poor John lost his whole family of four children, and of the next two Mellonie died at 25 and little Christopher at 14 months. .The rest were all girls, so John had no heir when he died in 1609, seven years after Wilmote, his wife.

Thomas, the bell-founder, had ten children, and was no less unfortunate. His first three and his last two children all died young, and he was left with three sons and two daughters; Thomas lost two of his children in the terrible plague of 1570; it must have been a grievous year for the Byrdall family, as for all St. Thomas. The second of Thomas's surviving sons was John, called 'John Byrdall junior' in the registers, and it was he who took over the business. John was married at the age of 24 to Wilmote ffurse (this unusual Christian name seems to have been common among the Byrdalls; John's aunt had borne it, and he gave it to his youngest daughter. Melyor, Mellorie or Mellonie was another Byrdall family name, now never used, though it's pretty enough). When old Thomas died in 1606—he cast a bell for Woodbury the previous year—John had a family of five, four girls and a boy, Thomas. Mellorye, the eldest, was 13, and Wilmote was 4. Their father's foundry must have been a fascinating place to them, especially little Thomas, and one suspects Mrs. John Byrdall and their granny, Mrs. Thomas, must have made frequent inroads on the butter-pat when the youngsters came into contact with something hot. They seem to have

been a healthy lot, for they all survived their father, and Thomas, Wilmote and Margaret were all married in St. Thomas's Church.

But John never lived to see his grandchildren : he died, and the foundry with him, at the age of 56, in 1624. Strangely enough, his last bell, cast in the year he died, hangs beside his father's last surviving bell, at Woodbury; John's is the fourth, and his fathers' the fifth, of the eight. Young Thomas was a churchwarden 34 years later, and the family throve all through the 17th century, but there are no Byrdalls in Exeter now. Still, their bells are still sound and tunable, there in the registers are the clues to their family history, while all that was mortal of them lies somewhere in our churchyard, where I passed to and fro every day wondering where to find a record of them.

A SHROPSHIRE RINGING TOUR

All peals rung for the Shropshire Association.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	..*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ROLAND W. MORANT.. ..	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
BRIAN BLADEN	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
COLIN J. CHAMPION ..	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	.. *Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

BRIAN W. WARWICK	..*Treble*	†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON..	2	*KILBY R. HOLTOM	7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	3	*PHILIP MEHEW	8
*COLIN J. CHAMPION ..	4	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	9
A. PATRICK CANNON ..	5	RALPH BIRD	.. *Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal.
In memoriam Walter Lago, a member of the local band for 50 years, who was buried that day.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's in 8 methods: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

KILBY R. HOLTOM ..	..*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4
COLIN J. CHAMPION ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BRIAN BLADEN	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
First peal in eight methods on the bells.

MORETON-CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*JANE COATES	..*Treble*	COLIN J. CHAMPION ..	4
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ROLAND W. MORANT ..	3	PHILIP MEHEW	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in seven methods. First 720 of London in a peal of Minor for the Association. The fastest peal for the Association.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	..*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
BRIAN W. WARWICK	3	KILBY R. HOLTOM	7
BRIAN BLADEN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	.. *Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

KILBY R. HOLTOM ..	..*Treble*	COLIN J. CHAMPION ..	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	*ROLAND W. MORANT ..	6
BRIAN W. WARWICK ..	3	RALPH BIRD	7
BRIAN BLADEN	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	.. *Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN W. WARWICK.
* 75th peal. The first peal in the method in the county and for the Association; also for all the band except 2nd and 3rd.
A compliment to J. Martin Thorley, of Thorne, Yorkshire, who was married to Patricia Reeves, of York Minster, on August 11th, 1954.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	..*Treble*	*PHILIP MEHEW	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*BRIAN BLADEN	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ..	7
*ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	.. *Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 5 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	..*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	RALPH BIRD	6
BRIAN W. WARWICK	3	KILBY R. HOLTOM	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	.. *Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. P. Cannon. The conductor's 200th tower for a peal in that capacity, and his 275th tenor ' turned in ' to a peal.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5038 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

PHILIP A. F. CHALK	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
JOHN W. WARD	2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	8
MISS G. SMITH	3	T. REGINALD DENNIS	9
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	CYRIL A. HURST	10
JOHN G. GIPSON	5	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	11
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	6	ALFRED RAYNER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
First peal of Grandsire Cinques for the Association; also the first peal on the bells since their restoration.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

HAROLD TAYLOR	*Treble*	WALTER G. SOAR	6
CHARLES W. WALKLATE	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
JOSEPH A. CONSTANT	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	8
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	SAMPSON WALKLATE	9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5	ROY MARSDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
Rung to celebrate the wedding at St. Luke's Church, Derby, on this day, of Miss Phylis Margaret Hayes and Mr. William Albert Parsons, ringing master of St. Luke's.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt.

SYDNEY A. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
MRS. OLIVE ROGERS	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
MRS. KATHLEEN F. PARR	4	ALAN F. THIRST	9
THOMAS E. DAVIES	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
*GEORGE ROOBOTTOM	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	DIANA M. MATTHEW	5
*HAROLD LEATHERS	2	FRANK RUFFLES	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
WALTER W. MILLER	4	†LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal 'inside.' † 400th peal and 100th on the bells.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*DAVID W. BEARD	*Treble*	†LIONEL S. WOODS	5
FRANK V. GANT	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	6
MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
DR. COLIN E. WRIGHT	4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by DR. COLIN E. WRIGHT.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor.
Rung for the christening of Janice Dorothy Wright, daughter of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
(On the 'Stelfox Eight.')

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	HAROLD G. JENNEY	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	WILLIAM J. ROOT	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. THORNLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH
First peal in the method as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
L. HENRY HARDING	2	SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK	6
*MICHAEL A. C. SINFIELD	3	†RONALD J. SHARP	7
BRYAN F. SIMS	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal on eight bells. † 250th peal.
Rung by the Bedfordshire Old Ringers in the absence of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers as a farewell compliment to their leader, Mr. J. Michael Stephens, who is leaving the district.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,152 Bristol, 896 Superlative, 896 Pudsey, 736 Cambridge, 704 London and 704 Hereford with 135 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	RICHARD E. PRICE	5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First touch of six spliced.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
EDWARD EVANS	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	5
*DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of Bristol on the bells.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOAN TAYLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	ARTHUR E. GILBERT	6
JACK W. DREW	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
†JAMES E. TAYLOR	4	HARRY J. GAYLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.
Rung for the engagement of Miss E. Locke, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. LESLIE MILLS	*Treble*	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
JAMES H. EDWARDS	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
*A. EDWARD LEGGETT	3	†URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
*DONALD L. MILLS	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Yorkshire.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

MARGOT R. THOMPSON	*Treble*	ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
ERNEST S. BAILEY	2	HARRY HALL	6
EDGAR C. PIZZEY	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
RICHARD S. PAYNE	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	6
JOAN HOODLESS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	HENRY C. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
PAULINE M. SAXTON	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4	CHARLES W. POUND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Grandsire.
A wedding peal for Alan H. Sturgess and Renée M. Marwood, of Fareham, and Raymond Budd and Gwendoline Wort, of Privett.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
†AUDREY B. DISERENS	2	†JOHN N. DISERENS	6
†RONALD F. DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
ALBERT DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Rutland. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Edward W. Colley and Miss Nancie E. Swann.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

PHILLIP SADLER	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
BARRY COOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
BERNARD SADLER	3	GERALD FROST	7
DONALD COOMBES	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Composition rung for the first time.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Victor W. Grimwade and Eileen Flack, both ringers of the above church, who were married the previous day.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	EDWARD EVANS	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 50th peal.

HALEWOOD, NEAR LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation (No. 1). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARTHUR MADDOCK	*Treble*	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	5
JOHN ROBERTS	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
THOMAS ROBINSON	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
GEORGE H. HESKETH	4	WILLIAM ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
50th tower bell peal for G. H. Hesketh.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William H. Grace, a great benefactor to this church and the village of Halewood.

SIX BELL PEALS

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 12 cwt.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Treble*	FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN.	4
*IVOR R. NICHOLLS	2	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
FREDK. W. GROCOTT, SEN.	3	WILLIAM CARNWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT, JUN.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*CECILIA D. COWLEY	*Treble*	MADELINE SMITH	4
*MARY FREEMAN	2	HAROLD MARCON	5
*BETTY BUTLER	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* First peal.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six scores (10 callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. ..*Treble*	THOMAS W. OSBORNE .. 4
ALBERT W. DYER 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	WILLIAM G. TURK .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung to mark the birth of a son to the Rector and his wife (the Rev. E. J. and Mrs. Pultman).

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Chester, Munden, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale, (3) London, Wells, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, (5) York, Durham, (6) Berwick, Hexham, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLARD .. .. ..*Treble*	CECIL WADE 4
LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 2	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. 5
JAMES W. HAW 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung in honour of the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. D. S. Rowlands, B.A., as a canon and prebendary of Lincoln Cathedral.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*SUSAN HARROP .. .. ..*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	FRED TERRY 5
†JOHN J. TAYLOR 3	†LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in four methods. † 25th peal together.
Rung on the back six bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 4
*ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE.. 2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES 5
JOHN R. SMITH 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPO .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal of Minor.

ACCRINGTON. LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

LEONARD WALSH .. ..*Treble*	*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. 4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	*GORDON WHEWELL 5
*MAURICE HOLGATE .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ..*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE 4
*JOHN BEARDMORE 2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 5
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	EWART H. EDGE .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

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THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising: Two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*Dorothy K. Saunders ..*Treble*	Charles Hone 4
*Marian Skinner 2	Bernard G. Moore .. 5
†June M. Clements .. 3	Brian J. Luff .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Luff.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in more than one method ' inside.'

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Jack Bray .. ..*Treble*	Ronald Chafer 4
Harry Hall 2	George W. Moody .. 5
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 3	Philip Barnes .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

Rung as a farewell to Canon H. D. Henderson, who recently left this parish to become Vicar of Cherry Willingham.

WORLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Howard Collins .. ..*Treble*	David G. Yeo 4
Marjorie Legg 2	Kenneth Medway 5
John S. Walton 3	George Prescott .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (10 different callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

Frederick G. Hooper ..*Treble*	*Neville Parkin 4
Sheila M. Harper 2	William L. Exton .. 5
*Vivienne M. Horton .. 3	F. William Midwinter..*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal at first attempt. The conductor has now ' circled the tower.'

A farewell peal to Neville Parkin before going overseas with H.M. Forces.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Marion Haile .. .. ..*Treble*	†Mollie Tilbury 4
†Edwin J. Davies 2	†Josephine Green .. 5
†Philip G. Morgan .. 3	Reginald T. Jones ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

* First peal. † First peal in two Minor methods.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, six different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*Denis A. Frith .. ..*Treble*	*Fredk. W. Pinchbeck .. 4
*Henry P. Collin .. 2	H. Reginald Woods .. 5
*D. Henry Mettam .. 3	James H. Musson ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the wedding of Frank R. Mitchell (a ringer at this church before his service in the Merchant Navy) and Miss Maureen Lowbridge.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and one Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Hugh Bell .. .. ..*Treble*	Richard E. Manton .. 4
J. Harry Cook 2	Doreen Armstrong .. 5
Reginald Looker 3	Frank Bradley .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Doreen Armstrong.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Hazelwood for his 73rd birthday; also in recognition of his 30 years' service as Rector's Warden.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

David Brand .. ..*Treble*	Max. P. Page 4
Harry D. Lister 2	William J. Button 5
*E. George Catton .. 3	Robert E. Lester .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry D. Lister.

* First peal in three methods. R. E. Lester has now ' circled the tower.'

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Kent, and two each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Ernest Brown .. ..*Treble*	Archie A. Fitch 4
Thomas Bird 2	Rosemary Seabrook .. 5
Albert Catterwell .. 3	Samuel Twitchett ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Samuel Twitchett.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF 5092 SPLICED ROYAL

Consisting of Plain, Gainsborough and Little Bob with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*Mrs. J. Bray .. .. 1—2	Jack Bray .. .. .. 5—6
George E. Feirn .. 3—4	Philip Barnes .. .. 7—8
	†C. Aubrey Harrison .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First peal of Royal in three methods. † First peal of Spliced Royal. First peal of Spliced Royal as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

Alfred Ballard .. .. 1—2	Daniel T. Matkin .. 5—6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3—4	*Herrick B. Bowley .. 7—8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples ' in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Thomas J. Lock .. .. 1—2	Joseph D. Johnson .. 5—6
John Thomas .. .. 3—4	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 7—8
Composed by John Carter.	Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

Thomas J. Lock .. .. 1—2	John Thomas .. .. .. 5—6
Mrs. J. Thomas .. .. 3—4	Mrs. T. J. Lock .. .. 7—8

Conducted by John Thomas.

* First peal ' in hand.'

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (being two extents of 720, each called differently): G. H. Perry 1, J. H. Haynes 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, J. Southey 2, S. Jones 3, C. Evens 4, R. Rowley 5, J. E. Rootes 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, T. Norris 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Peter Ulten Granville Sharpe and Miss Jennifer Anne Longnag immediately after the service at this church.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. F. Olney 1, J. F. Olney 2, T. W. Allen 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier 5, S. J. Ivin 6. Ringers of 5 and 6 joint conductors Rung in honour of the visit of the Rev. F. T. Gillette, of Ohio, U.S.A., to the native village of his parents.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian Parsons 1, Joyce Fishlock 2, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 3, F. W. Housden 4, H. J. Smerdon 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, A. J. Adams 8. Rung as a farewell to Harry Smerdon, who has left Banstead to reside in Devon.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A Holway 8.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Smallwood (cond.) 1, H. Harrison 2, R. Blackwell 3, G. Dean 4, A. Sansome 5, T. Nott 6. Rung for the anniversary of the rededication of the church; also as a tribute for the birthday of Princess Anne.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Parker (first in method) 1, S. Pitman (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Deem (first in method as cond.) 3, J. Carter 4, S. Skinner 5, N. Skinner (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 14th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Palmer (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Miss B. Nolder (13) 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, Miss D. Luke 4, G. M. Harvey (first as cond.) 5, T. F. Victor Neil 6. First quarter of Doubles by all except 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. R. Kemp and Miss F. A. Brookfield, who were married earlier in the day.

ECCLES, LANCS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Reynolds 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, H. Melbourne (first quarter) 3, A. Ridyard 4, A. Sandford 5, A. Ward 6, R. Longden (cond.) 7, G. Longden 8. Rung for Evensong.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Bellamy (first of Triples) 1, Doris Banks 2, G. Verrill 3, Ann West 4, G. Miles 5, A. E. C. Noble 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, A. J. Dye 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Renee Marwood and Mr. Alan Sturgess, both ringers at this church.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: D. Margaret Hawley 1, D. Tune 2, E. M. Bradley 3, F. Terry 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. M. Thorley and Miss P. Reeves.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. Head (first of Major) 1, L. Fidler 2, E. Winters 3, K. C. Timbury (first of Oxford Treble Bob Major) 4, M. Collins 5, M. Orme 6, P. Mehew 7, D. P. Jones (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung for Matins. Also 1,260 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: A. Tuttle 1, L. Fidler 3, C. V. Hare 4, K. C. Timbury 5, M. Orme 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, E. Winters 8. Rung for Evensong.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Wells 1, Mrs. R. J. Pearson 2, Mrs. K. F. Parr 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, A. L. Pearson 7, T. E. Davies 8, J. R. Ketteringham 9, A. Tomblin 10.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,440 Minor (720 Childwall, 720 Thelwall): P. Stacey (first of Minor) 1, R. Castledine 2, R. Dixon 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, C. Harwood 5, J. Dear (cond.) 6. First in the methods by all.

NETHER STOWEY, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 16th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Marchant (15) 1, M. Stone (16) 2, D. Miller (17) 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells, recently rehung.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 300 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6. A birthday compliment to C. Randall.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, M. Simpson 2, T. Watts (cond.) 3, A. Harmer 4, W. Dean 5, T. Pritchard 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Price, who was married this day.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Taylor (cond.) 1, L. H. May 2, W. Cockram 3, J. Upton 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Kelland 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Princess Anne.

WESTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. J. King 1, R. O. Fry 2, J. A. Hoare 3, P. W. Weekes 4, R. E. Coles 5, R. J. Bowden 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, Sealy Woodburn 8.

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To comply with a long standing request from Mr. H. G. Jenney, father of the Cathedral band at Leicester, a peal of Double Norwich was rung at the Cathedral on the light eight. It was over 30 years since he and another member of the band (no names—no ages) rang a peal in the method.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Norwich City Police converged on St. Peter Mancroft at 4.20 a.m. on August 12th on hearing a bell tolling. At the church a policeman was met by Mr. Albert Eagle, a sidesman. When Mr. Eagle shouted up the bell tower, 'Who's there?' the tolling immediately stopped. More police were called out to surround the building and then the bell tower was unlocked. It was found that a stay of the treble bell had broken, causing the bell to sound. We need not repeat the moral of this story.

The only difference between Lincolnshire and Gainsborough (hence the name), instead of long dodge, is dodge, lead, dodge, lie, dodge, lead.

The bells of Preston Parish Church will be heard immediately before the service to be broadcast from there on Sunday, September 19th, from 9.30–10.15 a.m. in the North of England Home Service only.

Peals that have been rung recently at Hartford, East Budleigh and Withycombe Raleigh have been conducted by Mr. Sidney F. Skinner. Our correspondent regrets the mistake in the initials.

A farewell 720 of Plain Bob Doubles was rung at Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs, to W. Ball, who is joining H.M. Forces. It was his first 720 and also those of N. Kitchen and K. Stainton. The extent was conducted by J. Charnock. Other ringers were T. Barker and A. Hatch.

In our issue of August 6th we referred to Canon C. E. Last ringing his first quarter peal. This was in his own tower at Great Horwood, of which parish he is rector. The ringers who participated were all from the same tower. Will correspondents sending in details of quarter peals kindly state the name of the tower in which the performance took place?

Mr. Antony G. Oliver, a member of the Holy Trinity Cathedral band, Guildford, and also of the Roving Ringers, pulled up the bells of his own tower single handed last Saturday for his wedding. His bride, Miss Iris Ida Purser, of Guildford, is also a ringer, having been taught to ring by Mr. G. L. Grover. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung before and after the service by members of the Holy Trinity band. The choral service was conducted by the Rev. C. G. Pearson. Among the congratulatory telegrams received was one from the Roving Ringers.

Congratulations to Mr. Thomas Price, hon. secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on his marriage. A congratulatory quarter peal was rung at Stonehouse on August 14th.

Patience was rewarded in the peal of Yorkshire at Great Holland, Essex. Donald Mills, who has just celebrated his 15th birthday, has been hoping for a peal of Surprise Major during the last two years, having made attempts for Rutland, Superlative, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire in different towers with over 30 different ringers occupying over 15 hours' ringing. One attempt for Rutland lasted 2 hours 35 minutes with seven peal conductors in the band and a bob was missed.

Hertford College Youths had a misfortune on their outing on August 7th. After ringing at Godmanchester and Hemingford Abbots, the coach broke down on the journey to Peterborough, which prevented the journey being made to Spalding. After an excellent lunch a very wet afternoon was spent in Peterborough visiting the Cathedral. An hour's ringing was spent on the heavy bells at St. John's, and later another hour at St. James', Thrapston. Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers who met the visitors.

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PEAL RINGING IN DERBYSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

ON looking down the list of Derbyshire towers and their peals, one thing immediately stands out. That is that at many of them, their heyday was prior to 1914. I don't think there is any doubt that more peals were rung in this county at the beginning of the century than since. This is not, perhaps, so surprising when we remember one or two things. Firstly, it wasn't until 1948 that the previous record number of peals in a year was beaten. This previous record had been accomplished as far back as 1913, so that more peals were rung just before the first world war than in any year between the wars. Derbyshire obviously helped in creating this record. Secondly, we must remember the influence in that part of the world of famous ringers and their bands 50 to 60 years ago. Sir A. P. Heywood lived at Duffield, and the pioneer Surprise ringing band at Burton-on-Trent was on the borders of the county and often rang peals in Derby and the surrounding district. So it is not to be wondered at that we have to look back to the beginning of the period under review to see that Derbyshire was one of the main centres of the Exercise then and that it has never reached such pre-eminence again, although that doesn't mean that ringing hasn't flourished since, or that not many peals have been rung in the past 40 years. We have only to remember the lead which Ilkeston gave in ringing Kent and Oxford combined, or the number of peals rung at this place and, say, Eckington between the wars, to realise this.

THREE CHURCHES WITH 200 PEALS

And now to review the towers. There are not many counties which possess three churches where more than 200 peals have been rung as in Derbyshire. These are the two ten-bell towers of Chesterfield and Duffield and the eight-bell Bolsover. Strangely enough, Duffield and Chesterfield peal totals are exactly the same at the moment—237. Both are good examples of what has been said above, for at the former, 171 of the peals were rung between 1884 and 1914 (81 between 1884 and 1890)—an average of about six a year over the whole period. At the latter, 188 were rung in about the same time with no less than 166 between 1900 and 1915—11 a year average! Thirty-two were rung between 1918 and 1923, when fears for the safety of the 'crooked spire' brought ringing to an abrupt end for nearly 25 years, until 1947, in fact. There is no doubt that, but for this, Chesterfield would be among the four or five towers with the highest number of peals in the whole country. At Duffield 16 peals, and at Chesterfield 17 peals have been rung since the war—quite respectable, but a much lower average than 40 years ago.

Bolsover has just passed the 200 mark—the last peal being the 201st. Ringing was very popular here between the wars, but still not quite up to the pre-1914 period. The first peal was in 1899, and 96 were rung up to 1915. Between 1919 and 1939, 81 were rung, so the average per year fell from six to four. Twenty-four have been rung here since 1945. These three towns are far ahead of all others in the county, for only one other has passed the 100 mark (although Ilkeston will reach that goal with the next peal), and that is North Wingfield. One hundred and sixteen have been rung there—80 of them from 1900 to 1914 (again supporting the above remarks).

Ilkeston is one of the exceptions to the rule of most peals before 1914. It was between the wars that most of the 99 peals were rung (62, in fact). Mention has already been made of the lead which this tower has given to the ringing of Kent and Oxford. It is still a popular ringing centre, with 17 peals since the war. Two other towers are in the 90's—Long Eaton with 93 and Eckington with 92. In the former case, 24 peals were rung in the four years before 1914, which is its peak of achievement, and at the latter, 62 between the wars. At the moment both names are appearing infrequently in the peal lists. Netherseale (80) and Overseale (73) seem to be the most popular towers at the present There have been 29 and 30 peals respectively at these places since the war (but only one at each tower so far this year).

'RINGING WORLD' SHOWS THE WAY!

Our readers will be interested in the announcement in the 'News Chronicle' on Aug. 17th, which reads as follows:

WHO ARE YOU?

Unsigned letters — or those signed with a nom de plume—seem to be increasing. Except in cases where the writer is a member of a profession that make anonymity necessary, such letters cannot be considered for publication.

We are no longer the ONLY paper which does not entertain anonymous contributions!

A PERIOD OF POPULARITY

Mention should be made of the two other ten-bell towers in the county (there are no twelves). Derby Cathedral is enjoying its most popular period at the moment. Seventeen of its 26 peals have come since 1945—there has only been one this centry before then. St. Andrew's, Derby, has had 89 peals, 59 were from 1883 to 1913, and there have been 13 in the past six years, so an average of two peals a year makes the present compare favourably with the past. The eight-bell towers have already been dealt with, except to say that all of them have had at least one peal rung at them. Several have not been heard since the war, but the record for silence is at Derby (St. Werburgh's), where the last peal was rung in 1897.

As for six-bell towers, one of them, Killamarsh, was the leading six-bell tower in the country 60 years ago. Sixty-five peals have been rung there, 30 of them in the 1890's. But no peal has been rung here since 1931. Despite this, its total is more than double any other six-bell tower in the county. Blackwell comes second on the list with 31. Burbage, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Fairfield (when it was a six-bell tower) deserve special mention as being places where multi-method peals have been rung—up to 73 methods at Fairfield in 1937. Six of the 46 rings of six are still 'peal-less.' They are Bamford-in-the-Peak, Bonsall, Hathersage, Longford, Osmaston and Stanton-in-the-Peak. Nine of the 13 five-bell towers have had peals rung at them (not more than two at any of them, though). The four which have not are Hartshorne, Heath, Pentrich and Wingerworth.

Thus there is plenty of interest in Derbyshire.

WEDDING

MR. J. MARTIN THORLEY—MISS PATRICIA M. REEVES

The first lady member of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers, Miss Patricia M. Reeves, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Reeves, Second Avenue, Heworth, was married on August 11th at Heworth Parish Church, to Mr. James Martin Thorley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thorley, of Thorne. The Vicar (the Rev. S. Billingham) officiated.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Mrs. Wendy Long, matron of honour, and Miss Doreen Hinton, bridesmaid. The best man was Mr. W. Eric Critchley, peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. Both the bride and bridegroom have been enthusiastic ringers.

The bride wore a ballerina-length dress of white embossed cotton and carried a bouquet of pink roses, and her attendants wore dresses of white organza over pale green taffeta and carried sprays of sweet peas.

A reception was held at Betty's Cafe and the cake was decorated with a ring of eight bells. Both the bride and bridegroom are school teachers and are to live in Leeds.

In the evening the Minster bells were rung to celebrate the event. The honeymoon is being spent in Ireland.

'THE NINE TAILORS'

Bells as Background to Broadcast

Many ringers, without a doubt, listened last Tuesday in the Light Programme to the first of four instalments of the radio version of Dorothy L. Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors.'

Listeners who have read this novel will know that not only do the bells of the imaginary East Anglian Church of Fenchurch St. Peter control the lives of the parishioners, but they also provide the distinguished exponent of the methods of Sherlock Holmes, Lord Peter Wimsey, with the clue to a murder.

To ensure that the bells are properly rung, recordings were taken at Banstead Parish Church under the supervision of Mr. Harold N. Pitstow.

Alan Wheatley plays the part of Lord Peter Wimsey, Charles Leno his man Bunter, and Marjorie Westbury the teenager Hilary Thorpe. The production is by Norman Wright, who has titled his instalments 'The Bells in their Courses,' 'Lord Peter is Called into the Hunt,' 'Lord Peter is Called Wrong' and 'The Bells are Rung Down.'

Death of Mrs. Deborah Spice

A number of the older Kent ringers will have happy memories of their visits to Tunstall and meeting there the widow of William Spice, who for well over fifty years was a keen ringer and member of the Kent County Association.

Granny Spice, as she was familiarly known by her friends and acquaintances, has now passed on to higher service following a short illness, and her mortal remains were interred at Tunstall on August 23rd. She was in her 93rd year and, in the words of one who had known her for many years, 'it is for us a very happy memory of a happy and gracious lady—and the village will not be quite the same without her—but her spirit will remain always.'

Surviving ringer members of her family include her sons, Messrs. W. E. Spice (Tunstall), P. J. Spice (Bromley) and G. H. Spice (Tunstall), Mr. J. W. Unwin, of Canterbury (son-in-law), Dr. J. E. Spice and Mrs. Betty Robbins (grandchildren).

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

72 Towers in a Fortnight's Tour

THE weather was highly favourable when the Society met under the tower of St. John-the-Baptist, Bromsgrove, on Saturday, July 24th, for their annual tour. The tour covered 650 miles and 72 towers were visited. Ringing was comparable to the bells, moderate, at the first tower, Stoke Prior (8). At Wychbold (6) the party rang London Minor for a wedding. Ringing was enjoyed at All Saints', Worcester (10), but it was an exhausted company that rang at Great Malvern (8) owing to the long and gruelling climb.

UNHAPPY EXPERIENCES

The party cycled through appalling weather on the Sunday, ringing at Upton-upon-Severn (8), Leigh (8) and finally at Cirencester (12). The climb over Birdlip was awful! The country selected on Monday was some of the worst possible to ride in, and one young lady had a fall. The steel bells at Chalford (6) were not the discordant products anticipated. Then came the wind—a howling, shrieking gale and for 30 miles the party battled against it. Bedminster St. Thomas (8) was reached in the last stages of exhaustion. The party were, however, sufficiently recovered to 'gate-crash' the practice at St. Stephen's (10).

Tuesday was spent among weighty bells, ringing taking place at Easton-in-Gordano (22 cwt.), Wraxall (24 cwt.), Yatton (22 cwt.), Congresbury (35 cwt.) and Wrington (37 cwt.). In the last-named tower an attempt was made to kill the Master with an extremely fast yet well-struck course of Yorkshire Major. In the evening the tower-grabbing enthusiasts rang at Uphill and Weston-super-Mare.

Striking did justice to the wonderful six at Axbridge on Wednesday. The day developed into one of tug, grunt and sweat for the Ramblers rang at Cheddar, with its swaying tower, and Glastonbury, with all the faults of Cheddar plus a 70 foot draught of rope. The 'go' at Butleigh left much to be desired and the day ended at Street.

LADY ON SHERBORNE TENOR

'You are not in the North of England now,' was the greeting the party received the next day at Huish Episcopi. Later came Yeovil and Sherborne, two grand rings. At the latter tower Margaret A. Swann rang the tenor. Then over the stiff hill range to the Youth Hostel at Bratcombe — in the evening only three had sufficient energy to visit Sydling St. Nicholas (5).

Only 30 minutes were allowed the next day at Dorchester (8). There was more hill-climbing to Abbotsbury (6) and Litton Cheney (8) and the party were very thankful for the flat run to Burton Bradstock (6). Here the sallies were so low that the ringers were obliged to ring on their knees. The last tower of the day was Symondsbury (6).

Whitchurch Canonicorum (8) was the first tower visited on the Saturday and the depth of tone was much admired. Only five of the party visited Musbury (6), but after refreshment at the local, and refueling to two of the members a fast pace was maintained to Broadclyst (8). In the tower was a photograph of that bell of bells, Kolokol. What a tenor it would make! Alphington rounded off an enjoyable day.

SUNDAY'S CIDER

Sunday found us ringing at St. Mark's, Exeter, for Matins and we were intrigued by the call change ringing of the local band. At Silverton, local ringers joined in a touch, and at Cadeleigh a farmer, after showing us how to ring call changes, invited us to his farm to see where cider was made! The result was that we arrived late at Tiverton. Ringing at Brampton, the last tower of the day, was not up to the standard we should like.

By 10.30 a.m. on Monday we were ringing at Chipstable, a good light six, and at Milverton we met the Ringing Master of Rochester Cathedral, who was with us for the rest of the day. Other towers on the programme were Trull (6), Bishop's Lydeard (an eight famous for the antics of its bells, and Stogumber (6).

Spraxton (6) and Cannington were visited the next day and then to Bridgwater (much enjoyed) and Wedmore. A vast belfry and a cracked fifth were the only impressions of Wells St. Cuthbert. Some high-epeed ringing at Dinder (6) officially finished the day but tower-grabbers snatched Croscombe.

TWO VISITED HOSPITAL

On Wednesday the very fine eight at Chewton Mendip were visited, after which Radstock sounded rather feeble in comparison. Wellow bells were enjoyed and the cleanness of the belfry commented upon. Bath St. Michael brought to an end the official programme but some of the party rang at Wells Cathedral and others at Bathwick, and two members visited Bath Hospital.

Thursday was to be a long day's ride, starting at Chippenham. With the exception of two hardy members, the journey to Swindon (10) was made by train. Faringdon (8), Whitney (8) and, finally, Charlbury (6) rounded off the day.

A highlight of the visit to Chipping Norton was to hear a little girl play the organ beautifully. The tenor at Shipston-on-Stour, reminiscent of a dustbin, must be heard to be appreciated. Tredington bells (6) were rung, thanks to the kindness of the Rector, for the tower was not officially on the list. Sherborne, Glos (6), finished the day.

Saturday began at Alcester (8), a light ring with the names of the bells inscribed behind each rope. At Bromsgrove (10) we made a lucky grab when we were allowed to pull up the bells for a visiting band. This was a much-appreciated gesture after first being refused the bells. At Belbroughton (6) we were warmly greeted by the local band. Only seven bells could be rung at Lye as the wheel of the fifth was broken. Clent St. Leonard (8) finished the day. Some visited St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday morning.

METHODS RUNG

Cinques.—Stedman.

Royal.—Cambridge, Kent and Plain.

Caters.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Major.—Bristol, London, Yorkshire, Superlative, Rutland and Cambridge, Braunstone, Southwell, New Cambridge, Watford and Lincolnshire Surprise, Kent, Plain, Double Norwich, Original and Little Bob Major.

Triples.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Minor.—London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Bourne, Norwich, Oswald, Kirkstall, Kent and Oxford, Plain, Little, Single Court, Double Court, St Clement's, Double Oxford and Original.

Doubles.— Grandsire and Stedman.

At a business meeting John E. Cook was elected Master, and Denis Mottershead and Geoffrey R. Parker Deputy Masters. Next year's tour will be in Norfolk and Suffolk. A reunion is to be held in Leicester at a date to be decided by the Master. It was also decided that a new method be rung each day while on tour.

A BANK HOLIDAY MYSTERY TOUR IN HEREFORDSHIRE

AT 11 a.m. on August Monday, a trio of cars assembled at Worcester, their occupants having arranged only the previous evening to go 'tower-hunting' with little idea where the hunting ground was likely to be. Two of the more 'ancient faithfuls' led off due west, leaving a fast 'A 40' to cover up behind.

The first arrivals at Bredenbury Church, having sought permission and key, reappeared just in time to witness the arrival of a bewildered 'A 40'—'also ran'! despite having given his passengers a taste of what he called speed. On the handy light six of 8¼ cwt. an extent of Grandsire Doubles was followed by a touch of Single Oxford, in which 'A 40,' now quite prominent round the back, received a demonstration of what speed really was.

Journeying again westwards the pretty village of Eardisland provided a pleasant setting for lunch. Observing a procession of cars adorned with white ribbon, a small delegation went off to renew acquaintance with the local captain and convince him that a wedding provided every reason for having a ring. The matrimonial ceremony completed, two of the 'hunters' rang their first courses of Grandsire Triples, local ringers adding comfortable support. Of the Bob Major and concluding Stedman on this lovely eight, one would say, 'It was nice while it lasted.'

After a game of 'hide and seek' between the cars, the tall steeple of Weobley was spotted. The early stages of the rise on this heavy six produced such queer happenings it had one wag asking if George's bell had only half a clapper in it. As the bells rose higher it suddenly dawned on the company that they were muffled and it was with some trepidation that the ropes were manned for Grandsire Doubles, succeeded by a stately touch of Bob Minor. At this stage a resident ringer appeared and quickly put one and all at ease by explaining that though the muffles had been on a fortnight, there had, in fact, been a funeral that day. A decent fall was neatly finished off with the best 'catch 'um rounds' of the day.

A suggestion about tea led to the discovery round the corner of a teashop called 'A Drop in the Bucket'—an ominous title for the corpulent one who, nevertheless, finished up with a huge tray of cakes near his elbow.

With cars now in tight formation for an intricate 'homing' course, the leader was seen to speed over a road junction oblivious of its existence. Arriving safely at Homer, the light six of some 9 cwt. were soon turning out Double Oxford which collapsed when the treble stopped for a gossip on her way to the front. The most peculiar ring of the day was at Stoke Lacy, where some of its six bells seemed to run off independently into different keys. If the instigator of a touch of Grandsire Minor was hoping to conjure some music out of them he must have been sadly disappointed. However, a measure of satisfaction was felt by one who endures recurrent comments on the musical qualities of his own local eight and now considers he has a veritable 'Chewton Mendip' by comparison. Winding up the proceedings with the call 'Catch 'um in Queen's' on this, of all rings, there came the question, 'And how?'

Having had a wonderful day, thanks to the clergy and local ringers, each car made its separate way homewards to drop passengers in districts around Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Worcester. I. G.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, R. Rose 2, L. Sharpe 3, A. F. Ballam 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROADCASTING CO-OPERATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—At the last meeting of the Central Council, held at Newcastle, it was decided, as your readers are aware, to elect a new committee to deal with broadcasting and television.

If, as is the case in the West, a good relationship existed between the ringing fraternity and the B.B.C., the work of this committee would be able to be done smoothly and well. Unfortunately, this is not so, and whilst every effort is being made to put this right, we have in the meantime to rely on knowledge which comes to us from ringing sources to implement our work for the Council.

The purpose of this letter is to bring these facts to the notice of all ringers, and in particular to the general secretaries of all associations. On behalf of the committee I would ask that anything in the nature of broadcasting or television which is arranged should have details sent to the general secretary of the association concerned, so that they may in turn inform the member of the committee in their region, or me, the undersigned.

The committee at present comprises Mr. A. A. Hughes, 34, Whitechapel Road, London, E.1; Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, 11, Church Avenue, Holywood, Co. Down; Mr. G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, and

Yours very sincerely,

H. J. SANGER,
Convener of the Committee.

Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

A USE FOR OLD TYRES

Dear Sir,—A set of silencers made from an old car tyre has been in use for a year or two at St. Peter's, St. Albans, where they have been found very convenient for use in connection with dumb practice, raising and lowering quietly (when necessary), demonstration purposes, etc.

For small bells, a motor-cycle tyre is best, a piece cut off slightly less than the diameter of the clapper, with a square hole cut in the tread, through which the flight has to be forced, the walls of the tyre can then be used to silence the bell. One twist of the 'silencer' and the bell is open again. Several peals have been rung on our bells with the silencers in the 'open' position, without mishap, and even the muffles were put on without removal of the silencers!

If the silencers are put into action before lowering the bells, there will obviously be no need for the instructor to climb to the bell chamber twice on learners' night messing about in the pits with clapper-stays or ropes!—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PEAL

Dear Sir,—In browsing through back copies of 'The Ringing World,' I came across a peal claimed as the first by members of one college of a university. I refer to a peal of Double Norwich at Long Stanton on May 1st by members of Selwyn College of the University of Cambridge.

While admitting this may be the first of its type by the Cambridge University Guild, I must point out that a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Great Glen, Leicestershire, by members of the University College of Leicester, all external students of the University of London.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HILL.

Ewell, Surrey.

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. John Willis' letter, and with regard to an earlier one from Mr. Arthur V. Davis, to which he refers, so far as I am aware the question of a subsidy by Associations to this journal has not arisen. There certainly seems to be no reason for such a scheme to be turned down as impracticable.

However, as has been so often said, the ideal which is being aimed at is that the paper should be self-supporting, and the answer lies in more postal subscribers. 'The Ringing World' is by no means the only specialist publication which is faced with the alternatives of greater revenue or greater price; a photographic journal has only this week announced reluctantly that its price must be increased, and only a few months ago one of the foremost aeronautical journals made the same decision. I mention this in the hope that readers will understand that the present gap between revenue and expenditure is not, as has been hinted, due to incompetent management. In fact, I think it fair to say that if the work put into the paper were all paid for at its full value, this gap might well be doubled.

Another matter I would like to mention while writing is that it has sometimes been suggested to me that there would be more point in people becoming postal subscribers if the annual cost were less than that of obtaining the paper from a newsagent, with the addition of postage, instead of almost equal to that figure as at present. This is very true of course, but at the moment we just cannot afford such a concession; and in this we err in good company, because I find that, to quote two examples from papers which do not cater for the mass-market, both 'The Times' and 'The Church Times' charge their postal subscribers the full cost-plus-postage rate.

However, postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World' are fortunate this year, because there are 53 Fridays in 1954, and they will thus receive one issue gratis!—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

IN ZUMMERZET

Dear Sir,—May I correct a statement in an article in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' headed 'Dree Days in Zummerzet,' which said, 'Mr. Farrant must have forgotten they were coming, so they had to fetch the keys before they could start.'

In fact, I had not been told they were coming that day. Had I known arrangements would have been made for someone to meet them. I was pleased to read they had some good ringing here.—Yours faithfully,

F. FARRANT.

Martock, Somerset.

WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Sir,—With reference to the Winchester Surprise Royal, may I be allowed to point out, what doubtless the composer knows, that if the 2-6 places—necessary in the Major, but quite unnecessary in the Royal—are cut out and a four-pull dodge substituted, a clear proof scale results, and any composition of New Cambridge or Yorkshire Surprise Royal will go.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

THE LEGEND OF CORNHILL

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Symonds can refer to my book, 'Legends o' the Bells,' page 23, he will see there I repeat the legend as given by Stow and also give a very excellent photo of Cornhill tower by the late Mr. Francis E. Dawe.—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

WEDDING BELLS AT LUNDY

Dear Sir,—According to 'The Times' on August 9th, the church bells on Lundy Island were rung for the first time in 28 years for the wedding of Mr. Donald Mayes, a commercial pilot, to Miss Eva Zoref, a sister-tutor at a London nursing college.

It would be interesting to know what condition the bells of Lundy are in now, and whether the peal rung on the bells by the Rev. F. E. Robinson was the only one (see 'Among the Bells' by F. E. R.).—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK CHAPMAN.

Kettering.

[Note.—The last information we had of the bells about two years ago was that they were unringable. two bells were off their headstocks, the wheels collapsed, the bearings rusted solid and some of the clappers were broken. Has any reader information concerning their restoration?—Ed.]

A HOSTILE LAND

Sir,—The anonymous writer about peal ringing in Cornwall is very wrong in saying that Cornwall is a hostile land. During August we are welcoming visitors to our land, our homes, our roads, our churches and our towers.

The Truro Diocesan Guild is one of the largest affiliated to the Central Council, but its members consist not only of half-pull ringers, but also of those who only ring call-changes.

Permission is rarely refused for visiting bands to ring in our towers, even in the Cathedral. Individual visiting ringers will get a far better welcome in Cornish belfries than they sometimes get in towers which practise very advanced methods. And to read in 'The Ringing World' that Cornwall is a hostile land is not likely to increase the circulation of the paper in this county.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA,
Secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' August 28th, 1914

REDDISH, STOCKPORT

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, August 20th, 1914, in 3 hours and 2 minutes

At the Church of St. Elizabeth.

A PEAL OF REDDISH COURT BOB MAJOR
5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Rev. A. T. Beeston	Treble
Harold Jackson	2
Alfred Barnes	3
William Jackson	4
Tom Wilde	5
Walter W. Wolstencroft ..	6
Thomas J. Bottrill	7
Harry Chapman	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

The first peal in the method.

[It was later renamed Hereward Bob.]

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS. — On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Paul 1, D. Render 2, A. Sheppard 3, Miss D. M. Hawley (cond.) 4, E. M. Bradley 5, D. Barker 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Paul 1, D. Lawson 2, B. Sissons 3, D. Ruckledge 4, Miss D. M. Hawley 5, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, D. Barker cover. Rung for Evensong.

A WEEK AMONG SUFFOLK BELLS

Daventry Ringers' Experiences

FIFTEEN ringers from the Daventry district enjoyed a pleasant journey through Bedfordshire and Cambridge on July 24th for a ringing tour of Suffolk, pausing at Newmarket for lunch. The bells of Stowmarket (Double Norwich) and Barking (Cambridge Minor) provided a promising prelude before reaching the week's headquarters at Ipswich. Acquaintance was renewed with John Wiseman (who spent part of last year amongst us) and he introduced us to the practice at St. Margaret's Church. Superlative was elusive and this was attributed by the 'locals' to our failure to heed their advice to 'push 'em along'!

The Sabbath saw the entire contingent at Corporate Communion in the nearby St. Matthew's; during this inspiring family service the Vicar, the Rev. Brindly Jones, extended both welcome and blessing, a moving gesture. The belfry here carries the exhortation 'Let all things be done decently and in order,' and this was essayed both before Eucharist and for Matins, Cambridge Minor being satisfactory. It held no brief for the clerk of the weather, who taunted us with a deluge which forced the organiser to borrow an umbrella in order to obtain transport for the marooned party's trip to Felixstowe. Back in Ipswich for the impressive Evensong at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ernest excelled in a course of Cambridge Royal before leading his unofficial choir at the rear of the nave.

Monday's radiant hues tempted five (fool) hardy members to the swimming baths at 7 a.m., where the G.O.M. showed a fine disregard for Stedman's principle by entering the cold shower very slowly and out exceptionally quickly in an ungainly dive along the wet floor. This indifferent start was continued at Tuddenham, where the state of the ropes caused the only 'blank' of the week; also at Helmingham, when Gordon tried to dive through the trap door and the others mistook the numerous wall texts for diagrams of new methods. Maybe it was the influence of the nearby manor-house, the Elizabethan home of Lord Tollemache (surrounded by a moat with drawbridge still raised nightly), from whom a popular brand of Suffolk beer derives its name!

The lych-gate at Framsden invited us to 'enter into His gates with thanksgiving,' and a musical touch of Duffield supplied the response. The old-style Bridge House put us in the right frame of mind to do justice to the grand eight at Debenham, the rise and fall being in keeping with a worthy touch of Stedman. Several of the youngsters made their introduction to 'ten' at Stonham Aspal, and by restricting the choice of method satisfied the 'boss' with their efforts. The light eight at Henley increased the tempo and furnished an opportunity to try several new diagrams. The evening passed in leisurely contrast on the heavy six at St. Clement's, Ipswich, an appropriate tower for Ipswich Surprise Minor, and a bird's-eye view of the town with running commentary by Fred Bowell.

BROKE 'ONE OF DAD'S STAYS'

A hearty welcome to Rushmere on Tuesday morning by the Vicar and Mr. Wiseman sen. did not spell success for London Minor, but Oxford Treble Bob made amends before going on to picturesque Grundisburgh. The glorious double hammer-beam roof and a fine rehung ten inspired one of the 'terrible twins' to break his rope. This, in turn, ruined both his and the 'gaffer's' shirt and, while repairs were being effected, caused a youngster to pop his head over the school wall and 'pipe' an accusation at the tourists of 'breaking one of my dad's stays'! Little did the peal ringers of the previous evening realise that 5,039 Grandsire Caters had only 14 blows to spare until the event was recalled later at St. Mary-le-Tower.

A visit to the round tower (in typical Suffolk flint) at Hasketon formed an appetiser for a delicious lunch at the Bull Hotel, Woodbridge; subtle planning by the organiser to extract the best out of the majestic octave dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, where Doug made the tenor literally hum! By way of contrast the light eight at Ufford did not produce ringing of a high standard and E. G. O. would probably have committed the offenders to the stocks, which still survive outside the church, had he not been so engrossed in the amazing bench-ends and the lofty font-cover. Bredfield St. Andrew fostered a new method in 'Brentford,' but the ringing seemed to be assuming a tired nature rather earlier in the week than expected. The practice at St. Mary-le-Tower was extended for our benefit by the kindness of Messrs. G. E. Symonds and C. J. Sedgley, and provided an opportunity to improve on Sunday's baptism on 'twelve.' With the help of three 'locals' we rang a fair course of Grandsire Cinques.

Wednesday's light programme started with a fine eight at Leiston, but the main interest centred in the spider-web roof arch over the crossing and this is, undoubtedly, a gem of the carpenter's craft. Aldeburgh produced the first course of 'Childwall' and spelled success for London Minor, Here, too, Ron Pocklington formed a welcome addition to the party and he made a clean start by leading Charlie into the North Sea. The bells of Hollesley need handling, but the other 'terrible twin,' uplifted by a cheerful letter from home, succeeded in calling round his composition of Bob Major, which had eluded him all the week. By way of celebration afterwards, he and 'the little noise' organised a 'young versus old' darts match at the local hostelry, where the 'different style of bellringing' seemed to have pleased the inhabitants (and the different style of dart playing brought success to the young 'uns).

EAST BERGHOLT

David Heighton came over from Norwich to join the party for Thursday's route, which started at Holbrook, Cambridge and Spliced Kent and Oxford being worthy of this good-going six. Curiosity took the contingent to East Bergholt to ply the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. J. Oram, with questions, and to pose in front of the quaint edifice for a photograph by an obliging passer-by. Stratford St. Mary just failed to produce Annable's London on the heavy six, but compensation came in the form of a memorable lunch at the Sun Hotel in nearby Dedham. Again the meal provided a stimulus for London at the little church of Langham, where we were welcomed by a Vicar who is justly proud of his Cathedral-like service sheet; we trust that he was not dismayed by our rendering of Crayford Little Bob!

Stoke-by-Nayland boasts a 'beautiful but large church'; what an anticlimax was its six bells, not in correct rotation and too unwieldy to attempt anything beyond Plain Bob or Kent. The last port of call in a busy day was Bures, where the belfry of St. Mary's is evidence of the labour of love bestowed on it by the Master and his family. The bells are good if handled expertly; we fear we did not do them justice even when the 'boss' donned his spurs for Stedman. Returning home, the 'terrible twins' found a skeleton reposing in their bed (a former occupant of room 12A, according to the legend attached) and we 'rejoyce' to learn that they did not resort to violence with their rubber hammer! Full marks to the boys for transferring the old lady so carefully to 'the prof's' bed. The evening was given over to lighter vein at Speedway or Hippodrome; there was, however, a feeling that one member had absconded in pursuit of secondhand bells!

The party was strengthened on Friday by the addition of John Wiseman for the trip to Sudbury. Both churches (St. Gregory's and All Saints'), where ringing is possible, were visited, Double Norwich being achieved at the first call and Cambridge at the other. A first-class meal at the Four Swans Hotel induced the right frame of mind for Long Melford, a magnificent church in a glorious setting; in fact, a Chipping Camden in flint. Possessing a fine octave, worthy of a famous name which adorns so many peal tablets in the belfry, it almost seemed that the ringing here was dedicated to N. J. Pitstow.

FAREWELL PRESENTATION

Another grand edifice, overshadowed only by the massive tower, which contains a good octave, is Lavenham; that it did not produce the best of striking must have been due to tiredness, which even the inciting of the 'boss' could not dispel. The last call of the day, Monks Eleigh, provided a Waterloo for a Nobby divested of his harness, and his failure to tantalise another tenor repelled the youngsters and left the old campaigners to maintain our reputation.

Our final evening found everyone assembled to enable John (the barman 'in a loose sort of way') to present a cigarette case to Ernest G. Orland as a slight token of our appreciation of his superb organisation. The opportunity was taken to drink a toast also to our hostess, Mrs. Meyer (and to her family), for their homely accommodation at St. George's Hotel.

Saturday's return was punctuated by a call at the Cathedral of Bury St. Edmunds for a ring in the detached Norman tower on what the peal boards describe as 'these harmonious bells.' We have no desire to dispute this assertion and hope that our efforts on ten were in keeping with their traditions. A halt was also taken at Eaton Socon to enjoy the delightful light eight which, among other things, produced a memorable fall terminating in Queen's (to Doug's entire satisfaction). This formed a fitting finale to a ringers' tour which is made possible only by the courtesy of the incumbents concerned, and we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks (as also to the ringers who prepared the freedom of their belfries for us) and of assuring them that we were ever mindful of the purpose for which their bells are installed.

C. U.

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STEPNEY, E.—On Aug. 15th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss Jean Powell (first quarter) 1, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 2, T. G. Fox 3, L. J. Fox 4, H. J. Weedon 5, E. J. Rowe 6. Rung for Evensong.

A SHROPSHIRE RINGING TOUR

A Successful Week Amongst Grand Scenery and Interesting Churches

FOR the fifth successive year the 'Cannon-Sone' party of tourists visited a new county for their annual tour. This year the venue was Shropshire, and accommodation was booked at Church Stretton by Mr. F. Hector Bennett, of Shrewsbury. Our party consisted of 14 ringers plus Mrs. Sone, and transport consisted of four private cars and Benny's motor-cycle (when required).

Church Stretton is the recognised centre of the glorious hill region of South Shropshire, and the scenery provided can hold its own with both Yorkshire and Cornwall. And, of course, the county has the added advantage that it is not as well known as many counties and, therefore, less crowded.

From a ringing point of view the county is an ideal one for a comfortable peal tour, and there are numerous rings of six off the beaten track to satisfy those seeking the unusual in a fresh tower.

Most of our party met at Church Stretton on Saturday, August 7th, and seven of us commenced the week with a visit to Hope Bowdler (6, 9¼ cwt.), where we rang London and Cambridge. Sunday, August 8th arrived with the usual showers but cleared up sufficiently to allow us to walk to Church Stretton (8, 11 cwt.) and ring Cambridge and Stedman. As usual, we stayed for service and four of us, Messrs. Champion, Mchew, Morant and the writer, were invited to pjoin the choir.

In the afternoon we visited Clunbury (6, 10¼ cwt.), where we were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. B. T. Herbert, and Mr. E. H. Meredith, the local captain. The tenor is an interesting bell of good tone cast by William Clibury, of Wellington, in 1620, and cost £7 2s. 9d.! Continuing our journey we arrived at Clun (8, 13¾ cwt.), a very large, low tower. We rang Bristol and Superlative and admired the fine interior of the church. For evensong we were privileged to visit the magnificent church of Ludlow (8, 22¼ cwt.) and were met by Mr. T. Nash. The bells are hung very high in the central tower and consequently there is considerable movement when ringing. However, we commenced with a good course of Yorkshire, rung at a steady rhythm, followed by Stedman and Double Norwich. Ludlow is a very quaint town, with many fine timbered houses.

TWO PEALS ON MONDAY

Our first peal tower was an excellent one, Much Wenlock (8, 16 cwt.), Mr. Arthur Pritchard, Master of the Shropshire Association, met us here and we were delighted to have him with us for the rest of the week, not only for his ability as a ringer, but for his unrivalled knowledge of his home county, and good company.

The bells are a really good ring, an old six of Rudhall's, 1729, with trebles added by Taylors in 1931. The ringing chamber is comfortable and we rang a good (and fast) peal of Yorkshire with hardly any errors. Those not ringing visited Morville (6, 9 cwt.), where the bells are to be rehung in the future, and not before it's needed!

After lunch a short ride brought us to Coalbrookdale (10, 18¾ cwt.), well known to many ringers, and we rang a reasonable peal of Bob Royal in memory of Walter Lago, a member of the local band for 50 years, who was buried at another church that day. Mr. A. S. Bayley met us after the peal and welcomed us to the district. On our way home we rang at Broseley (8, 13 cwt.), the tall tower causing movement. However, we rang our first course of London of the tour.

THE HEAVIEST SIX IN SHROPSHIRE

The chance of a peal at Clive (6, 25 cwt.), on Tuesday, August 10th, enabled the writer to add another 'heaviest six in the county' to his present list of eleven. The bells were cast in 1894 by Taylors, and hang under an imposing spire, which, being on a hill, is a clear landmark. They are a good ring but sound better outside the tower. A good peal was rung in eight methods in the fast time (for these bells) of 3 hours and 12 minutes.

The remainder of our party visited Moreton-Corbet (6, 9¼ cwt.) with its deserted mansion, and Stanton-on-Hine-Heath (6, 8 cwt.).

After a good lunch at Wem (8, 13 cwt.) a band started for Cambridge but unfortunately only rang for 1 hour and 40 minutes. Others visited Prees (6, 12 cwt.) and were very pleased to meet Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst (of 17,280 Treble Bob fame). We rang London, Cambridge and Double Oxford, and Mr. Rodenhurst recommended us to visit Ightfield (6, 11¼ cwt.). Permission was kindly granted at short notice and we enjoyed Cambridge on a fine ring. Returning home via Shrewsbury, we visited St. Michael's (6, 7 cwt.); the bells hang in a very unusual tower, with two storeys of different size. The 'go' of the bells made them require careful handling, and one of them was reputed to have a 'square' wheel!

SCENIC TOUR INTO WALES

As a change from peal ringing, Wednesday, August 11th, was chosen for a whole day's tower hunting in lovely scenery. We were very pleased to have Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Shrewsbury, with us all day, and his car was very useful as Tom Sone and his wife took the opportunity of visiting Llandudno.

Our first call was at Lydbury North (6, 9 cwt.); the bells are in a large Norman tower recently restored. If the ropes had been adjusted it would have been possible to ring here at about 2 hours and 15 minutes speed! Next came Bishop's Castle (6, 9 cwt.), a good ring rung from the ground floor.

For most of our party the next tower, Montgomery (6, 12 cwt.), was their first ring in Wales, and the Rev. C. L. Jones, Rector and the captain of the ringers, came into the belfry and gave us a very hearty welcome to the tower. We crossed back into Shropshire again for a ring at Chirbury (6, 13 cwt.), but had to content ourselves with Doubles as the third clapper broke during our rise in peal!

After a good lunch we were in Wales again with a visit to Forden (6, 10 cwt.), a musical ring, and Leighton (6, 11¼ cwt.), a fine-sounding ring by Taylors, 1852. The Rev. S. M. Atherley, Vicar, met us here and we admired the splendid modern church standing on high ground, with a spire.

Our only eight-bell tower of the day was Welshpool (8, 13 cwt.), where we were met by Mr. Griffiths, the local captain. In 1914 Mr Griffiths took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Welshpool, conducted by William Short. Until our visit he had not rung a touch of Stedman since the peal, but he enjoyed a touch with us without a mistake. We also rang a course of Spliced Surprise in three methods, probably the first in the county. At Westbury (6, 7 cwt.), the Vicar the Rev. A. G. Durston) welcomed us, as did the Rev. Canon R. Clayton at Pontesbury (6, 12 cwt.). Somebody shifted the tenor box to the fifth position with the amusing result that some of us pulled off in the order 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, much to the delight of those watching!!

After a high tea, close to the River Severn at Shrewsbury we visited St. Chad's (12, 39¼ cwt.), whose bells must surely rank as one of the finest twelves in the country. The circle and draught are ideal, and we enjoyed Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a good course of Cambridge Royal with rounds on the twelve. Several members of the local band joined us, as it was their practice night, and we appreciated the opportunity of ringing on such a grand ring.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

For Thursday, August 12th, the morning attempt was at Cheswardine (8, 8¾ cwt.). The bells are a merry ring, rung from the ground floor with a long draught, and our Cambridge was the first Surprise on the bells. Those not standing in the attempt had the opportunity of ringing seven Minor methods at Moreton-Corbet (6, 9¼ cwt.), thanks to Arthur Pritchard, who got permission for the attempt in he morning. A fast peal was rung in 2 hours and 23 minutes, and it was stated to be the fastest for the Association.

The bells of Market Drayton (8, 17¼ cwt.) are well known to many ringers, as the local band is one of the best in the Midlands, ringing Surprise for service. They are a fine Taylor ring and can be heard very clearly in the ringing chamber. A good peal of Braunstone Surprise was rung, the first in the county, and Arthur Pritchard rang the tenor like clockwork. Those not ringing were joined by Messrs. A. Hickman and S. Hughes, of Market Drayton, and Mr. W. Harrison, of Norton-in-Hales (8, 14 cwt.), where the ringing chamber is one of the smallest for eight bells in the country.

As a contrast, in the evening the whole party had the pleasure of ringing on the splendid ring at Hodnet (8, 12 cwt.) and again meeting Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst. We rang Superlative and Oxford Treble Bob, and the writer was very pleased to notice on one of the peal boards the name of a former Vicar, the Rev. J. R. S. Taylor, now Bishop of Sodor and Man, and his old headmaster from 1926 to 1928.

FRIDAY THE 13th—SUCCESS AND A BROKEN ROPE

The combination of Friday falling on the 13th August caused murmurs amongst the superstitious that there would be 'no peals today'!! However, we thought our luck was in during the morning as we scored a good peal of New Cambridge at Shifnal (8, 18¾ cwt.), another 'first in the county.' Some of the bells are rather odd-struck, and the third was reputed to require quite a lot of pulling. Sure enough during the opening touch for the non-pealers, its ringer had quite a lot of trouble with it! But during the peal Brian Bladen rang it perfectly and with no trips, though he did earn himself a blister!

Before starting the peal we looked at the grave of the famous Samuel Lawrence, who weighed 32 stone! The stone would require a good clean before the inscription could be read, and, going up the spiral staircase, we wondered how he reached the ringing chamber of the central tower!

Those not ringing in the peal visited Tong (6, 13 cwt.), with its Bourdon bell of 46 cwt., and Albrighton (6, 11 cwt.) and rang Cambridge, Kent and Spliced Minor in four methods.

The fears of the superstitious were confirmed in the afternoon, because after ringing 50 minutes on the splendid Gillett and Johnston ring at Claverley (8, 15¼ cwt.), Superlative was lost through a broken rope. This was a big disappointment to all as the ringing had been regarded as the best of the week. For the non-pealers the afternoon towers were Worfield (6, 15 cwt.), where several of the local band met us, and we inspected the weight hung under the spire. The bells are of good tone, all being cast by A. Rudhall in 1699. Then on to Stockton (6, 13 cwt.), where Mr. Dickinson met us and rang some Plain Bob on a fine six with a

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tenor in E. On the way home we rang at Bridgnorth, St. Mary's (8, 9 cwt.).

THE LAST DAY—AN INTERESTING TOUR

Saturday, August 14th, arrived all too quickly and before starting for 'Cannon's Doxology' at Church Stretton, we said 'Farewell and many thanks' to Arthur Pritchard, who had to leave us early to attend his Association meeting at Westbury. The five who were not ringing in the peal visited Willey (5, 5¼ cwt.) and succeeded in ringing a quarter peal of Doubles in 11 methods in the amazing time of 25 minutes! Those taking part were Jane Coates 1, Roland Morant 2, Colin Champion 3, Philip Mehew 4, Brian Bladen (conductor) 5, and this must surely rank as the fastest quarter peal ever rung! Any challengers?

After the morning peal Winnie Burton and Brian Warwick left for Leicester, and the remainder of us enjoyed a tour to seven interesting towers. We started at Condover (8, 13 cwt.), where the writer called a course of three Spliced Surprise to celebrate his 'Waterloo.' Next came Berrington (8, 13½ cwt.), where we rang London, and Mr. W. H. Lloyd, local captain, joined us in our only touch of Grandsire Triples of the week.

A five-bell tower had to be included, and Upton Magna (5, 9 cwt.) was chosen, as there is a fairly long draught and 1, 2 and 3 ropes are close together. An amusing time was had by all!

The roughest ring of the week was encountered at Wroxeter (6, 11 cwt.), not so much because of the 'go' of the bells, but because of a broken slider on the tenor and the very dark ringing chamber. At Uppington (6, 9½ cwt.) the Vicar met us and told us he had been there 25 years. Incidentally, at Upton Magna, dedicated to St. Lucia, the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Thursby-Pelham) has been there 50 years! Shropshire seems a delightful county for a quiet life as a country parson!

At Wrockwardine (6, 13 cwt.) Mr. Savage, local captain, met us and led the way up what must surely be one of the most tricky routes to a village ringing chamber in the country! The bells, in a central tower, are a fine six, rehung by Taylors in 1952, and Mr. Savage rang Cambridge with us, and we also rang Spliced Minor in five methods. The last tower of the day was Wellington (8, 16 cwt.), where a local ringer met us, and we rang London and Stedman.

THE WAY BACK

On Sunday morning, August 15th, we said 'Goodbye' to 'Benny,' and would add here that his help with meals, and suggestions for peal towers was much appreciated. The rest of the party were told by the writer that there was reputed to be a 'super' eight at Eardisland, Herefordshire (13 cwt.), so we decided to sample them. Members of the local band, Messrs. Leslie Evans (captain), E. P. Rock, J. D. Rock and F. R. Harris, welcomed us.

We continued our way home via Worcester, Pershore and Chipping Norton and decided to call at Charlbury (6, 14 cwt.) for a quick 'snatch.' Permission was readily granted, and we rang London and Cambridge on a fair six, with plenty of tower-sway. This was the writer's 1,823rd tower. It was also Brian Bladen's 500th. For Evensong we just reached Wokingham, All Saints' (8, 19½ cwt.) in time to join the local band in a touch of Stedman, and were shown the grave of the Rev. F. E. Robinson. A large and untidy bush unfortunately covers the view of the stone, but Mr. Wigmore promised to try and get this cut down.

Once again a very successful tour was concluded with eight peals out of ten attempts and visits to 46 towers. The writer would like to thank all those Vicars and local ringers who met our party and who kindly gave us permission to ring. Thank you, Shropshire, for a grand week! A. P. C.

OBITUARY

MR. HARVEY KYNASTON

It is with regret that we record the death after a short illness of Mr. Harvey Kynaston, of Oswestry, Shropshire, on August 12th. He was 62 years of age and had been a regular ringer for over 30 years, learning to ring with his two brothers when the band was revived after the first world war.

The funeral service took place at St. Oswald's Church on August 16th, conducted by the Rev. J. Walters, assisted by two old friends of the family, the Rev. D. R. W. Marsland and the Rev. J. Breese (Vicar of Llanymynech). The bells were rung with half-muffled clappers before and after the service.

MR. WALTER LAGO

His many ringing friends in Shropshire and the Midlands will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Walter Lago, which occurred at his home on August 6th at the age of 77 years.

A native of Staffordshire, he commenced ringing at the age of 12 at Tamworth and rang his first peal at Coalbrookdale on October 6th, 1909. He had been a member of the Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, band for about 50 years.

The funeral took place on August 9th with a service at Ironbridge Church, the interment being at Castle Green Cemetery to the accompaniment of his beloved Holy Trinity ten ringing nearby. The bearers were all ringers: Messrs. G. L. Hewitt, J. L. Stanier, B. L. Jones, A. Lloyd, B. Jarman and A. S Bayley. After the committal a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by G. L. Hewitt 1–2, J. L. Stanier 3–4, A. S. Bayley 5–6, B. L. Jones 7–8.

On August 11th eight of his old ringing pals rang on the bells of Holy Trinity half-muffled 1,260 Grandsire Triples. The band consisted of G. Leonard Hewitt 1, Leo Evans 2, Harry Edge 3, Robert Savage 4, Joseph L. Stanier 5, B. Leslie Jones 6, Alfred S. Bayley (cond.) 7, Albert Lloyd 8. And so passes another old stalwart of ringing in Shropshire. A. S. B.

MR. JOHN WHEATON

With regret we record the death on August 9th, after a long illness, of Mr. John Wheaton, of Buckerell, East Devon, one of the oldest members of the East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild. A well-known figure at Branch meetings, his services to the Guild were recognised early this year when hon. life membership was conferred upon him.

A ringer since 1894, he was a regular Sunday ringer up to two years ago. He was captain of Buckerell tower from 1925 to 1945 and a keen churchman. The last time he rang was for the funeral of a churchwarden on November 18th, 1952, an old friend of his. This was the day before he celebrated his own golden wedding, when the local band rang their first peal.

The funeral took place at Buckerell on August 12th, conducted by the Rev. H. E. Smith (chairman of the East Devon Branch). Members from towers in the district attended. He was laid in the same grave as his wife, whose funeral was exactly seven weeks before. Among the many floral tributes was one from members of the local band.

A quarter peal, with the bells muffled, was rung to his memory in the evening by M. Broadhurst, F. H. Parr, R. Bokh, J. Broadhurst, W. Webb and F. J. Parr.

John Wheaton will be sorely missed, and much sympathy is expressed to his son and daughter.

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DEATH

YOUNG.—Mrs. Gwendoline M. E. Young, the dear wife of E. Alex. Young, died at the Park Hospital, Lewisham, on Aug. 10th, 1954, aged 85 years. From childhood she had loved the sound of bells. 4906

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. LUKE'S, BROMLEY, KENT.—Change of practice night. Ringing has now been resumed and practice night will be on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Help from new and old friends very welcome. 4911

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MEETINGS

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Ashover, Saturday, Aug. 28th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper. 4855

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4872

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—At Basingstoke, Aug. 28th. Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District). Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea in the Church Cottage 5. Towers available: Basingstoke (2), Bramley, Overton, Upton Grey, Odiham, Deane, Sherborne St. John, Monk Sherborne and Oakley from 2.30.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4874

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dersingham, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to G. Batterbee, White Horse Drive, Dersingham, King's Lynn. Look up Single and Double Oxford. 4885

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Burnham, Aug. 28th. 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 4857

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. Next meeting at Kirkheaton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea for all at 5 p.m. at moderate cost. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Good bus service from Huddersfield (2½ miles). All ringers welcome. 4895

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting, September 4th, at Houghton Conquest (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Sandiacre Surprise Minor.—Brian Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 4901

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District Meeting at Whichford, Sept. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. R. Barrett. 4896

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery.—Lympstone, Sept. 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to S. Seagar, Bridge Cottages, Lympstone.—B. Pidgeon. 4850

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Hagley on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (cost 2s. 6d.) at Hagley Hall for all those who notify me by Sept. 2nd. Business meeting to follow. **No name no tea.** —R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 4914

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Barnard Castle, Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Sept. 2nd, D. R. Airey, 4, Elton Grove, Darlington. 4891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Epping, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; own arrangements. Rounds to Surprise. All welcome. 4873

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Hasfield, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, by Aug. 31st. All welcome. —J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 4910

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, not late than Wednesday, Sept. 1st. Northbourne bells after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Lamberhurst, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) at 5.15 p.m. Names, by Sept. 1st, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4879

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Burnley Parish Church, Sept. 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4894

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch and Furness and Lake District Branch.—Joint meeting at Morecambe on Sept. 4th. Ringing 2.30-8. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Marion Hayton, 23, Kensington Road, Morecambe.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4898

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Singleton, 84, Church Road, Rainford, near St. Helens.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4913

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Mablethorpe, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 4868

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Usk (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. R. Clinch, Wentsland, Abergavenny Road, Usk, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 4854

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Llandudno on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. followed by business meeting and tea. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 1st, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4863

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Olney, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4881

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Uffington, Sat., Sept. 4th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 4876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sandhurst on Sept. 4th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4865

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Thornby, Sept. 4th. Names for tea, before Aug. 31st, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4899

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bratton (6), Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4903

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest and meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. For tea notify F. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh. Entries to N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. 4825

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Colston Bassett (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. **only** for those notifying, by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, Mr. G. R. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts. No name, no tea. 4859

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting Balcombe (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Names for tea, by Sept. 1st, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4907

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 4860

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Meeting at Broadhembury, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 6th, to Rev. Crowhurst, Vicarage, Broadhembury. 4905

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Charing (6) (not East Farleigh), Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. Important reminder.—Book Oct. 23rd for the dinner and dance at Maidstone. Further details later. 4897

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Boston, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall. Please notify, by Sept. 6th, Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4900

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — Meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. F. Bailey, 14, Barrington Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 4908

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch and South Oxon Branch.—Joint meeting, Dorchester (8), Sept 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to Mr. H. Badger, The Blue Man, North Street. Thame, Oxon. 4892

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Dodford, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Sept. 4th.—F. W. Hancock. Willoughby, Rugby. 4904

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Cheswardine, Sept. 11th. Our first here. Light 8. Names **must** be sent for tea. P.M. service 1 p.m. and 3.30 from Market Drayton. Car owners asked to meet others Drayton Church 2.45 p.m. —W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 4902

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Clayworth (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Make own tea arrangements. Buses from Cannon Square, Retford.—H. Denman. 4909

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 8th, to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4875

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Chorley, Sept. 18th. Parish Church Institute 3.30 p.m. Bells available: St. Laurence's and St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. No tea arrangements: cafes nearby.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 4912

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) available from the, undersigned.—Apply NOW, as the seating accommodation is limited, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, Kent. 4849

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT LINFORD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): W. Richardson 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, B. Linnell 3, A. C. Cozens 4, K. D. Perkins 5, H. Beard 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Buckingham to the parish.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Eason (first quarter Minor) 1, W. Collett 2, Mrs. Busby 3, W. H. Wilkins 4, Mr. Busby 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss C. P. Tricker to Mr. J. E. Badcock.

WANLIP, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Bowles 1, G. Wakefield 2, A. Yates 3, O. Northwood 4, T. C. Belton (cond.) 5, F. Key 6. First on working bell for 1 and 3. Rung for Holy Communion by members of the Choir and Servers' Guild.

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THE CHESTER SCHOLARS OR THE GENTLEMEN BELL-RINGERS OF ST. JOHN'S

FROM time to time there has been published in our columns references to the Chester Scholars. Mr. J. W. Clarke, an authority on bells of Cheshire, has now published as a booklet the history of this ancient society which appeared in the Chester Archæological Society's Journal, Vol. 40. Material about this Society, which flourished for nearly a century, is scarce as all its books and papers have disappeared, but, nevertheless, Mr. Clarke tells an interesting story.

Trevelyan in his 'English Social History' records bell pulling as being among the recreations of undergraduates at Cambridge in the reign of James I., and in those days people saw nothing wrong in bells being installed not for the enrichment of the Church but for the advancement of a sport. The rise of the Puritans to power did much to alienate ringing from the Church, for it was considered superstitious to ring bells for services and wrong to break the sabbath by the indulgence in physical exercise.

While there is no evidence to suggest a date for the formation of the Chester Scholars, Mr. Clarke says they were plainly active in 1686 when two bells at St. John's were recast, a new timber frame constructed and other work done in the tower. This included the painting on a plaster panel of a rhyming version of some of their rules which referred to conduct in the belfry. The panel was destroyed when the tower collapsed in 1881, but the Rector had previously recorded the details. This reads:—

Ye ringers all observe these orders well
He forfeits 12 pence that turns off a bell,
And he that doth ring with either spur or hatt
His sixpence shall certainly pay for that.
He that doth spoile or doth disturbe a peale
Shall pay his 4 pence for a . . . . of ale.
And he that is heard to curse and sweare
Shall pay his 12 pence and for beare.
These customs elsewhere now be used
Lest bells and ringers be abused.
Ye gallants then that on purpose come to ring
See that ye coyne along with you do bring,
And further also that if you ring here
You must ring truly both hand and eare
Or else your forfeits surely pay
And that full speedily without delay.
Our laws is old and are not new,
The sexton looketh for his due.

In 1733 the Society became anxious to add two more bells to the six at St. John's and thus widen very considerably the scope of change ringing. At that time the only ring of eight in the neighbourhood was at Wrexham near the estate of one of its most prominent members, Watkins Williams Wynn, who was at one time M.P. for Denbighshire and a member of the College Youths. Here a skilled band of ringers had rung a peal of 5,040 changes on March 26th, 1729. This tower had probably been visited by the Chester Scholars. Two bells were ordered from Abraham Rudhall, who in 1709 had had hung a new ring of six in the tower of St. Peter's, Chester. The first of these bells was inscribed, 'Prosperity to the Society of Chester Scholars.' The vestry was so pleased with this gift that they passed a resolution 'that the Society of Gentlemen Bell-ringers have free access to ring the bells of St. John's and have a key to the belfry door.' There is no question that the Gentlemen took full advantage of the offer, for less than three years later the vestry recorded its feelings thus: 'That the Society of Gentlemen Club Ringers shall not have authority to ring St. John's bells when they please, nor at all, without leave of the Churchwardens.' With this episode, comments Mr. Clarke, the Gentlemen Bell-ringers fade from the picture, at least as far as records go. The Society later changed its name from Scholars to Youths, and in 1819 they visited Ashton-under-Lyne for the opening of a new ring, which 'merrily lasted four days.'

And what of these bells? When the north-east buttress and parts of the north and east wall of the tower crashed in 1881 the oak bell frame remained in position. The bells were safely lowered. A turret was then constructed at the north-east corner of the church and at the top of this the bells were placed. 'But they do not swing now; hammers operated by wires strike them at the sides and much of the beauty of their tone is lost. They can still be seen through the timbers of the superstructure, a reminder of the palmy days when the Gentlemen Bell-ringers stepped from their carriages at the north-west porch and climbed the winding staircase to the ringing chamber.'

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION WEEK

The peals below were rung for the Universities' Association:—

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	5
RUTH M. K. HOW	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	EWART H. EDGE	7
DENIS N. LAYTON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	6
MARIE R. CROSS	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	8
†FRANCES A. THRELFALL	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	9
JOHN D. ROCK	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

HEREFORD.
On Sun., Aug. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE TRAINING COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON	7—8

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal in method 'in hand.'

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	ALAN P. CAVE	5
*GEOFFREY F. CARTER	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	7
PAUL L. TAYLOR	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	5
*BEATRICE M. BOYLE	2	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
JANET M. BESANT	3	PETER BORDER	7
W. GWYN THOMAS	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

HEREFORD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

EDWIN A. LEWIS	*Treble*	A. YORK-BRAMBLE	5
*C. ANNE MUIRHEAD	2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	6
HARRY MILES	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W PARKER. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Surprise.

HEREFORD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE TRAINING COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	*RUTH M. K. HOW	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	FRANCES A. THRELFALL	7—8

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5280 GOSCOTE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	8
BRIAN MARTIN	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	10
WINIFRED M. BURTON	5	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Arranged by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 50th peal on the bells and 350th in a Surprise method. † 250th peal for the Guild. First peal to be rung in this method.

TEN BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	6
PHILIP WALKER	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	8
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	9
WILLIAM C. PORTER	5	GRAHAM H. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung in honour of H.R.H Princess Margaret's birthday.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	RAYMOND F. SMITH	7
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	3	HERBERT LOWMAN	8
GEOFFREY PAUL	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
The first peal in this method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	*JOHN N. DISERENS	5
*GILLIAN E. BROWN	2	ROBERT E. TURNER	6
*PATRICIA A. GAUNT	3	HAROLD P. REED	7
*RONALD CHRISTOPHER	4	*REGINALD RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Triples.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY E. ASTLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. STOTE	5
A. ROBIN GUY	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	3	JAS. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
*PERCY STONE	4	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*ERIC ASTRIDGE	*Treble*	GEORGE MARRINER	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	EDWARD COWARD	6
†ETHEL E. CLEAR	3	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN	7
MARGARET BROWN	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*MARGARET A. ROBERTS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	6
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	C. KEITH BREWER	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal.
A compliment to the conductor on recently being appointed Rural Dean of Penwith.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*DEREK E. SMITH	*Treble*	FRANK LEWIS	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	†GEOFFREY PAUL	6
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	†H. LESLIE PASK	7
†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Edward W. Colley and Nancie E. Swann, which preceded this peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	BRIAN MARTIN	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	SAMUEL A. MARTIN	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	MRS. H. J. POOLE	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 500th peal of Major.
The ringer of the 7th has now rung each of the ten bells in this tower to a peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MARY BOISSARD	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	CYRIL A. HURST	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
†HARRY L. MARTIN	4	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
*S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
*JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	J. W. KIRTON	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	2	J. K. WAGSTAFF	6
ARTHUR W. WARD	3	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	7
*WILLIAM L. EXTON	4	W. NEVILLE BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. K. WAGSTAFF.
* First peal of Triples.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
MARGARET C. RIDYARD	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all.
Rung to commemorate 50 years' service by Mr. J. Halsall, captain of the local band.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	W. LESLIE WELLER	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	RAYMOND WOOD	6
JAMES W. JEFFERY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

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KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*JOHN WILSON	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	LESLIE HOUGHTON	6
TOM GREENACRE	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
EDWARD BARKER	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. William Critchley and Miss Claudia A. Harding on the occasion of their marriage.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	7
*SYDNEY A. WARWICK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM GARRARD	*Treble*	GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	5
*BRIAN SEDDON	2	FRANK T. F. POSTLETHWAITE	6
JOHN BAGNALL	3	JAMES E. BURLES	7
ALAN CAPSTICK	4	†DAVID PALMER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung on the wedding day and in honour of the marriage of Mr. Roland Eccles, the branch secretary, to Miss Dorothy Schofield, the chief ringer at Morecambe.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, KING EDWARD THE CONFESSOR AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

CANON C. CAREW COX	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
*COLIN TURNER	4	CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 23, 1954, *to* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
PETER F. BORER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
†FRANK E. WALKER	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 125th peal. † 50th peal.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Walker. Also a farewell to Rev. Mr. Talbert, M.A. (curate), who left Dartford this day for service in Korea with H.M. Forces.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM R. BAXTER	*Treble*	EUNICE D. OVEREND	5
*JOHN PHIPPEN	2	PERCY H. HARDING	6
JOSEPH T. DYKE	3	HARRY SMITH	7
†DEREK WITHERS	4	SIDNEY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14. 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE	*Treble*	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
GEORGE EASTMAN	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
Rung in honour of the weddings of Miss Lilian May to Mr. Vincent Jackson, who were married at this church prior to the commencement of the peal, and Mr. Eric Naylor to Miss Moira I. Hemer, who were married at St. Nicholas', Bathampton, Somerset, on August 6th, 1954. Rung with the best wishes of the band and all members of the Rochester District to the happy couples.

OTTERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 10 of Grandsire, 10 of Plain Bob and 10 of St. Simon's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD PITMAN	*Treble*	SIDNEY F. SKINNER	4
CYRIL SAVAGE	2	JOHN QUICK	5
MICHAEL J. BOARD	3	SIDNEY ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.
First peal in four Doubles methods for all except 2nd and on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the fourth birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents or Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN WARNER	*Treble*	*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	4
HENRY A. PRATT	2	PETER L. WOOD	5
CECIL BARKER	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in four methods.

WEST-DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's (1) Chester, Munden, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale, (3) Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, (4) Berwick, Hexham, (5) Norfolk, Primrose, (6) London, Wells, (7) Cambridge, Ipswich. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
CECIL WADE	3	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.
A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Neal, the local tower captain. Birthday compliments also to the Rector, Rev. W. A. Bartlett, and Mr. Ned Black.

SELLACK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYSSILIO,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWIN J. DAVIES	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	3
JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	CHARLES G. JONES	4
REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung for the birthday of Princess Anne.

ULCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent containing Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Fulbeck Bob. (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob. (3) Oxford Bob. (4) Hereward Bob. (5) Kent Treble Bob. (6) Oxford Treble Bob. (7) Cambridge Surprise. Each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEOFFREY PEARSON ..	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in twelve methods by all the band and for the Association.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being four extents of Stedman (4 callings), six extents of Winchendon Place Bob (4 callings), six extents of St. Nicholas' (4 callings), four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (4 callings), five extents of St. Simon's Bob (4 callings), five extents of St. Martin's (4 callings), seven extents of Plain Bob (4 callings) and five extents of Grandsire (5 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

ERNEST J. JELLEY ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. THORNLEY ..	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	*DAVID JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. First peal in eight Doubles methods by all.

GISBURN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ELIZABETH A. DOWNING ..	*Treble*	JEAN DAWSON	4
†ROSEMARY PARKINSON ..	2	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
‡WALTER E. WILKINSON ..	3	PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor. All the band come from St. Mary's, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Consisting of Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Crayford College and St. Clement's; 246 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	*C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Spliced Major.

JULIANSTOWN, CO. MEATH.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 15, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT MEADOW COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ..	3—4
MRS. F. E. DUKES	5—6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
Witness: MRS. J. M. THORLEY.

* First peal in method and for Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley.

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It was in 1899 that the Dorset village of Cattistock first became famous, with its installation of what was considered the finest carillon in the country. Some 75 years before, the Rector (the Rev. A. K. Barnes), lover of bell music, decided to install a carillon similar to those he had heard on the Continent.

The original tower was a little higher than the roof of the nave and quite inadequate. In order to accommodate the 35 bells and mechanism, a new tower had to be erected, at a cost of nearly £4,000, which sum was defrayed by the Rector himself. A feature of the stately campanile with its louvre windows was an enormous skeleton clock dial. About 19 feet in diameter, this clock dial was almost as big as Big Ben. Heavily gilded and of unusual design, it stood out sharply from the sombre stonework.

The tower was divided into four stages: the first, the ringing chamber; above, the clock room with a fine, though small hour striking and quarter chiming clock. The third stage housed an octave of eight bells, which could be rung in peal, chimed, played by the tune-playing machine or operated by the carillonneur; and in the fourth stage were the remaining 27 bells, the tune-playing machine and the 'clavechin,' the keyboard by which the carillon was operated.

Thirty-three of the bells were cast by the celebrated bell founder, M. Severin van Aerschodt, of Louvain. The last two were cast by his son, Felix, and most of them were in position by the year 1882. They remained silent, however, for many years owing to the departure through ill-health of the Rector. His successor, the Rev. H. Stickland, soon became infected with a similar enthusiasm, and after increasing the number of bells, the carillon and all the apparatus were dedicated. At least 30 of the bells bore inscriptions, many with the names of the donors.

With the exception of eight, all the bells were fixed and struck on the outside by hammers connected to the tune-playing machine, and on the inside by clappers connected to the keyboard. So that the same note could be struck in quick succession, many of the bells were equipped with three hammers. All 35 were equipped with two hammers. The tune-playing machine, although set in motion by the clock, was an entirely self-contained unit. An 8-cwt. weight, which had to be wound daily, supplied the necessary power. The speed was controlled by a fan with four blades shaped like swans. The steel cylinder which carried the striking pins had no fewer than 7,000 square holes, allowing for a wide range of notes. The ram striking pins were made in 16 sizes to provide for the long, short and dotted notes.

Above the cylinder were 60 levers connected by wires to the hammers. To change a tune was a lengthy job, for, apart from altering the position of the striking pins, a change of bells was also often necessary. There were so many bells, wires, cranks and levers, that it almost seemed one would need to be a contortionist to change a tune! Originally, the tune-playing machine was silent between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. Annual recitals by leading carillonneurs were a feature of the village life.

When I visited the village the machine was playing a wheezy 'John Peel' and 'Abide With Me' hourly, day and night. The recitals had been discontinued owing to the bells being out of tune, but the authorities were hoping to have them put right. But, alas, on September 15th, 1940, a mysterious fire totally destroyed the carillon. The fire service prevented the fire from spreading further than the tower, but the giant musical box had been reduced to a heap of twisted metal.

When what remained of the tower had been pulled down permission was obtained to carry out repairs. For nearly 12 years the village was strangely silent. Now a new tower has risen. Old buildings were purchased to provide much of the Ham Hill stone. Eight bells, with a tenor weighing 14 cwt., the only bell to bear an inscription, and a new electric chiming clock have been installed at a total cost of about £17,000. The famous Whitechapel bell founders, Mears and Stainbank, cast the bells, using what little of the original that could be recovered.

The only surviving link between the old clock and the new is the dial. The entire dial to-day was merely the centre-piece of yesterday. Many villagers thought the old dial was too big, but no one could deny that it was unique. I think it is a pity that the dial does not resemble the original. The tower is very similar. No longer is it necessary for the clockwinder to make the weary climb, for E. Dent and Co., Ltd., of London, have erected a modern synchronous electric motor movement which looks after itself. Attached to the hand wheels are cams which discharge mercury switches for the chiming of the quarters and the striking of the hour. Each of the five bells has its own separate electric motor and mechanism for lifting the hammers.

The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Cattistock, have always fascinated me, perhaps because the 15th bell was given by my godmother's grandfather—Prebendary Rooke—a fact of which I was not aware when the carillon existed. It is hoped that one day a new carillon will sound across the Dorset hills. A fund is in existence for this purpose. When this has been accomplished the inscription on the old twelfth bell will again ring true:—

'The step of time
Shall move to my melodious chime.'

QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

E. W. TIPLER'S B29/1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 3 4 6 8 5 7
2 1 4 3 8 6 7 5
2 4 1 8 3 6 5 7
4 2 8 1 6 3 7 5
2 4 1 8 6 3 5 7
4 2 8 1 3 6 7 5
2 4 8 3 1 7 6 5
4 2 3 8 7 1 5 6
2 4 3 8 1 7 6 5
4 2 8 3 7 1 5 6
2 4 8 7 3 5 1 6
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4 7 2 5 8 3 1 6
7 4 5 2 3 8 6 1
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7 5 6 1 8 3 4 2
5 7 1 6 3 8 2 4
5 1 7 3 6 8 4 2
1 5 3 7 8 6 2 4
5 1 7 3 8 2 6 4
1 5 3 7 2 8 4 6
1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral on June 10th, 1954.

QUARTER PEALS

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): B. Hunt (first in two methods) 1, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 2, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 3, T. W. Charity 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, B. Buttery (first in two methods) 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Thomas 1, G. Williams 2, Heather Evans 3, G. Flower 4, Jean Powell (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. R. Price 6, A. R. Price 7, A. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Rowlands, late verger and one time ringer at this church, who was interred earlier this week.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brown 1, S. Brown 2, M. Amos 3, W. Brown 4, R. Seaton 5, E. Orland (cond.) 6.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Parsons 1, Jessie Cockburn 2, Winnie Cockburn (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. E. T. Tranter 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. J. Pugh 6.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Medhurst 1, L. J. Honess 2, Geo. Fry 3, H. H. Usborne 4, W. R. Manser 5, K. S. Hohl (first as cond.) 6.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund on Aug. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wood (first of Minor) 1, A. Harris 2, M. G. Morton 3, P. J. Morton 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5, A. Ager 6. Rung on the anniversary of the death of the Rev. Dom. Silvester Schlecht, O.S.B., once Prior of the Abbey.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, A. Goodall 4, J. Goodall 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for evensong.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,292 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Sutcliffe 1, E. Buck 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, A. Jackson 4, A. Harris 5, J. Dear (cond.) 6. First in the method by 3, 4, 5. Rung for the Feast of St. Hippolytus.

WEST DOWN, N. DEVON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Yeo (first of Minor) 1, D. Jewell 2, D. K. Walters 3, L. G. Walters 4, A. T. Wingate 5, D. Beacham (first as cond.) 6.

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright (first quarter) 1, J. Kinchin (first of Minor) 2, J. Hobley 3, D. Payne 4, E. Orland (cond.) 4, M. Amos 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS. — On July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Hughes 1, H. Knight 2, C. Wallater 3, E. Stitch 4, F. G. Handley 5, G. W. Hughes 6, G. Page (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, G. Howlett 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX. — On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Patching 1, Agnes F. Millam 2, Jean M. Pike 3, Edna Everest 4, Harry W. Brown 5, Stanley W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Freda Millam (local ringer) to Eddie Hammond. First quarter on the bells since rehanging and augmentation to six.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Piggott (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Cole 2, Mrs. W. Newton 3, G. Woodason 4, W. J. Brooks 5, E. Langley 6, W. Newton (cond.) 7, E. Pearce 8.

An attempt for a peal in the bridegroom's own county came to grief after one hour's ringing for the wedding of Mr. Eric Naylor to Miss Moira E. Hemer, at Bathampton, Somerset, on August 6th. This attempt was conducted by Mr. G. A. Naylor, the brother of the bridegroom, who explains that he failed to make himself clear with his bobs and singles. The band consisted of E. C. Barton 1, G. Hawkins 2, L. Cope 3, A. Reed 4, G. Kenward 5, G. A. Naylor 6. The wedding was, however, associated with the peal for Miss Lilian May's marriage at Bobbing on August 14th.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS. — On Aug. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, J. W. Taylor 2, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 3, F. W. Perrens 4, W. A. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6, P. Stone 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 16th, 2,160 London Surprise Minor: G. Waterman 1, Miss R. Seabrook 2, O. Ballard 3, S. Twitchett 4, T. Bird 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6. Longest length in method by all. Rung after a peal failure.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON. — On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Whiting 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, Miss Lucy Allen 3, J. Allen 4, C. Clarke 5. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. Worsdell and Mr. C. A. Moore.

BRISTOL.—On Aug. 22nd, at the Church of St. Werburgh, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. K. Price 1, S. G. Riches (cond.) 2, K. W. Price 3, A. J. True 4, L. H. Clash 5, H. W. Payne 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. H. Marrows, of Lincoln, and Miss Sylvia Arnold (a ringer at this church), who were married at Filton Church on August 7th.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tudball 1, Mrs. P. R. Tudball 2, P. R. Tudball 3, J. E. Haydon 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Herrod 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. F. C. Eeles, secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches for 37 years, and a resident of Dunster since 1936. Rung on the day of his funeral service at Selworthy.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS. — On Aug. 22nd, on the minor eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. James 1, F. Hayes 2, A. Clutton 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. Evans 5, P. Baldwin (first as cond.) 6, R. Coles 7, Roberta Tunstall 8. Rung for matins.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS. — On Aug. 14th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 540 of Plain Bob: J. J. Tune 1, Susan Harrop 2, E. Philpot 3, E. D. Tune 4, G. F. Terry (cond.) 5, T. W. Tune 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, F. Elsom 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, H. W. Pratt 4, G. Nicholls 5, E. J. Parish 6. Rung before matins with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ransom on their wedding anniversary.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Sjoberg 1, Jennifer Stephens 2, Patricia Jones 3, Dillys Hulbert 4, Jean Powell (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Ryan Price 6, Keith Jones (first quarter Triples) 7, Tess Burn 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. G. L. Coward 1, Miss A. M. Cox 2, Miss E. M. Turner 3, E. J. Wells (cond.) 4, A. P. Cannon 5. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band except treble.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

SMITHFIELD, LONDON.—On Aug. 19th, at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chilcott (cond.) 1, B. Lunn 2, James Phillips 3, Miss A. Garnett 4. John Phillips 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Thomas W. Green, sidesman and parish councillor, buried this day.

SYDLING, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): G. H. Perry 1, G. J. W. Abbott 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, J. W. Rose (first of Doubles) 4, Henry J. Ford (cond.) 5.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. E. Merrett (first 'inside') 2, J. Merrett 3, H. Corney 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. F. Perry 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary and the gift of a son and daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bullock.

WALMER, KENT. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Monica Hawkins (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, J. F. Penfold 4, A. C. Rye 5, F. A. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, H. E. Axon 8.—Also on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Monica Hawkins 1, F. R. Hawkins (first in method) 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. A. Rye 4, J. F. Penfold 5, Miss Ann Vine (first in method) 6, F. W. Lawrence (first as cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the Rev. Edmond Leigh, assistant priest, who died suddenly on Aug. 19th.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Erin Triples: J. Schofield 1, Miss M. Chapple 2, R. Smith 3, C. Brown 4, W. Paul 5, J. Mayne (cond.) 6, J. Hoare 7, K. Dunstan 8. First in method by all except 6.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cornwall 1, P. Baldwin 2, P. Newton 3, N. Cornwall 4, E. Gosling 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8. Rung for the induction service of the Rev. Stanley James Cornish, A.K.C., to the living of West Wycombe.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Ridgway 1, A. N. Wood 2, W. A. Yates 3, H. C. Edwards 4, F. C. Case 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8.

WONERSH, SURREY. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. A. Hunter (first quarter, age 14½) 1, Miss Oliver 2, L. C. W. Hunter 3, A. E. Hunter 4, W. E. Enticknap 5, F. W. Wicks (first as cond.) 6.

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Wedding bells have been prominent in Kent lately. Miss Lilian May, daughter of Mr. B. W. May, former secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association and captain of the ringers and churchwarden at Bobbing, had peal honours accorded her after her wedding at St. Bartholomew's, Bobbing, on August 14th, to Mr. Vincent Jackson.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. P. Price, who was Dominion carillonneur at Ottawa, has been appointed Professor of Campanology and University Carillonneur to the University of Michigan, U.S.A.. Mr. Price writes that the term campanology is used in a much wider sense than change ringing.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts has been appointed Rural Dean of Penwith by the Bishop of Truro.

There were three Roberts in the peal at Carbis Bay, but none could claim relationship. Frederick J. has recently moved from Surrey to Cornwall and is an addition to the Kea band. Margaret A. was yet another candidate presented by Mr. Alan Carveth from Kenwyn, and she passed the test of her first peal with credit.

The Rev. Philip Lea, Vicar of St. John's Church, Erith, blames draughts in the belfry for the lack of bellringing volunteers.—National Press.

Congratulations to Mr. Trevor Reynolds, of Wolverhampton, on achieving his 1,000th tower at Whitchurch, Shropshire, on August 14th. He is probably the youngest ringer to have accomplished this.

A half-century of service has been given by Mr. J. Halsall, to St. Peter's Church, Hindley, Lancs, where he is captain. A congratulatory peal, Kendal Surprise Major, was rung on the bells on August 21st.

The quarter peal at Lambeth on August 21st was rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Len Bullock on the birth of twins—Janet and Andrew. Other ringers, we are sure, will join in the congratulations, as Mr. and Mrs. Bullock are well known among East London and S.W. Essex ringers. Mr. Bullock is the secretary of the Northern District of the London County Association and Master of the Romford band.

An unexpected honour was accorded the Universities Association at Hereford. When they set out for their first tower they found that the route had been sign-posted by the A.A. with 'U.A. Tour' in large black letters. The mystery was explained by the local A.A. patrol being a member of the Parochial Church Council. The U.A. feel they are the first ringing tour, even unofficially, to come to the notice of a national motoring association.

Mr. H. P. Reed, of Newbury, who called a peal at Aldermaston on August 2nd, conducted his last peal 18 years ago at North Stoneham for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

New methods announced this week are Goscote Surprise Maximus rung at Leicester Cathedral, and Oakham Surprise Royal at Surfleet, Lincs.

Have any of our lady ringers 'circled a tower'? Mrs. H. J. Poole has rung a peal on each of the ten bells at the bell foundry campanile at Loughborough.

Mr. W. Neal, captain of the West Deeping tower, celebrated his 70th birthday on August 21st. In honour of the event his fellow veteran, Mr. Horace Day, of Market Deeping, who is 73 this month, conducted a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor. We wish Horace good luck in his own birthday peal to-morrow (September 4th).

Mr. Ronald Eccles, hon. secretary of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, has wisely married into the Exercise. His bride, Miss Dorothy Schofield, is the chief ringer at Morecambe. The wedding, on August 21st, was honoured by a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of Holy Trinity, Morecambe.

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BELL-RINGING — FROM A LEGAL VIEWPOINT

NOT IN LAW A PUBLIC NUISANCE

ALTHOUGH the subject of bells may seem far removed from any legal tangles or red tape the index of Halsbury's 'Laws of England,' under the heading of 'Bells,' has no less than 25 references ranging from 'Bells, church, care of' to 'Bells, door, ringing of offence,' and covering civil, criminal, equitable and ecclesiastical law.

As is well known, the incumbent of a parish, by virtue of his general control over the church, has absolute control over the ringing of the bells; the legal ownership of the bells and bellropes, however, is vested in the churchwardens as a quasi-corporation, though the duties relating to the care of the bells are now transferred to the parochial church councils by The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921. These rules were applied many years ago in the case of Harrison v. Forbes and Sisson (1860), when it was held that although legal ownership of the bells was vested in the churchwardens, they had no right as such against the wishes of the minister of the parish to break into the belfry of the parish church and ring the bells, though there may be some very special occasions in which they would be justified in so doing, i.e., probably only on the occasion of divine worship.

RINGING FOR FOXHOUNDS

Two years later, in 1862, it was held that a meeting of the foxhounds was not a 'special occasion' that would justify such ringing. This case was Redhead v. Wait and was heard in the Court of Arches (Highest Ecclesiastical Court for the Archbishopric of Canterbury). It appears from the report that on a previous occasion of the meeting of the foxhounds at Thurnby, Leicestershire, the bells had been rung contrary to the wishes of the incumbent, and that shortly before the day in question the incumbent was informed that the defendants, who included one of the churchwardens and the clerk, were about to repeat the same offence. He accordingly gave due notice of his objection to ringing for such an occasion but, says the report, '. . . notwithstanding his remonstrance the defendants, on the meeting of the foxhounds at Thurnby, went to the Parish Church and with a crowbar broke open the belfry door and rang the bells.' It is recorded that the incumbent made further remonstrances but the only result was that he was excluded from the belfry (whether by forcible means or not does not appear!) and the ringing was continued. The incumbent, however, did not accept defeat and resorted to the aid of the law: the defendants, when brought to Court admitted the facts and that their conduct was unjustifiable in law, and the learned judge, the famous Dr. Lushington, 'admonished the defendants and condemned them in the cost of the suit.'

It is interesting to note that no damages were awarded, presumably because the only action the minister could have brought would have been in the tort of trespass and this could not be successful since the legal posession of the bells was vested, not in the plaintiff clergyman, but in the recalcitrant churchwarden.

The practical effects of the property being invested in the churchwarden appear in at least one case to act unfairly. In Jackson v. Adams (1835) the plaintiff contended that the defendant had uttered to him, in public, the words, 'Who stole the parish bellropes, you scamping rascal?' and that such words were defamatory of him. This action for damages failed, the Court holding that since it was impossible for a person to steal property of which he was, in law, the owner, the statement could not be defamatory.

CONDITION WITH FACULTY

Before bells may be hung in a church a faculty from the Diocesan Court is required; although a faculty will be granted in a proper case, one will not be granted where there is a risk of annoyance being caused by their being rung with unnecessary frequency or for an undue length of time. Moreover a faculty will be granted to sanction an agreement restricting the ringing of bells to certain hours on certain days. Such a position might arise on the gift of money, e.g., for an augmentation on condition that a bell is no longer rung for an early morning service. The incumbent must, however, cause a bell to be tolled for morning and evening prayer 'That the people may come to hear God's word and to pray with Him.' (B. C. P.)

The ringing of one of the church bells as a sanctus bell is an additional ceremony, and the Court has refused to sanction by faculty alterations to enable one of the church bells to be used from the interior of the church as a sanctus bell. It was further decided in the same case, following a previous decision relating to the use of a handbell in the body of the church that the tolling or ringing of one of the church bells of a parish church during the Consecration Prayer in the Communion Service at the moment of the elevation of each of the sacred elements as a sanctus bell is illegal.

A church sexton is a man (or, it was decided in 1739—a woman), who has many different duties to perform, e.g., in the care of the church and churchyard, but these duties almost invariably include the ringing of the bell or bells. His rights and duties usually vary from parish to parish, but by statute the Burial Acts Authority cannot deprive the sexton of his right to discharge the function of his office in the case of burials in its burial grounds and to earn any fees for such work by appointing any other person. Among such duties is that of tolling the bell (if any) and the sexton has an indefeasible right of entry to the chapel for the purpose of tolling and presumably thereby collecting the appropriate fee.

EXCESSIVE RINGING

No doubt such matters are more often merely of academic interest, but a point worthy of consideration by all ringers is whether a member of the public may apply to Court for an injunction to restrain the excessive ringing of church bells. As far as can be traced there is only one case reported where such an application has been successful and that was over a century ago, though it is believed that there has been a case of a similar nature a few years ago: unfortunately this case does not appear to have been reported in the legal Press. The only ground upon which such an action may be brought is that of the tort of Private Nuisance. A private, as distinct from a public nuisance, is one which affects those persons who are immediately within the scope of its operations but does not injure or inflict inconvenience upon others who are farther removed from it. 'Halsbury' says that as e.g., in the case of church bells the alleged nuisance may be even advantageous or pleasurable to those who are at a distance. Moreover private nuisance is actionable only if there is an injury to the property and thus only the occupier of that property would be able to sue.

The one reported case (Soltau v. De Held 2 Sim. N.S.133) was decided in 1851 by a highly-respected vice-Chancellor, namely, Sir Richard Kindersley. The plaintiff in the case owned and lived in a house immediately adjacent to a Roman Catholic church in Park Road, Clapham, and in May of 1851 a new ring of six bells was opened. The report described the ringing as follows:—

> 'The Chapel bell rang at five o'clock and a quarter before seven every morning and a quarter before and a quarter past seven every evening. On 13th May, 1851, a peal of six bells was rung at five o'clock, the steeple bell at a quarter to seven and again at a quarter to nine. The Chapel bell again rang at half past ten. A peal of chimes was rung at eleven and again at a quarter before one; again at a quarter before six and again at a quarter before eight. On Saturday, the 24th of May, the Chapel bell rang as usual the three times above mentioned and the steeple bell twice and, in addition, a peal of six bells from half past eight till a quarter to ten at night. . .'

The report then catalogues further dates and says that 'Subsequently the bells were rung **daily** upon an average as great a number of times as they had been rung on the several occasions before mentioned.' The ringing was held to be a nuisance and judgment was given for the plaintiff with 40s. damages and costs. During a period of three months while the action was in progress the bells were not rung at all but after judgment had been given the bells rang forth again and in a subsequent action for an injunction to prevent their ringing it was alleged that the defendant 'Caused the said bells to be rung in the same manner and for the same times and he threatened and intended not only to continue ringing the last-mentioned bells every Sunday in manner last aforesaid, but **also to ring peals of the said six bells and to ring on weekdays and also to ring the Chapel bell.**' The weights of all the bells were quoted, the tenor, weighing 9 cwt. 0 qr. 20lb., being three feet three inches in diameter.

NOT A PUBLIC NUISANCE

The learned Vice-Chancellor's judgment commenced with an exposition of the law, which is still acknowledged by lawyers to be of great authority, defining and distinguishing public and private nuisance and he decided that bell-ringing could, in law, amount to a private but not to a public nuisance. He then referred to the annoyance caused to the plaintiff by the six bells which he observed 'are not, in respect of size, such as are used in most Chapels and district churches in and near London, but they are unusually large bells.' Obviously the judge was not familiar with the weights of the bells in many of London's rings of bells. Moreover, he continued, in view of the proximity of the plaintiff's house to the church, the noisy ringing of these bells considerably reduced the value of the said house and on these and other grounds he considered that an injunction ought to be granted. An injunction accordingly issued restraining the defendant and all persons acting under his direction or by his authority, from tolling or ringing the bells so as to occasion any nuisance, disturbance and annoyance to the plaintiff.

Perhaps this case should be borne in mind by all ringers lest any citizen should to-day feel aggrieved by the exercise of our art: ringers to-day, however, are probably not quite so zealous as our brothers of the last century and most ringing to-day would **probably** be covered by this limitation to the judgment:—

> 'I cannot say that it is absolutely impossible that any of these bells may not be rung so as not to occasion any nuisance or annoyance to the plaintiff. It is possible: and therefore I do not think it is right to say that none of these bells shall not be rung again.'

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PEAL RINGING IN DEVONSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AS most readers will know, Devonshire has the largest number of rings of bells in any of the counties—no less than 371, according to Dove's book. But most readers will also know that 'method' ringing is not practised as much as 'call-change' ringing in the county, and the majority of ringers are not interested in our way of change-ringing. They concentrate on accurate striking and raising and lowering the bells. That is their art, and our type of ringer has, very often, a great deal to learn from them in this. But there is a limit to 'stoney' ringing, which is soon reached and there is not the satisfaction of being able to go on to greater and greater achievements as there is in our ringing.

It will be no surprise, after the above remarks, to learn that there is a far higher percentage of churches where no peal has been rung than in any other county. Eleven out of the 88 eight-bell towers are still unconquered and since there are only 40 peal-less eight-bell towers in the whole of England, it will be seen that more of a quarter of them are in Devon. For those interested, these eleven are: Appledore, Barnstaple, Braunton, Culmstock, Exeter (St. Mark's), Georgeham, Hatherleigh, Honiton (St. Paul's), Ilfracombe (SS. Philip and James'), Kingsbridge and Witheridge.

Space would not permit to list all the six-bell towers where peals have not been rung, for only 67 out of the 242 have ever appeared in the peal lists. Actually, there are approximately 540 six-bell towers in England which are still unconquered, and since 175 are in Devon, it means that one-third of them are there. No peal has been rung on any five-bell tower, but the county has not as many of these as other counties, which is rather surprising, for it has half as many again six-bell towers as any other county. Actually, there are 36 of them and nine counties have more than this, but only Norfolk has more than that number still peal-less.

And now to turn to details. It will, again, be no surprise to learn that peal ringing has never been very flourishing in the county. Most peals have been rung by visiting bands, of course. Only one tower has reached the 50 mark—St. Michael's, Exeter (Heavitree, 8), where the last peal rung was the 50th. Twenty-nine of these were rung between 1898 and 1914 and, looking at the other Exeter towers, it seems that more peals were rung about that period than ever since. Thus St. Sidwell's (10), destroyed in the war, had 32 of its 39 rung between 1883 and 1912 (with a gap between 1892 and 1903), and St. David's had 21 of its 28 in the same period. This latter tower has not been heard for nearly 20 years now. It would seem that in the county as a whole, this is true, for the tower with the second highest number of peals, Withycombe Raleigh (45) shows the same trend. Eighteen of them were rung between 1903 and 1913, but there was a period of activity here just after the first war, when 14 peals were rung in the 1920's. Six have come since the last war, but none since 1949. Plymouth Charles' Church (10) is similar again, coming third in the list with 40 peals. Thirty were rung prior to 1913 and the remainder between 1919 and 1928. These bells were also destroyed in the war, but had been silent for more than ten years then (as had those of St. Sidwell's—the last peal recorded there was also in 1928). Two other towers have totals in the 30's—Clyst Honiton (33) and Exeter St. Thomas' (31). Both towers have been doing well since the war, the former having recorded 14 and the latter nine peals.

SIXTEEN PEALS AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Turning now to well-known rings, we commence with the two 12-bell towers, Exeter Cathedral and Buckfast Abbey. Though the bells at the former are old, it was not until 1902 that the first peal was rung on them, largely because of their weight (until the Liverpool Cathedral ring, Exeter had the heaviest of all tenors). Sixteen peals in all have been rung there, seven since the war. Buckfast's are relatively new bells, and only five peals have been scored here. Two of the four 10-bell towers were destroyed in the war and have already been mentioned. The remaining two are Plymouth, St. Andrew's and Cullompton; 25 peals have been rung at the former church, 11 between 1903 and 1914, nine between 1926 and 1938, and five since the war. At Cullompton nine were rung from 1920 to 1939 and five from 1947 to 1951, making a total of 14.

Of the eight-bell towers, four with peal totals of 30 and over have been mentioned above, together with Exeter St. David's. Of the remaining 72 churches where peals have been rung, only ten have reached double figures. They are Broad Clyst (27 peals), Plymouth, Emmanuel Church (26), Tiverton (23), Sowton and Devonport, Dockyard Chapel (20)—the latter church was destroyed in the war. Thorverton (19) comes next, and then another war-destroyed church, Stonehouse (18). Wolborough (15), Plympton St. Maurice's (14) and Ottery St. Mary (13) complete the list. All these towers which still exist have been seen in the peal lists since the war, Broad Clyst and Wolborough especially so.

There is little to report on the six-bell towers. Only one—Holbeton—has reached double figures, 16 peals having been rung there. It is 25 years, however, since it last appeared in the peal lists, for seven were rung between 1910 and 1913, nine from 1921 to 1929 and none since. Two towers have nine—Harpford and Up-Lyme—but both have had most of these since the war. No less than 32 of the 67 six-bell towers have had but a single peal rung at them.

There is certainly plenty of scope in Devon, not least the missionary work of encouraging the 'stoney' ringers to take up change-ringing, which the Guild of Devonshire Ringers is valiantly trying to do.

His many friends in the Hornchurch area will be glad to know that Sid Penfold is making a good recovery from a severe abdominal operation and hopes to go convalescent very soon.

MISS ELIZABETH BIBBY MARRIED

A member of a well-known ringing family and a practising member of the art herself, Miss Elizabeth Mary Bibby, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bibby, of Frodsham, was married at Frodsham Parish Church on Monday, August 16th, to Mr. George Edward Daniels, of Oaks Road, Dilham, Norwich.

The Vicar, the Rev. M. W. Myres, officiated. At the organ, Mr. A. Collins played the bridal march from Lohengrin, and, as a recessional, Mendelssohn's Wedding March. As members of the bride's family were wedding guests, friendly ringers from other belfries made up the team for ringing and 'firing' the bells.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white brocade cut on Elizabethan lines with wreath and veil. Her bouquet was of cream roses and white heather. The bridesmaids were Miss Cynthia Bibby (sister), Miss Janet House, Miss Sheila Moss and Miss Ann Dennis. Mr. D. M. G. Janes was best man and Messrs. P. J. Daniels and P. Worral were groomsmen.

The reception was held in the Mersey View Pavilion.

The bride, besides her ringing activities, was a teacher in the Sunday School. She took a teaching post in Norwich and afterwards in London, where she also took a special course in elocution. Her bellringing capabilities provided an outlet in both cities.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mysteries of 'The White House'

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, ringers and friends from the the locality spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening at White House, Caister-on-Sea, on August 14th. The weather during the preceding week had been wintry and did not augur well; however, the day broke fine and very warm, remaining so throughout.

Feverish activity was apparent to the early arrivals, who saw the finishing touches being given to the Mark I. version of the Exercise's 'secret weapon.' This enables six or eight ringers sitting comfortably round a table, with the aid of a wooden 'bellrope' (complete with sally) to reproduce faithfully the mechanical actions of handstroke and backstroke. Then by weird and wondrous means (to the experts, sound scientific principles) the aforementioned actions cause handbells, suitably mounted and modified, to ring at the precise time as tower bells.

The apparatus stood up well to its first handling, but as with every prototype, minor adjustments were found necessary, and it was thus not possible to ring that afternoon the first peal on it; time and a few extra volts from the national grid will tell!!

The gathering enjoyed a splendid tea during which the acrobatics of certain amateur photographers were highly diverting.

The president of the Norwich Diocesan Association (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) voiced the thanks of those present to the host and hostess, the former replying suitably.

After tea the company dispersed to bowls, handbell ringing, horticultural study! and gossip!! During this period entertainment was provided alternately by the 'East Norfolk Lappers,' who lapped handbells to Plain and Treble Bob Minor and also the 'White House Method Dancers,' both organisations being open to offers of winter engagements!

There being a quorum of Eastern Branch members present, it was decided to hold the next quarterly business meeting at Acle on October 16th.

The happy throng broke up at last and all agreed for the second year a thoroughly wonderful and happy time had been enjoyed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS'

Dear Sir,—How many ringers, I wonder, have realised the opportunity which is at present offered to the whole Exercise by the broadcasting of 'The Nine Tailors' as a radio play in four parts? There will doubtless be a number of non-ringing listeners whose interest in our art has been aroused by the first two instalments, and there will probably be more as the play proceeds. Hence we have a source of potential recruits.

Why do I say 'potential'? Because in each branch of every ringing organisation the present situation is like a barrier containing a door that is locked. We ringers are on one side of the door and these recruits are on the other side. The broadcasts are our keys but it is up to us to do the unlocking. How? My own method has been to send in to our two local weekly papers a suitable letter, and I should like, through 'The Ringing World,' to pass this on as a suggestion to my fellow ringers. It must be remembered, however, that the people for whom such a letter is meant are not ringers yet and need a little shepherding. Hence one has to be careful in the choice of words when writing it.

Finally, do not expect anything like the gold rushes in the Yukon and the Klondike. You must sow before you can reap. Those who want recruits have now a chance to get them, and seldom, if ever before, has such an opportunity been given to ringers. Let us show our gratitude by following it up.

'Hit the nail aright, friends,
Hit it on the head.
Strike with all your might, friends,
While the iron's red.

Yours sincerely,
D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—Outside ringing circles, when bell-ringing has been mentioned I have heard the subject referred to by the questions, 'Oh, that is campanology, is it not?' or 'Then you are a campanologist?' But ringers generally seem to be very little affected by these terms.

Reference to a dictionary reveals how closely connected the words are with bells, the one, the 'scientific name of bellringing,' the other, one skilled in the same.'

The word campanile is the name of a bell tower of the larger kind, usually applied to those detached from the church. (It. campana, a bell.) To those interested in horticulture or botany there is a genus of flowers, campanula, commonly known as bell flowers, usually blue or white, the common wild harebell, C. rotundifolia, is well known. There are several well-known, hardy perennial kinds in cultivation grown as rock plants or in the herbaceous border. The Canterbury bell, C. media, is a biennial species, and is a great favourite with garden lovers. Its homely name, associated as it is with our glorious city, seems somehow to a ringer to be decidedly connected with the Cathedral; it would be interesting to know the origin of the name.

An interesting reference to the word is made on an old peal board in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent. I quote from memory:—

Campanolough art behold,
In feats that merit purer gold.
* * * * *
With'n this steeple well and true
This peal expos'ed here to view,
Those men whose names this board adorn
Compleatly did the same perform.

I believe this was a peal of Kent, but other particulars are missing.

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Middlesex.

PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In my opinion Mr. Blagrove has wrongly interpreted Mr. Birmingham's letter. I thought that the point had been made quite plain, that if four blows were allowed in Doubles, why should they be barred in higher numbers, or for banning methods without Plain blows in thirds, and a Kent Bob with four blows in fourths, so why not four blows at a plain lead in Bob Triples? As to the remark about planning a peal of Bob Caters with which he credited Mr. Birmingham, I must claim that remark to be mine.

In all their letters the present Methods Committee have never yet stated a good reason for dismissing four blows in Plain Bob on odd numbers, or for banning methods without Plain Bob lead ends. The Exercise has just to bow its head and accept the 'tidying up' of this small group of men. Since no letters have been published lately from members of the Methods Committee it must be gathered that they are just sitting back waiting for the uproar to die down.

Returning to the last paragraph of Mr. Blagrove's letter, may I give him the Methods Committee reply? (It has been often enough in print for all of us to know it now!) 'We do not dictate what (Doubles) methods you should ring to peals, but we will only recognise what we dictate.' Only these peals will then be published in the Analysis'—which serves what useful purpose?

May I, before closing, give Mr. Scott my personal opinion as to why ringing standards in this area have declined compared with between the wars? I think that they depend on the peals. As most ringers cannot be bothered to arrange peals, it is left to one or two to arrange them all. If these people cease for any reason, unless someone comes forward to take their place peals die out except for special occasions. Usually another peal ringer can be found to fit in a band if one drops out, but if the organiser or conductor (usually the same) drop out then. . .'—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Windsor, Berks.

'THIS RUBBISH'

Dear Sir,—The present trend of publishing new methods under the name of the composer of the peal—or without any name—is to be deplored.

It is noticeable that all these methods abound in faulty construction, such as four places being made in one row (two of which are bound to be adjacent), thereby causing a doubles change. This is in effect a single!

I notice in 'The Ringing World' of August 20th, Ventnor Surprise is attributed to J. W. Washbrook, and Winchester Surprise—no composer. Mr. E. Weatherby's letter includes other cases of this wrong ownership.

One wonders if these past masters of the art would have cared to have had their names connected with these so-called methods.

The perpetrators of this rubbish should be prepared to own it.—Yours sincerely,

T. E. HARROLD.

Wigston Magna, Leics.

'TOWER GRABBING' DOGS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query in 'Belfry Gossip,' if sitting in the car outside a church whilst I am ringing constitutes a canine 'grab,' the score of 'Mischief,' my constant companion, is 294 since she first 'owned me' in October, 1952. She has collected these towers in 13 counties. Incidentally, the total mileage (for all purposes) which she has travelled in the car is about 50,000; is that another canine record?—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

PEAL RINGING IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

Dear Sir,—The current series of articles by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead dealt with Cumberland and Westmorland, and I wish to point out one or two errors.

The first peal rung in Cumberland was at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, but the date was May 31st, 1865, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, being Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hours and 58 minutes. The band was: George S. Shury 1, Henry W. Haley 2, Robert Jameson 3, William Cooter 4, George E. Ferris 5, James R. Haworth 6, Matthew A. Wood 7, James Dwight 8. Conducted by Henry W. Haley.

The peal on May 18th, 1890, was the first in Cumberland by a local band, and so far as I can trace this is the only peal ever rung in Carlisle by a local band.

When I have been in Kendal belfry on past occasions I feel sure that there are peal boards recording peals rung in 1770 or 1790, so I am going to check on this matter and will write again later as I feel sure peals were rung at Kendal prior to the 1865 details given.

I can find no account of a peal in 1892, but I have been trying for some time to arrange a peal in Carlisle and would like to have details of the 1892 peal if available to amend the local records.

An attempt at St. Stephen's for the Coronation came to grief after 2 hours and 55 minutes through a disturbance at the belfry door, so I think there is every chance of recording one soon, after such a long lapse.

Best wishes for the success of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

J. BUTTERFIELD.

Carlisle.

CLOCKS WITH LONG PENDULUMS

Dear Sir.—In your recent issues I have been interested about clocks with 13 feet pendulums. Here at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Deddington, we have a clock in the ringing chamber with a pendulum of 18 feet 4 inches swinging in the centre of the eight bell ropes to the amusement of visiting ringers. The clock itself is a massive affair and was made nearly a century ago by a Deddington clockmaker by name of Thomas Hardon.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. DEELEY,
Sec., Deddington Church Tower.

Oxford.

A 'THANK YOU' TO SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World,' express my thanks to the Castle Carey and South Cadbury ringers for their friendship, kindness and for arranging ringing meetings for my benefit during my holiday in Somerset, also for inviting myself and wife to go on their annual outing to Torquay and Paignton. The friendship and fellowship among ringers should be valued and we again extend our thanks to them, and would like to return their hospitality should they decide to visit the north. —Yours, etc.,

JOHN T. WALMSLEY.

Oldham.

'ON CONDUCTING'

Dear Sir.—May I. through your columns, compliment Mr. Wilfrid Wilson on the excellence on his series of articles on conducting. I am a little surprised that no previous comment has appeared, but with so many ringers concerned with Bob Triples the articles may possibly have been overlooked.—Yours faithfully,

N. G. HOLLINGWORTH.

Richmond, Surrey.

OUTINGS AMID RAIN AND SUNSHINE

CUMBERLAND RINGERS

Members of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association were joined by several members of the University of London Society on their outing on August Monday.

Ringing commenced in the morning at St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld (6), near Penrith, and later at St. Peter's, Shap (6).

After lunch the party crossed the moors to the Church of All Saints, Orton (8), where the fine Rudhall tenor was greatly admired. Unfortunately ringing was curtailed by a badly-fitted stay, and so the ringers went on to the small Church of St. Patrick, Bampton (5). Here the bells, cast in the 18th century by a local foundry, were raised for the first time in 16 years, and after the ringing the ringers were generously entertained to tea by the Church Council. The day's programme ended on the fine ring of eight at St. Andrew's, Penrith.

The thanks of the party are due to Rex Agg, who arranged an outing which almost kept up to schedule.

SOWTON, DEVON

The second Saturday in August has become, by tradition, the date of Sowton ringers' annual outing. This year the objective was Weymouth.

Leaving home at 8 a.m., Bradpole, Dorset (8, 13 cwt.), provided the first ringing, the bells being pronounced as quite good. At Abbotsbury (6, 12 cwt.) a little trouble was experienced by a chime hammer breaking as the bells were being raised. Two local ringers came and helped put matters right and the six were rung. A word of praise for the 'go' of the bells, which were hung by a local bell hanger, Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, in 1894.

At Weymouth non-ringers stayed in the town while ringing took place on the excellent eight at Wyke Regis (17 cwt.). After tea two more very good eights were visited, Beaminster (26 cwt.) and Crewkerne (22 cwt.). A very good day was had by all. Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers and in particular to the two ringers at Abbotsbury who not only put matters right but rang with us. W. C. P.

PINCHBECK

A party of ringers and friends left Pinchbeck at 7 a.m. on August 14th for Messrs. Taylors' bell foundry, Loughborough. Mr. Harrison met the party and conducted them on a very interesting tour of the foundry, and explained the process of casting and tuning of bells. After this an hour's ringing on the light ring of ten in the campanile was enjoyed.

Our next tower for ringing was Ashby-de-la-Zouch, after which we had a picnic lunch in the Castle grounds. On then to Burton-on-Trent, famed for its breweries, and its very fine ring of ten bells at St. Paul's, where we again enjoyed an hour's ringing. The next call was for tea at Tamworth, after which we visited the church for more ringing. On then to Hinckley and then our last tower at Croft. A short stop was made for refreshments at Uppingham and home reached at midnight.

Thanks are extended to the incumbents of towers, to Messrs. Taylor and Co., and especially Mr. Harrison and organisers. R. C. N.

PUTNEY

An important date in many London ringers' diaries was the highly successful occasion of the Putney ringers' and friends' annual outing to Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, when the towers visited were Wallingford, Harwell, Chilton, East Ilsley, Tilehurst and Slough.

Sharp disappointment was felt at Slough, the last tower of the day, where a misunderstanding allowed only a short time for ringing.

The arrangements made by Mr. W. T. Elson proved once again to merit the warm appreciation expressed by the whole party.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, RUGELEY

Punctually at 7 a.m. on August 11th a coach set off from Rugeley bound for Rhyl, thus the annual choir outing had begun. Although this was a choir outing there were six ringers present, four from Rugeley, one from Little Aston, and the writer.

At Rhuddlan the party found a poor-going six (8¼ cwt.) and through the noise of the ropes, etc., they could hardly be heard. To add to this the fifth is sadly out of tune and the tenor sounds very 'dead.' In contrast, however, a very good six (8¾ cwt.) was made use of at Abergele.

Unfortunately at our last tower, St. Thomas', Rhyl (8, 17 cwt.), the treble rope had broken the previous night at practice, so we could only hear the back six. These are of very good tone and 'go,' and are probably the best eights in North Wales. Ringing for the day over, we joined the others for high tea and the journey home. Thanks are due to the incumbents for granting permission, and John R. Joyner for making the ringing arrangements. A. R.

TWO WEEKDAY TRIPS

Young ringers from St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Little Aston, and the writer, recently took advantage of school and business holidays for a spot of ringing. On August 9th the party set out by car for Warwickshire. The first tower was a unique one—Allenhall (8, 4¼ cwt.). These bells are hung in the louvres of the spire, two on each side. The belfry is extremely small, and added to this we found no stays on any of the bells, and ropes only on the back six, not to mention the pigeons. To any intending visiting band we suggest old clothes and a complete set of ropes (light weight) of at least 35 feet length. By the time we had made conditions fit for ringing and rung, the morning was over.

In the afternoon and evening we visited Butlers Marston, a good six (14¼ cwt.), Kineton (6, 11¼ cwt.), where the treble is heavier than the second, third or fourth, being 5 cwt., a good light five (5¼ cwt.) at Radway, and a five (7 cwt.) at Farnborough, where the Vicar joined in ringing. After a key hunt we managed to get into the belfry at Burton Dassett, where we found a six (13 cwt.) of good tone and 'go,' although the girls had difficulty in pulling them off as they are deep setting.

At Bishop's Itchington, the head ringer joined us in Grandsire Doubles on this good five (9½ cwt.), and so to the last tower, Harbury (5, 13¼ cwt.), where we managed Stedman Doubles, thanks to the help of the head ringer's son.

The second outing, on August 12th, was into Derbyshire. Our female representative from Little Aston was unable to come and we had a fresh face from Walsall, and were joined by John R. Joyner, from Rugeley. Doveridge, the first stop, was a very good ground-floor five (14½ cwt.), ideal for a peal. Sudbury bells (6, 14 cwt.) are not too easy to handle, although a more experienced adult band could probably do them more justice. A good six (8¾ cwt.) was found at Etwall, and a very good six (12 cwt.) at Sutton-on-the-Hill. At Osmaston-by-Ashbourne (6, 14 cwt.) the tenor was found to be loose on its bearings, but otherwise the bells are of good tone and 'go.'

Housed in a massive 13th century tower with a very tall, slender 14th century spire are an excellent six (14 cwt.) at Breadsall. The Vicar's daughter, Miss Elizabeth Grime, was here a welcome addition to our band. Brailsford's are an anti-clockwise five (12 cwt.) of good tone and 'go.' Our last ring for the day was on the six (12¼ cwt.) at Horsley, a very good ground-floor ring. A. R.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX

St. Mary's, Balcombe, ringers and their friends were fortunate in having a hot and sunny day for their annual outing on August 14th. Travelling by coach to Portsmouth, by boat from there to the Isle of Wight, and by a second coach for a tour right round the island, the ringers were able to enjoy the full beauty of the picturesque countryside and the magnificent views across Shanklin and Freshwater Bay.

A stop was made at Brading for a short ring before going to Shanklin for an excellent lunch. Ringing during the afternoon was at Chale and Freshwater, the last-named bells being very much to their liking.

Thanks are due to Mr. R. Bailey, of Godshill, for his valuable help in arranging this and last year's outing to the Island. J. H. G. G.

WATFORD AND DISTRICT

Ringers from Watford and district, together with wives, friends and ringers from outside the district, had a most enjoyable day on August 21st touring the attractive countryside of Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. The first tower to be visited was Burnham, where by this time the sun had at last appeared and showed promise of being a warm, sunny day. George Gilbert warmly welcomed us and for an hour various touches were rung on this pleasant octave.

The next tower was Hughenden, where the belfry is certainly an example to be followed. Here two attempts for Hughenden Surprise were tried, but unfortunately both came to grief! However, four Spliced Surprise Major was brought round, which more than atoned for the previous failure. On then to Kidlington, where an excellent lunch was partaken at the Black Horse Inn. Ringing followed at the conveniently nearby tower, after which we travelled on to Hook Norton to reach St. Peter's somewhat behind schedule owing to the winding roads which had baffled our driver (and others, also!). This fine ring was soon resounding to Stedman Triples and also included a good course of Bristol.

Arriving at Deddington (our last ring) we enjoyed a splendid tea.

Ringing at Deddington tower continued until 7.30 p.m., when a start was made for home via Bicester and Aylesbury, Watford being reached by 10 p.m. Our thanks are offered amongst many others to the organiser, Mr. S. H. Hoare, who must be congratulated on planning a most interesting tour.

Methods rung also included Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge, London, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major. R.

LADIES' GUILD IN KENT

At the first meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Marden on August 14th, Miss Doris Colgate presided. Guild members present were Miss Colgate, Miss Jill Haffenden (Marden), Mrs. Cullingworth (Maidstone) and Miss Walker (Upchurch).

Those unable to attend the meeting but who wished to join the Guild sent their names to the secretary, and these were elected with the majority of the ladies present.

Miss Haffenden is secretary of the Branch. Only two members of the committee were elected, Miss Walker and Miss Tapley (Harrietsham), as it felt that the county was not well enough represented at the meeting to elect the other four members.

It was decided to hold six meetings a year, one in each District of the Kent County Association. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Bromley early in November if the tower is available. M. T.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

In bright sunshine, South Anston was visited on August 14th by the North Notts District. Ringing started about 2.30 and continued until 5 p.m., when a good tea was provided in the Old School, 25 sitting down.

The Rev. R. Lyne, of Anston, gave a hearty welcome to those attending, and with him as chairman the short meeting was soon disposed of. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Clayworth on September 11th. The Bell Fund collection came to 15s. Votes of thanks to the Rev. R. Lyne for the use of the bells, and the ladies who served tea were accorded. Ringing again took place until 9 p.m.

Methods rung were a course of College Pleasure Minor (a request from Mr. H. M. Turner, who took part), Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Kent, Oswald, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Duffield and Forward Major.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' September 4th, 1914

BIRMINGHAM

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 26, 1914, in 3 hours and 2 minutes

At St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

5,040 CHANGES

Taylor's 6-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
Albert Scrivens	Treble
John Carrigan	2
William G. Ellis	3
Thomas Miller	4
Charles Mackenzie	5
William F. Webb	6
William Davis	7
Walter Gossage	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Miller.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Pope Pius X.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Christleton, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please advise intention to attend.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4966

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. W. Tiplady, Brante House, Stutton, Tadcaster.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4967

RINGERS' SERVICE.—To be held at Christ Church, Swindon (10), on Sept. 12th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 4.15. Service ringing from 5.15. Special service 6.30. All welcome. Names for tea as soon as possible to F. G. Wilton, 48, Groundwell Road, Swindon, Wilts. Tel. 3912. 4965

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, London, Saturday, Sept. 18th. A conducted tour of the Houses of Parliament has been arranged for 11 a.m. Assemble Victoria Tower 10.55 a.m. Ringing: St. George's, Southwark (8), 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 3.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Meeting, 2.30 p.m., 'Little Dorrit' Vestry, St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, S.E.1. Dinner 6.30 p.m., followed by entertainment and social evening at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge. Tickets 15s. each from Hon. Sec., C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leics, by Saturday, Sept. 11th. 4964

Mr. Leslie G. Brett's 400 Peals

Mr. L. G. Brett, of Framsden, has much variety in his 400 peals.

Minor.—Four methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 4 (conducted 1), London 1, Oxford 1, Cambridge 5 (4).

Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 14 (3).

Major.—Plain Bob 7 (1), Oxford 6, Kent 16 (4), Double Norwich Court Bob 35 (2), Double Oxford 1.

Surprise.—Superlative 44 (8), Cambridge 105 (29), New Cambridge 6 (1), Norfolk 2, Yorkshire 20 (13), London 35 (8), Bristol 21 (5), Pudsey 2, Premier 3, Rochester 2, Painswick 2 (2), one each of Rutland (1), Kent, Ipswich, Clarendon (1), Camden, Edinburgh (1), Ashtead, Edmundsbury, Helmingham, Daventry (1), Wavency, Yoxford (1), Orwell, Deben, Silchester, Marina (1), Huntingdon, Lincoln, Dunwich, Suffolk (1), Chester, Double Dublin, Leeds (1), Cornwall, Devon, Coddenham, Droitwich (1), Otley, Minsmere, Monewdon, Lavenham, Loughborough, Belvedere, Lincolnshire and Gainsborough. Spliced Surprise: Four methods 4 (2).

Caters.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Oxford 2, Kent 5 (2), Cambridge 5, Double Norwich 2.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Oxford 2, Cambridge 3.

Total 400 (conducted 105).

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER TO MRS. G. W. H. AND ALL LEARNERS

By Jill and Rosemary

'Will you pull a little gentler?' said the ringer to his wife,
'Cos if you break another stay it may cost you your life!
The rope, prehaps, is springy, or it may slip the wheel,
But if you go on at this rate you'll never ring a peal!'

'Oh well, you told me wrong again,' poor Georgie's wife replied,
'Just look at Mrs. Turner—why, she can ring 'inside'!'
Now let me try some Stedman, it's like a castle wall,
The slow work and the dodging, and quick bell in, that's all!'

'Would you like to fall the second? It's as easy as can be,
Just pull it in at backstroke, and follow close to me.
Mind how you make the coil now or you'll probably get hung,
That was so much better, dear, the best you've ever rung,'

'Oh, don't despair, my ringing friend, even Carter had to learn,
Who knows, perhaps one day you'll be as good as old George Fearn.
Superlative and Kent you'll ring in towers far and near,
Perhaps you'll ring a birthday peal for everyone next year!

So don't give up because you cannot even drive a car,
Or because you cannot cook with wine and caviare.
The house may be all upside down, the garden full of weeds,
And George may wear extraordinary corduroys and tweeds.

You say that Stella can do 'nowt' but bell-ring and write books,
Raff always runs on three legs—that's harder than it looks,
And Robert's Spaceman's O, mask may need an overhaul!
But we don't mind a little bit because we love you all.'

OUTING

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT

What turned out to be one of the best days of this English summer was chosen for the annual outing of the Milton-next-Gravesend ringers and friends, their own county and Sussex being preferred for the tour.

In bright, sunny weather they travelled via Maidstone to Staplehurst, where an hour was spent by ringers in the belfry, while the non-ringers of the party enjoyed the glorious view of the countryside.

On through the Weald, with its lovely fruit gardens and hop fields, by way of Hawkhurst to Hastings, where they were greeted with brilliant sunshine. The eight bells at All Saints' were soon going to various methods, but the noise inside the belfry was rather disconcerting at the start. An excellent dinner had been prepared by mine host at Ye Olde Coach House Restaurant, to which ample justice was done.

On the road again, by way of Rye, through the Romney Marsh, so well known for its sheep. A halt was made at Brookland to view the quaint tower in the churchyard, where the five bells are installed. Unfortunately permission had not been obtained to have a ring—perhaps it was just as well—but the ringers would have liked to have had a try.

Beyond the Marsh, Hythe was next on the list, where this lovely eight were kept going for an hour by the ringers, while the non-ringers visited the crypt, where human skulls hundreds of years old were on view.

A short run to Ashford brought the last tower of the day. Previous to ringing, a splendid meat tea had been provided at the British Volunteer. This again showed the excellence of Kentish catering. The ringers were pleased to meet Mr. C. W. Everest, of Ashford fame, and Mr. Wickens, well known to some of them when at their neighbouring village at Meopham in bygone days.

After a short ring on this grand eight the coach was again boarded for home by way of Faversham and Sittingbourne. Mr. Cyril Jarrett, the Rochester District secretary, and his mother, who had joined the party, were dropped at Chatham, and Gravesend was reached and all home by ten o'clock.

The ringing during the day, although not reaching Surprise standard, was 'not so bad.' Best thanks are offered to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, the tower secretaries for their invaluable help, and to Mr. Fred Mitchell jun. for all his work as organiser in making this such an excellent day's outing.

F. M. M.

BELL-RINGING—LEGAL VIEWPOINT

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A distinction was made in the course of the judgment between bells in Roman Catholic churches and those in Established churches: the latter being privileged and entitled in law to have bells whether they are a nuisance or not, whereas the former, not being Established, have no right: it was not suggested, however, that it was unlawful for a Roman Catholic church to have bells, but merely that the same rights and privileges did not attach to a non-Established church. Leading jurists consider that, despite the wording of the judgment, there is no legal right to ring the bells of an Established church indiscriminately and that even here the bells must not be rung so constantly and at such hours as to constitute a nuisance.

A. P.

OBITUARY

MR. T. B. NEWTON

Ambleside, Westmorland, has sustained a great loss in the sudden death of Mr. Thomas B. Newton on Sunday, July 25th. Mr. Newton, who started ringing at the early age of 11 years, was a member of Ambleside Parish Church ringers for 44 years, and for the last 20 years was the captain of the band.

The funeral service took place at the Parish Church, Ambleside, and was preceded by muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Before the coffin left the church a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members of the local band.

The funeral was attended by ringers from Blackburn, Barrow, Bowness, Kendal, Langdale and Leicester.

DR. F. C. EELES

Our quarter peal column contains a tribute of respect to the memory of Dr. F. C. Eeles, secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches for 37 years. He maintained a friendly liaison with our Central Council, and upon many matters ventilated our point of view before Diocesan Advisory Committees. Since 1936 he had resided at Dunster, Somerset, and it was upon the day of his funeral, August 20th, that the bells of St. George's Church there were half-muffled.—Ed.

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MARRIAGES

BRADSHAW—BLACK.—On Aug. 28th at Geddington Parish Church by the Rev. G. T. Brodie, Arnold James Lewis Bradshaw, only son of Mrs. Bradshaw, 109, Linden Avenue, Kettering, to Jennifer Jean Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Black, 2, Stamford Road, Geddington. 4952

PEARCE—BROWN.—The wedding of Miss Betty Brown, of 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln, to Mr. Richard Pearce, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, will take place at St. Peter's-at-Gowts, Lincoln, on September 4th. 4962

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Home address now Marshfield, Knole, Langport, Somerset. Office unchanged.—E. T. Paul Field. 4926

Mr. G. H. Williams is leaving Newbury for his new home at 31, Ringswell Avenue, Heavitree, Exeter, Devon. 4945

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'RINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY,' 1955.—The 1955 edition of the 'Ringer's Notebook and Diary' will shortly be going to press. We should like, as usual, to include the dates of as many annual general meetings, annual dinners, etc., as possible in the Diary section. Would secretaries kindly forward details to reach the address below by Sept. 30th. We regret that only dates for Guild or Association (not District) functions can be included.—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 4920

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 67a, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 4143

MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — Will all ringers coming to the University and associated colleges, as freshers, this October, please contact Michael Sprackling, Sec., 3, Old Hospital Lane, Tewkesbury, Glos. 4940

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, 7.15, Monday, Sept. 6th, and first Monday each month, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4951

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Middlewich, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m, Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe. 4919

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery.—Lympstone, Sept. 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to S. Seagar, Bridge Cottages, Lympstone.—B. Pidgeon. 4850

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Barnard Castle, Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify D. R. Airey, 4, Elton Grove, Darlington. 4891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Epping, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; own arrangements. Rounds to Surprise. All welcome. 4873

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Brislington (6), Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Vicarage 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. Bennett. 4930

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal. Northbourne bells after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Lamberhurst, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) at 5.15 p.m. 4879

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Usk (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. R. Clinch, Wentsland, Abergavenny Road, Usk, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 4854

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Chieveley (6), Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4939

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest and meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. For tea notify F. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh. Entries to N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. 4825

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 4860

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, Sept. 6th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 4932

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual cup contest and meeting at Hemsworth, Sept. 11th, at 3 p.m. For teas, notify, not later than Sept. 4th, Mr. C. Moxon, 13, Cemetery Road, Hemsworth, near Pontefract.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4960

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Meeting at Withypoole, Sept. 11th. Names for tea by Sept. 6th.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 4956

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Short service 4.30. Tea by invitation from the Vicar and P.C.C. 5. Special request for handbell ringers. All ringers welcome.—L. H. B., Sec. 4923

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S. —Meeting at Patrington on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 8th, to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 4943

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by Sept. 8th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4946

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. A. Potts, Branch Sec. 4955

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting., Thorverton (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 8th, certain, to F. Wills, 51, Whipton Barton Road, Exeter. F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., on holiday. 4916

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Saturday, Sept. 11th, Allendale St. Cuthbert. Coach leaving Highgate 1 p.m.; Central Garage, Newcastle, 2 p.m.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4917

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turner's Hill (8), Sept. 11th. Names to I. Butcher, Mount Noddy, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 4942

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Haddenham (6), Sept. 11th (not as card). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special business: Election of new District Secretary.—Miss M. Grain. 4893

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. —Evening meeting, Castle Eaton (6), Sept. 11th. Bells from 5.30 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston. 4929

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4934

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, before Sept. 8th, to T. Cooper, 5, High Street, Bromyard. 4925

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Oxhey (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names, please, by Sept. 9th.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 4955

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Charing (6) (not East Farleigh), Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names to R. L. Sills. The Square, Wrotham. Important reminder.—Book Oct. 23rd for the dinner and dance at Maidstone. Further details later. 4897

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury (8) on Sept. 11th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by September 6th, to Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, near Bath. 4937

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Opening of new eight, Farnworth, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Service 3. Tea 5 at 2s. per head. Bells after.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4959

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Huyton Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting either in the Vicarage or in the Church Hall. Names for tea, which is being provided free of charge, must be sent by Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at the latest, to Mr. W. Birchall, 68, Rupert Road, Huyton, Liverpool. It will be presumed that those who do not send in their names will not require any tea.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4862

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Tour of four towers, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Fenny Drayton (5) 3 p.m. to 4. Witherley (5) 4 p.m. to 5. Cups of tea at Witherley 5 p.m.; please bring own food. Sheepy Magna (6) 6 to 7 p.m. Congerston (5) 7 to 8 p.m. 4949

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Belgrave on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Abbey Lane Mission at 5. Names, by Tuesday, September 7th, to J. Bennett, 41, Valence Road, Leicester 4944

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. Meeting at Kirby Bellars, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names, **please,** by the 8th, to Mr. A. Hinman, Kirby Bellars.—J. H. Cook. 4954

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Boston, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall. Please notify, by Sept. 6th, Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4900

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — Meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. F. Bailey, 14, Barrington Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 4908

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at St. Mary's, Windmill Hill, Enfield, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea arrangements.—T. J. Lock. 4931

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—Surprise practice, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 6 p.m. Tower available for **Surprise ringing only.** Special method: Rutland.—D. W. S., F. R. S. 4935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch and South Oxon Branch.—Joint meeting, Dorchester (8), Sept 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to Mr. H. Badger, The Blue Man, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 4892

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Swanbourne, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4 Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4936

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Cheswardine, Sept. 11th. Our first here. Light 8. Names **must** be sent for tea. P.M. service 1 p.m. and 3.30 from Market Drayton. Car owners asked to meet others Drayton Church 2.45 p.m. —W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 4902

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Clayworth (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Make own tea arrangements. Buses from Cannon Square, Retford.—H. Denman. 4909

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, Sept 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 4918

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting Walberton (6) on Sept. 11th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4947

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 8th, to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4875

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Bournemouth, Sept. 11th. St. John's (Surrey Road) bells 2.30 p.m. Tea St. Peter's Hall 5.15 p.m. Meeting. St. Peter's bells 6.30 p.m. Notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4950

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS. — 268th Anniversary, Sept 18th. Bells (12) 2.30. Tea 5, at 1s. 9d. per head. Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 14th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 19th. Ringing at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., 5.15 p.m. 4948

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Combe-Florey, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 4921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Please support this, our first meeting at Great Hallingbury. It is a lovely church set in beautiful countryside, near main road and railway at Bishop's Stortford. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4953

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 15th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 4938

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Bagshot, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 15th, to Mrs. M. A. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot. All friends welcome.—W. Oliver, Dis. Sec. 4963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Chorley, Sept. 18th. Parish Church Institute 3.30 p.m. Bells available: St. Laurence's and St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. No tea arrangements: cafes nearby.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 4912

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Messingham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—G. L. A. Lunn, Hon Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4923

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, September 18th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Besthorpe (6 bells) evening. Names for tea, by Sept. 14th, to Mr. C. E. G. Banham, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk.—A. G. Harrison, Sec. 4928

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service will be in St. Martin's Church, Stamford, at 4.15 p.m., and tea will be at 5 p.m. in St. Martin's Church Room (2s. 6d. per head). Names for tea not later than Sept. 11th. Bells available for ringing as follows:—Deene 11-1; Bulwick, Nassington 12-2; King's Cliffe 1.30-3.30; Castor, Thornhaugh, Edith Weston, Empingham, All Saints', Stamford, 2-3.30; St. Martin's 2.30-4. All open after tea with the addition of Oundle and St. John's, Peterborough, from 7 to 8.30.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 4924

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available:—St. Peter's (10) 3-4.30 p.m.; St. John's (12) from 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Sylverdale Hall. Names for tea, **by Tuesday, Sept. 14th, please,** to Miss P. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 4848

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 for those who inform me by previous Tuesday.—S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark. 4927

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The September general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in vestry. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Northcliffe Hotel, adjoining church, only to those who notify, by the 16th, Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough. It is hoped to arrange the meeting on the same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4961

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, to be held in the Picture Room, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford. Further details later.—F. V. G. 4933

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice: Annual dinner. The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 23rd at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) shortly available and obtainable from Dinner Committee, Branch secretaries and J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4957

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will take place at Doncaster on Saturday, October 30th. Tickets 10s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster, Yorks. Please reserve date. Full details later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4941

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FIRE!

By P. AMOS

FIRE can be a friend. It can also be a terrible enemy. Its disastrous effects during the six years of war, 1939-45, can still be seen, and many a sad heart resulted from it. What will no doubt be a memorial for years ahead of those days can be seen hanging in the tower of the ruined Church of St. Lawrence, Old Jewry (furnished as a chapel)—a bell cast from salvaged metal of the old bells, bearing the inscription, 'Ecce Post Ignem Vox,' meaning, 'After the fire, a still small voice'!

Some of us can think back further and recall what fire did in 1931 to the church at Eaton Socon, near St. Neots, Beds. At Wellingborough since the war a towerless church was the victim of mischievous children—fire destroyed the building, which has cost around £18,000 to reconstruct.

I was delving into histories of another church, not far from here, the other day—Souldrop, Beds, where apparently fire took toll of the edifice, which had to be rebuilt early in the 19th century. Yet for all this, I found up in that bell chamber (as I did a short time previously at Pertenhall close by) enough highly inflammable material—twige, hay, feathers, etc., carried by birds—to start a first-class blaze should a few sparks from a nearby burning hay or straw rick blow into this bell chamber and fall on to that mass of rubbish.

At Souldrop there were no louvres or wire protection of any kind and birds could enter at random. This state of affairs sometimes goes on for years, for two or three generations, and every year at the Visitations the churchwardens, whose responsibility it is to give a true report upon the state of the fabric and church furnishings (which includes the bells and their fittings), will give an O.K. report, or a mention only a dilapidations on the ground level—not troubling to go up into the bell chamber to see, as their responsibility it is, the truth of things for themselves, or even to call in knowledgeable advice if there happened to be no ringers. There must be hundreds of cases like this, especially in towers with but one, two, three or four bells.

What of those towers with more than four? It was said a short time ago by another writer that ringers in far too many cases show no interest in what is up in the bell chamber so long as there are six or more bells and they go all right! Truer words were never written, and it bestows shame upon us as a community, or as individuals, that it should have to be said that this is so. Such ringers are equally guilty as are those wardens who make out an O.K. report year after year when 'O.K.' is just a distortion of facts. To them the bell chamber is out of sight, but—not always out of danger! The casual bell archæologist is all too often the only person to bring some alarming situation to light. That ought not to be!

It would seriously astound, and alarm, many a reader to see the state of some of the bell chambers I have been in when from time to time out searching for history. Not only highly inflammable material from birds up to the waist and sometimes the crown of the bells (as at Pertenhall), but frames and headstocks are so rotted that, apart from fire dangers, it is really a miracle that the bells do not crash under their own weight. Only a report on the presence of death-watch beetle will, as a rule, shake the authorities out of their complacency—as it has done after many years at Marston Trussell, Northants. Straight words can do no harm; in fact, they are, in the end, very often appreciated. I have had evidence of this through the post only this morning (July 26th). A certain rector writes, 'I had no idea that the situation was so bad. I am calling a P.C.C. meeting next week. Thank you for all you have told me!'

So much for the efforts of individuals; but as Guilds what are we doing to counteract these situations? Some (like the guilty churchwardens with their reports) are content to say, 'What's the good of restoring all these bells or adding more when there are not enough ringers to ring them?' At a Guild meeting these same ringers will sing, 'Fight the good fight with all thy might.' Where is their consistency?

'Fire-fighters'—yes, they'll be there like a shot if fire should occur. But preservation fighters—'Oh, well, leave it to Mr. Smith or Mr. Jones, he'll do the necessary,' is often their attitude. As Guilds, we have the Central Council with its literature on the care and maintenance of bells and belfries, but how many clergy, especially where with only three or four bells, ever hear of this publication? We could do worse than to set aside a sum of money to print a leaflet and send it to every incumbent pointing out all the dangers which I have stated in this article, and it would be money well spent! We ought not to stop at the number of bells in any tower: the three or four-bell tower of to-day may easily become the five or six-bell tower of

a year or two hence. Who knows if we show sufficient interest and co-operation?

Finally, we should do all in our power to correct and counteract the erroneous idea obsessed of some clergy and church councils 'that the installation of a chiming apparatus is a cure and the answer to all their belfry and bell chamber evils.' The apparatus will not prevent bells crashing under their own weight if left in frames and fittings riddled with worm and death-watch beetle for generations, sometimes for an indefinite period altogether. Some of us are alive to these facts, others are just slothful.

A KENT RINGING TOUR

All peals rung for the Kent County Association.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Leslie W. G. Morris	2	John Worth	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	*George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
*100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Sun., Aug. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	John Worth	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	*George E. Fearn	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
*100th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Muriel Reay	2	George E. Fearn	6
Edward Jenkins	3	Peter Laflin	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Bennett. Conducted by John Worth.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mildred,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

Leslie W. G. Morris	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	5
John Worth	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	George E. Fearn	7
Frederick E. Wilshaw	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

CHILHAM, KENT.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

C. Kenneth Lewis	*Treble*	John Worth	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	John E. Fearn	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	Peter Laflin	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church Cathedral,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

*Mark S. Lancefield	*Treble*	Arthur G. Mason	7
Muriel Reay	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Peter Laflin	9
†Frederick E. Wilshaw	4	George E. Fearn	10
W. Eric Critchley	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
John Worth	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
*First peal on twelve bells. †First peal of Surprise Maximus. The conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells.

ASHFORD, KENT.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	George E. Fearn	7
Edward Jenkins	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.

WINGHAM, KENT.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
John Worth	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 4 *Hours,*
At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

George E. Fearn	*Treble*	Arthur G. Mason	7
Muriel Reay	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	John Worth	9
Frederick E. Wilshaw	4	Peter Laflin	10
*Mark S. Lancefield	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
†W. Eric Critchley	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. Dench. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
*First peal of Surprise Maximus 'inside.' †300th peal. Conductor's 40th peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

ST. LAWRENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	John Worth	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	2	W. Eric Critchley	7
Muriel Reay	3	Edward Jenkins	8
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	George E. Fearn	9
Peter Laflin	5	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

LEEDS, KENT.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	Peter Laflin	6
Muriel Reay	2	Thomas Cullingworth	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	John Worth	8
Clifford A. Barron	4	Edward Jenkins	9
George E. Fearn	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

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TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN R. DISERENS	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	§ BRYAN C. STIRLAND	7
†SUSAN JACKSON	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	8
‡MARGARET A. SWANN	4	DAVID BEACHAM	9
§ KENNETH L. BROWN	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDERICK W. PIPE.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Royal. § First peal on ten bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*SYDNEY R. ELWICK	*Treble*	*THOMAS M. COX	6
†HAROLD PARKER	2	BERT SUTTON	7
*HARRY SHORT	3	HAROLD WALKER	8
*JOHN PEARSON	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	9
SEDMAN H. STEEL	5	EDWARD HUDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*MARION GRAIN	*Treble*	*ERNEST G. HIBBINS	5
†BRIAN STAFFORD	2	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	6
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. The first peal in the method for the Association.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	RONALD M. EDWARDS	6
*MAURICE HOLGATE	3	*GORDON WHEWELL	7
KENNETH HARTLEY	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Major.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

*SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	R. GEORGE MORRIS	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	JOHN N. DISERENS	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
*KENNETH L. BROWN	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

*DAVID W. EVANS	*Treble*	ALFRED HANNINGTON	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
FRANK ROWSELL	4	DAVID L. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Triples. Specially arranged and rung for the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells from six to eight.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

LESLIE BRETT	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	5
MURIEL PIPE	2	HAROLD LEATHER	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	WALTER MILLER	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	ALBERT WHITING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WHITING.
First peal in this method by all the band. Also first for Suffolk Guild. Rung as birthday compliment to Charles Beecroft.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	*ROBERT SWIFT	5
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ROBERT E. COLES	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
THOMAS YEOMANS	2	WILLIAM DARE	6
FRANK ROWSELL	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
ALBERT J. PITMAN	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY CLARK	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	†REGINALD D. HAYDEN	6
*CHRISTINE M. FORD	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
FREDERICK C. WHITBY	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

WOLBOROUGH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*F. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
†HAROLD P. BURTON	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
†ERNEST J. TAYLOR	3	*FREDERICK WREFORD	7
CYRIL C. DEEM	4	†WILLIAM SIMMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Miss Claire Isles. The Rev. J. G. M. Scott is due to take up his new duties with this parish in September.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E flat.

*JOAN HILLS	*Treble*	ALBERT PRYKE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL	6
JAMES W. FURBANK	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
HARRY TURNER	4	JOHN H. SITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower.'
Mr. James Bennett, now of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, rung his first peal at Brentwood about 25 years ago. He has rung eight on the tenor, eleven on the 7th and one on each of the other bells.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	5
LESLIE D. MILLS	2	TERRY EARLE	6
*EDWIN C. HYNARD ..	3	*DONALD L. MILLS	7
*MRS. LESLIE MILLS ..	4	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* First peal in the method.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	*Treble*	*JAMES H. EDWARDS ..	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ..	2	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON ..	6
*ALLEN W. CANSDALE ..	3	*URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ..	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mr. L. W. Wiffen.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

FREDERICK W. COOKE	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	5
DENNIS R. AIREY	2	THOMAS SENIOR	6
GEORGE F. NEWTON ..	3	ROLAND PARK	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.
In memoriam George William Park.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

BRIAN BUSWELL	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	6
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY ..	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
A compliment to John David Clarke, of the Whatton company, and Miss Pamela C. Martin, on the occasion of their wedding at Whatton-in-the-Vale.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5152 ENFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS	*Treble*	ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL ..	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 30 cwt.

PERCY H. HARDING	*Treble*	†ERNEST BRAY	5
JOHN PHIPPEN	2	FREDERICK H. SLATFORD	6
EUNICE D. OVEREND ..	3	DONALD FLOWER	7
JOSEPH T. DYKE	4	*HUGH VENNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

*FREDERICK WREFORD	*Treble*	*FRANK L. HARRIS	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	3	*BRIAN PIDGEON	7
*ELIZABETH BROWN	4	†HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † 1,200th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild.
A wedding compliment to the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Miss Claire Isles, married at All Saints', Hanworth, Middlesex, August 26th, 1954.
Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Royle, wife of the Vicar of Heavitree.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DUNEDIN DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 9 cwt.

REX M. DIXON	*Treble*	MAURICE A. COLLINGS ..	4
PHILIP MEHEW	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
ANGELA WILLES	3	MICHAEL ORME	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Believed to be the first peal in the method.
A farewell to the Rev. G. Edwards on his departure to continue his Ministry at Blunham, Bedfordshire.

KEDINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. L. D. MILLS	*Treble*	*DONALD L. MILLS ..	4
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	2	ROSEMARY SEABROOK ..	5
*OWEN BALLARD	3	*LESLIE D. MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROSEMARY SEABROOK.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

HUGH LONGLAND	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
JOHN NICHOLLS	2	ROBIN J. WORSDALL ..	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh Longland, to the conductor and his son, Rodney, aged 10.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*ANN MANNERS (aged 12)	*Treble*	WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM ..	4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ..	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
†JAMES SCHOFIELD	3	LEONARD WALSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 20 120's (10 callings), six 240's by Morris and five 240's by A. J. Pitman. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM TOWNS	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. VICKERS ..	3
JOAN BRANDON	2	ARTHUR E. TOWNS	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A silver wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. William Towns, of Ancaster.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob (each called differently). Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOYCE MORSE .. .. ..*Treble*		THOMAS F. STONE	4
MRS. W. A. GODWIN ..	2	*BRIAN R. MYLES	5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell peal of Brian R. Myles, who shortly joins H.M. Forces.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HOWE .. ..*Treble*		ERNEST ROWE	4
MARIELLA MUNDY	2	FREDERICK WREFORD ..	5
WILLIAM WILLS	3	FRANK WILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM HOWE.

Rung after meeting short for Triples. First peal of Doubles for all except the conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Miss C. Iles, who were married earlier in the day at Hanworth, Middlesex.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*JOHN CHURCH .. ..*Treble*		G. CHERRY	4
†ROY HEAD	2	P. W. CROFT	5
MICHAEL C. ORME	3	F. W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. CROFT.

* 100th peal. † First peal in seven methods.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*IAN H. ORAM .. .. ..*Treble*		†MICHAEL J. BEST	4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. The conductor's 400th peal (conducted 217, and rung in 350 towers). Also 100th tower for a peal of Minor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

BETTY BROWN .. .. ..*Treble*		GEOFFREY PAUL	4
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY ..	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	5
J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	3	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*G. R. MARCHANT (12) ..*Treble*		†WILLIAM L. SELLEY ..	4
*CLIVE E. MARCHANT (18)	2	RONALD D. SHORT	5
*DENNIS G. MILLER (17)..	3	*CHARLES DYMENT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES DYMENT.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells and first 'inside.' All ringers at this tower except the conductor.

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DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Court, St. Clement's, College and Double Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

EWART H. EDGE ..	..*Treble*	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	4
MICHAEL SLANEY	2	ALAN LAMBERT	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In nine methods, being one extent each of Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; Spliced Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure; Spliced Sandal and Kingston; Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALLEN TWYMAN ..	..*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	†SYDNEY SAGE	5
†IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in nine methods. † First peal in nine methods 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the marriages of Miss Beryl Swann to Mr. John Scott and Miss June Worthington to Mr. Geoffrey Bennett.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's (five different callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

MARGARET A. SWANN ..	..*Treble*	BRYAN C. STIRLAND ..	4
RONALD F. DISERENS ..	2	*DAVID BEACHAM	5
JOHN N. DISERENS ..	3	NOEL J. DISERENS ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the treble ringer. The conductor has now rung Cambridge from Maximus to Minor.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE PIERCE	..*Treble*	HARRY KING	4
RICHARD ROSE	2	LEONARD SHARPE	5
ERNEST BISHOP	3	KENNETH G. BROWN ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

Rung for dedication of new church roof.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEEVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT WOOLMERS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ..	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	3—4
MRS. J. THOMAS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug 29, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL RINGING CHAMBER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*RICHARD H. SMITH ..	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
†ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside,' and first on a working pair. First peal of Minor 'in hand' for all the band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

CADOXTON, NR. NEATH, GLAM. — On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: David Lewis 1, J. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, H. Boyce 4, G. I. Lewis 5, E. Morris (first quarter peal of Minor as conductor) 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. George Green, former churchwarden, who died on Aug. 16th.

COLNE, LANCS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Leigh (cond.) 1, T. Barker 2, J. Schofield 3, J. Pilkington 4, C. W. Blakey 5, W. Ramsbottom 6, J. Charnock 7, R. M. Edwards 8. First quarter of Major for 4 and 6. Rung (after a broken rope had ended a peal attempt) for the patronal festival.

DALWOOD, DEVON.—On Aug. 28th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: S. Pitman 1, C. Deem 2, C. Savage 3, J. Quick 4, S. Skinner (cond.) 5, N. Skinner 6. First in the method for all and the Guild by resident members.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, T. H. Taffender 3, A. Goodall 4, A. Warren 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for evensong.

FRINDSBURY, KENT. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. S. Benson 1, S. T. Jarrett 2, R. C. Burns 3, P. F. Borer 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, A. J. Hewitt 6. First quarter for the ringers of 1 and 3. Rung on the back six.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Aug. 15th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, N. Mallett 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Aug. 29th at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Stevens 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, A. Hodge 3, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 4, F. Warren 5, B. Tozer 6. Rung for morning service.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples (15 changes of method): F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, M. Blond 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, A. J. House 6, T. East 7, W. J. Carter 8.

HUNTINGDON. — At all Saints' on Aug 15th, 1,440 Bob Minor: N. Mallett 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, R. F. Baker 4, C. Clarke 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung for Princess Anne's birthday.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS. — On Aug. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Buck 1, R. Dixon (first in the method 'inside') 2, R. Castledine 3, Miss P. Hutton 4, M. Orme 5, C. Harwood (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Roger Keeley 3, Dr. D. Gullick 4, W. H. Poole 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, P. J. Staniforth 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For evensong.

NEATH, GLAM.—At St. Thomas' Church on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Galvin (first quarter) 1, L. Oliver (first quarter) 2, H. Boyce 3, T. Scott 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, G. I. Lewis 6.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Sharpe 1, E. G. Catton 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, A. G. Fever 4, D. Brand 5.

RUMNEY, MON. — On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Minor (one 720 each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob): Jennifer M. Stephens 1, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 2, K. G. Jones 3, Jean Powell 4, A. R. Price 5, R. C. Lucas 6. First quarter peal in these two methods by all the band.

AXMINSTER, DEVON. — On Aug. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. G. Keeley 1, W. H. Poole 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, Dr. D. Gullick 4, P. J. Staniforth 5, R. Keeley 6, H. J. Gaylard (first in method) 7, G. S. Morris 8.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—On July 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Goddard 1, N. Bell (first quarter in thte method) 2, J. Tomlinson 3, A. Hoodless 4, G. I. Rusby 5, F. G. Bloomfield (cond.) 6, A. Crowder 7, G. Dobbs 8. First quarter of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. Borrill and Mr. Laybourne.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: M. Walker 1, W. Goddard 2, N. Bell 3, J. Tomlinson 4, H. Day 5, A. Crowder 6, G. Dobbs 7, A. W. Hoodless (cond.) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Edward Dannatt, who had been a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Peter Soars (first quarter on treble) 1, Peter Chambers 2, Kenneth Graham (first quarter 'inside') 3, Royston Wilmore 4, Roger Soars 5, Keith Lovett (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. B. S. Payne and Miss M. Thompson.

BASSINGBOURN, CAMBS.—On Aug. 17th, 2,640 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, 960 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's): A. Tuttle 1, R. Castledine 2, C. Harwood 3, P. Mehew 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5. Believed longest length on the bells.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Powell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. E. Roome 2, B. Linnell 3, R. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Laughton on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (60 of Grandsire and 1,200 of Plain Bob): Janice Grenham (first quarter) 1, Betty Tester 2, Reginald Lambert 3, Colin Tester 4, Robert Lambert (cond.) 5, Leonard Pierce 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, B. Aldridge 3, J. Hurrell 4, W. Prockson 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Ashdown (cond.) 7, E. B. Crowder 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Daynes, who passed away suddenly on August 19th

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. Warren 1, Mrs. P. Aldwincle 2, R. F. Turner 3, L. Toseland 4, R. G. Black (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Miss J. J. Black, daughter of the conductor and also a ringer, and Mr. A. Bradshaw, who were married this day.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Jessie Cockburn 1, Roselyn Crewe 2, F. E. Tranter 3, H. Worral 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. J. Pugh 6. First quarter in four methods for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stone 1, D. Miller 2, C. Marchant (first of Minor) 3, C. Clarke 4, W. Stevens 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells. Rung for thanksgiving for installation of electricity and organ blower and redecoration of the church.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 24th at St. Leonard's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Charge 1, J. Rea (first in the method on an 'inside' bell) 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, J. Chapman 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, A. J. Farndell (first quarter on eight bells) 6, S. Howard 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung as a farewell to A. J. Farndell, of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Mitcham, who leaves shortly to commence his National Service Training.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. S. Hawkins 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. L. Pearson 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 5, F. J. Matthews 6, L. Pearson 7, A. R. Ling 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, T. H. Francis 10.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chedgey 1, W. H. Poole 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Sage 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8. First quarter on the bells, since rehung recently by Mears and Stainbank. Also rung for the rally of the South-West Old Contemptibles Association at this church.

THRYBERGH, YORKS. — On Aug. 28th, a quarter peal of Bob Minor: Denise Shaw 1, G. R. Hiner 2, Margaret Rodgers 3, F. Pickering 4, F. Brunt 5, H. Mortimer (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. R. Bowen, wife of Canon G. C. Bowen, M.A., Rector of this parish 1901 to 1944, who died at Cobham, Kent, on August 19th, 1954. This is believed to be the first quarter peal to be rung in this ancient church by members of Rawmarsh parish and local company.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. W. Dix 1, W. G. Paul 2, J. Schofield 3, K. R. Dunstan 4, S. A. Warwick 5, S. H. Hoare 6, W. Wenban 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

WHITBY, YORKS. — On Aug. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. P. Sandford 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, J. Pearson 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short 6, D. Elwick 7, S. R. Elwick (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret A. Elwick, daughter of the conductor. Also for the harbourside service, 'the blessing of the boats.'

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Little Aston a Tower of Great Promise

The summer meeting of the Society took place at Little Aston on August 21st. The small but beautiful church of St. Peter is delightfully situated in a sylvan setting, and the tower contains a pleasing, easy going ring of six bells.

This was the first visit of the Society to Little Aston, and the Vicar (Rev. H. H. Follis) and his young ringers had gone out of their way to ensure the success of the meeting.

The fully choral service, accompanied by the organist, Mr. E. Porter, was bright and cheerful, with a good address from the Vicar, and is is worthy of note that the Little Aston ringers are choristers as well.

Tea served in the Parish Hall and very kindly given by the Vicar, his lady helpers and the local band, was one of the most sumptuous which the members of the Society have enjoyed for some time. Thanks and appreciation to all concerned were duly expressed by Messrs. B. G. Key, K. W. Knowles and F. Bennett.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the newly-appointed Ringing Master, Mr. Dennis Holden. The attendance of 49 (including the local band) was below average, and those who failed to attend missed one of the Society's most enjoyable meetings of recent years.

St. Peter's, Little Aston, is fortunate in having such an enthusiastic band of young ringers, whose efforts, not only for their own church, but for the Society, deserve special commendation.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Brewood on October 16th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A correspondent writes: 'I have to-day visited the three most famous reference libraries in the North of England, viz., Manchester Corporation, the John Reynolds Library, Manchester, and the Picton Reference Library, Liverpool. All have numerous copies of the "Church Bells" series (Bells of Kent, Suffolk, etc.), but there is no publication of the Central Council in Manchester, and Liverpool has an old copy of the "Triples Collection" (1911, I think). I think the Central Council should do something about the matter.'

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, will be 87 next October, and not 89 as was recently stated.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Raymond Philpott died on Tuesday afternoon at the Farnham (Surrey) County Hospital.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, having rung his 400th peal, has set himself the target of reaching the 500 mark in the next two years.

A new ring of bells will be dedicated at St. John's, Farnworth, near Bolton, on Saturday, September 11th, at 3 p.m.

A bracelet was left by a member of one of the outing parties to Burnham. Will the owner please write to George Gilbert, Burnham, Bucks, and it will be forwarded.

After the peal at Ancaster, Mr. and Mrs. W. Towns entertained the band to an excellent supper. They also sent their car to Silk Willoughby to fetch Mrs. Musson so that she could join in a happy evening.

Mr. F. G. Wilton, of Swindon, expresses thanks, through 'The Ringing World,' to the ringers of the Guildford area for making his recent stay at Guildford Fire Station so enjoyable and profitable.

When Miss Maureen Gillott was married at Whiston Parish Church on August 28th her bridegroom, Mr. P. Coote, of Rotherham Parish Church band, and his best man, Mr. Robin Rhodes, took part in the ringing prior to the service.

Mr. Colin J. Champion rang his 25th peal at Much Wenlock on August 9th.

The bells of St. Mark's, Jersey, will be broadcast on September 19th at 7.45 p.m.

The second 720 of the peal at Clive (reported on page 546) should read St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and not Double Oxford and Plain Bob. The peal at Market Drayton of Braunstone Surprise, reported on the same page, was accomplished in 2 hours and 57 minutes.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. E. Herbert at Woburn, Beds, member of the Bedfordshire Association for 65 years. Details will appear in our next issue.

Congratulations to Miss Christine Ford, of Loughton, Essex, who scored her first peal at Harlow Common on August 26th. Christine has show a great enthusiasm for ringing and has already reached the realms of Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Cinques. This peal will surely be the first of many.

St. Bartholomew's, Colne, has rarely figured in 'The Ringing World,' the last peal having been rung there well before the war, despite the fact that the 'go' of the bells is good. An attempt for a peal was made on August 21st (he nearest available date to the patronal festival) but a rope broke after 40 minutes and there was insufficient time for a fresh start. A quarter peal was, however, scored. Afterwards Mr. William Heaton, of the local band, who had to stand down at short notice, entertained the ringers to a very good tea.

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A KENT RINGING TOUR

THE party from the North and Midlands which in former years was under the guidance of J. E. Cawser, chose for their venue this year the lovely county of Kent, and right well it merited the choice. The party this year had one or two new faces, and some old friends had rejoined us, making ten in all from the upper part of the country.

The long journey south began at London Road Station, Manchester, whence the now familiar Dormobile had been piloted by Ann Worth. At about 12.30 p.m. we got under way with three of the tourists on board, stopping at Macclesfield to pick up our driver for the week, John Worth; then on to Newcastle-under-Lyme, where after a few minutes wait Fred Wilshaw joined us, and on we rolled to Birmingham, where near the Cathedral a tea-less trio of Birmingham ringers waited patiently at 4 p.m., while we had tea. Soon we were once more on the road, to our haven for the night, the Bell Hotel, Aylesbury. There dinner was ready for us and, needless to say, we were ready for it. This disposed of, a certain quartette expressed their desire for a stroll (?), and sallied forth on what turned out to be a remarkably short stroll, for a painted sign of some male animal beckoned them into a very comfortable room, and a rather hilarious evening ensued, to the delight of Rosemary, who, it is hoped, did not hear all the yarns swopped.

ROAD CONGESTION—A MISSED ATTEMPT

Saturday morning found us on the road in good time heading for Gillingham, and all went well until, some few miles from Rochester, it became evident there were other vehicles on the road beside ourselves, and eventually we found ourselves in an outsize traffic jam, which must have been some miles in length, and after nearly two hours there we moved slowly on to Gillingham, arriving at 12 noon, far too late to start for the first peal of the tour. So no ringing was to be had there, and the inner man having been fortified at a nearby cafe, we fought our way back through a rather lesser traffic block in Rochester, reaching Northfleet in time to find two more of our party awaiting us. Soon the bells were rolling out to Middleton's Cambridge, whist the organising secretary was highly delighted to encounter old friends who had turned up: Arthur G. Mason, who was to be with us for a few days, Herbert Audsley, whom the organising secretary had not met for some 26 years, and Wilfred Williams. The peal over without incident, the road was used once more to take us to our headquarters for the week, the Royal Oak, Sevenoaks, depositing on the way the Birmingham trio at a rather lesser 'pub,' on the pretext that the Royal Oak was full up.

Sunday found us at the Parish Church of Sevenoaks, where Miss Colgate and Mr. Collins warmly welcomed us to a comfortable ringing room, and we soon had this mellow old ring going to the tune of Bristol, Spliced Surprise, then Stedman. A morning stroll of great interest was then taken in the precincts of Knole House, now in the care of the National Trust, and when, watching the almost tame deer in the park, the organising secretary referred to the animals' head adornments as 'horns,' he was promptly informed that they were called antlers; he now knows that when he meets a bull he must take care to avoid its antlers!

The tower for the afternoon was Sittingbourne, and here we were very pleased indeed to meet Harry Parkes, the organising secretary getting into such deep conversation with him that he had to be reminded that a peal attempt was waiting. Yorkshire was duly rung, thus completing for George his century each of Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major. Meanwhile Harry took the two 'spares' on what proved to be a very successful tower-grabbing expedition, together with a certain amount of grabbing of any local ringers who showed up, to augment the party. The peal over, some of the local company joined us to ring for evening service. A violent thunderstorm cut short the gossipers afterwards, and soon we were heading back to headquarters.

TENTERDEN NOT CHILD'S PLAY

On Monday morning we were heading south for Brenchley (via Kippings Cross!), the latter part of the journey being enlivened by a technical discussion between two method-minded ringers, probably invoked by the sight of signposts marked Capel and Horsmonden. After an inspection of the ropes and some minor adjustments, the bells were quickly set rolling to the sound of Bristol, with almost mechanical precision. The peal successfully accomplished, there remained only time to pay a very brief visit to the only other building of any size, undaunted by the large notice which declared, 'Gipsies not served here.' So very soon we were on our way to the next port of call, Tenterden. Lunch over, we had an inspection of this interesting town, the tower coming in for a great deal of attention.

At 5 p.m. we ascended the roomy tower, and the experts were taken upstairs by Harry to inspect the bells. It was then that we realised that this attempt was not going to be child's play. Tenterden's are a distinctly heavy ring, the treble weighing about 7 cwt. They are hung on the old-fashioned system of deep headstocks, which with big wheels carrying much rope means that good handling is essential. Harry's attention to the bearings ensured that the bells went well, and we appreciated his kindly thought for our comfort. Soon London was being heard, the conductor choosing one of Worsley's compositions with parted tenors, which may have sounded unfamiliar to the listeners for quite a while. This promised to be a peal to be remembered, though about half-way there seemed to be a bit of quarrelling going on upstairs, but this was the only blot on what otherwise was a grand performance. After the peal a tired band sought refreshment in the shape of an excellent meal at the Spinning Wheel, and after dissuading some of the members from seeking other places of rest, we made our way back to Sevenoaks.

AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

On Tuesday the route lay along the Canterbury road as far as Chilham, where we were welcomed by the incumbent, the Rev. Sir Reginald Champion. After a look at the bells and a sorting out of possibles and impossibles, Superlative was chosen and was soon under way, while Muriel and the organising secretary watched the antics of a film unit making a reel of Chilham Square; unfortunately, as this was vision only, the Superlative will not be heard throughout the land. Canterbury was the next stop, and after a late lunch at the County Hotel the city was duly inspected despite the narrow, crowded streets, until at 4 p.m. we were guided to the ringing room by Mr. Unwin. The bells were raised, ropes adjusted, and a start was made for Cambridge Maximus; but after a few leads 'Stand' was called, the tenor man calling for a slower tempo. Perhaps he was tired after his efforts at Tenterden on the previous evening. After 3 hours and 51 minutes 'Stand' was called by the conductor, and we were all very pleased to have rung a peal in this historic Cathedral. Mark Lancefield rang the treble for us, his previous twelve-bell ringing having been limited to rounds, Fred Wilshaw had rung his first of Surprise Maximus, and Arthur Mason had renewed acquaintance with the method on twelve after a lapse of 30 years. It was also the conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells.

On Wednesday morning Wye proved to be a tower well suited for an attempt at Spliced, and all seemed to be going well, but it turned out to be our first failure. The Vicar met us afterwards and proved to be very understanding of the needs of man after a peal attempt. The Bridge Cafe attended to our more substantial needs, and we rolled on to Ashford to ring an almost immaculate peal of London, albeit rather slower than peals rung by the resident ringers. Mr. Everett, who has worked hard for so long to keep ringing going here, met us, and saw that everything was in readiness. Without wasting any time, we hurried back for dinner at headquarters, so that advantage could be taken of Miss Colgate's success in obtaining permission for us to have three-quarters of an hour's ringing at Sevenoaks; after which a pleasant evening was spent in the company of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins and Wilfred Williams.

A GOOD PEAL AT QUEX PARK

Thursday morning found us en route for Wingham, where the incumbent met us and provided audience for the preparations. The band then settled down in earnest to ring a peal of 4-Spliced, which was never in doubt, another good peal resulting, while the spares, together with Arthur Mason, went in search of a 'cuppa.' After the peal Arthur piloted us to the Beresford Hotel at Birchington, where he invited us to a splendid lunch, a gesture deeply appreciated by all. Tracks were then made for Quex Park and a hunt made for the Bell Tower, which proved to be rather elusive, until some one spotted the weather vane above the trees! After a look at the bells, and a hunt for oil lamps, the bells were raised, and an attempt made to adjust the sound effects, but this was not very successful, the four sound turrets, which are built right up to the bells, defeating our efforts in that respect. After settling down, a good peal resulted in rather slow time; despite their lightness, these bells are not to be hurried. Mark Lancefield rang his first of Surprise Maximus on an 'inside' bell, and the feat of progressing from rounds on twelve to Surprise Maximus in three days is a record to be proud of. Perhaps it is not too much to expect to hope that this might be the foundation stone of a peal of Surprise Maximus by an entirely resident band, though it will not be easy; it means unity of purpose of an unprecedented order.

Friday was a long trek, and we were not surprised to be late at St. Lawrence-in-Thanet, where Arthur Mason and the local company already had the bells raised for us. Here we were pleased to meet George Butcher on holiday—we had missed him at Northfleet, but this now made amends. Rope adjustments made we were soon going to the tune of Cambridge Royal in the tittums, and with that redoubtable pair from Birmingham, George Bannister Fearn and Clifford Landy Barron, on the tenors, quick going was indicated, and the bells ran round in just under three hours. Lunch at the Rising Sun was enlivened by dialogue in Cockney (genuine) and Yorkshire (synthetic) dialects, which proved to be highly amusing.

Leeds was our next stop, and the bells in this huge tower proved to be quite good going, in spite of the fact that it is nearly 50 years since they were restored by Bowell. This tower has no louvres, and it may well have been the first tower to have an acoustic lantern. Two of the ropes here are rather tricky, and it caused amusement when one ringer lost his sally, ultimately finding it behind him! Ralph Edwards joined us here, and after much persuasion kindly consented to ring the tenor, which he did in his usual immaculate style; Tom Cullingworth also joined us, to ring his first peal of Yorkshire Royal, though the organising sec-

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at St. Ippolyts

A most enjoyable meeting was held at St. Ippolyts on Saturday, August 28th. The church is dedicated to St. Hippolytus, but the signposts all spell it Ippollitts.

Ringing commenced promptly at 3 o'clock, followed by a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. A. Symmington.

Tea was provided by Mr. A. Harris, leader of the local band, and Mrs. Harris and helpers, and this once again proved too much for the younger generation, as plates of food were left over.

The Vicar took the chair for the business meeting, when it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Rushden, Sandon and Wallington with the special method, Dunedin Delight. If this goes as well as Kirkstall the District will do well.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, it was agreed that the joint meeting with the Biggleswade District be held at Hitchin on October 23rd and not October 30th.

The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Rector and to the ladies who had provided the tea. This was greeted with acclamation.

Further ringing continued until 9 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. Methods rung ranged from rounds to London Surprise. The sum of 17s. 6d. was collected for the General Fund.

Towers represented were Baldock, Biggleswade, Cardington, Clifton, Enfield, Great Wymondley, Hitchin, Henlow, Houghton Conquest, Norton, St. Albans, Silsoe, Stotfold, Walkern, Welwyn and the local tower.

KENT RINGING TOUR—Cont.

retary thought that by the way he rang he must have rung a dozen.

A BROKEN ROPE AND CLAPPER

For Saturday we had Edenbridge and Westerham. The former's are the peal ringer's dream, soft in the ringing room, quiet outside, just the right weight, and perfect 'go.' All seemed set for another peal of Spliced, but it was not to be, for after two and a half hours of really good ringing the conductor called 'Stand,' with the major portion of a broken rope around his feet We were all very disappointed, but this is all part of a ringer's day. After an enjoyable lunch at Westerham we made out way to the Parish Church. For this attempt the band had been made a mixed one, being strengthened by Messrs. T. E. Sone, H. E. Audsley and A. G. Mason. Soon Yorkshire was on the way to a steady beat, but this was unlucky, too, for after 50 minutes' ringing a broken clapper put an end to the tour in Kent. Soon we went our devious ways, and the last occupants of the Dormobile found their destination at 2 a.m.

We hope we satisfied our Kentish friends; they more than satisfied us, and everything possible for us was done, and probably more would have been done for the asking. Our attempts were spread out over the county, for we did not wish to concentrate on a small area, though that would certainly have meant far less travelling; as it was we covered over a thousand miles, but with the satisfaction of not spoiling the residents' own limited opportunities for peals, hoping to match in this respect the great efforts they made for us. For a week they gave us the freedom of their lovely county, its soft summer air, and, by a miracle, its sunny weather. We shall not easily forget this very English Corner of England. E. J.

EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

CHOOSE the corners of any county and you are almost sure to find towers seldom visited, too wide of the mark for many Guilds' activities, or where lack of such activity has resulted in no progress so far as bell restorations and augmentations are concerned.

In my travels to over 1,000 churches (298 of these with under five bells) I have gleaned much history, and the north corners of Bedfordshire are no exception.

From a point north of Sharnbrook it can be said that no ringing activity exists. Except for the unringable fives at Wymington and Swineshead practically all the churches in the two bulges of North Bedfordshire have three, four, and in some cases two or one bell.

EAYRES OF KETTERING

Let us take first of all the case of Yelden with four bells ! When I visited this low broached steeple I found what I had been looking for for a long time—one of the very first bells of the Eayres of Kettering, dated 1717, the year in which it is said they added bell founding to their trade of clock-making. I had previously found one of 1718 at East Farndon, Northants, and many of later dates, but from this bell at Yelden I learned two things; the Eayres had evidently not made up their minds as to how and where to inscribe their names on their first bells. On the bell at East Farndon (the third of their five) is T. E.—the initials of Thomas Eayre sen.—inscribed on the rim of the bell. On the bell at Yelden (the third of their four) is T. and J. Eayre inscribed on the crown, where the cannons join, of all places—the first I had seen with an inscription on top of the bell.

A learned friend of the Archives Committee, from whom I often get requests for bell history, having earlier asked for details of the Eayres' first and last bells, naturally found this, and one other, with which I shall deal later, of immense interest. On the waist of this Yelden bell is inscribed 'October, 1717.' Can this be the first bell of the Eayres'? If not, it must certainly be one of their first. The question may be asked, 'Who was the J designated to, John or Joseph?' It is most sure to have been John, who was the uncle of Thomas sen. and of Joseph. Joseph does not come into the picture until 1735.

John, who was a clockmaker with Thomas sen died in 1718, shortly after the Kettering bell foundry was established, and so this Yelden bell must go down in history as being one of the very few which John took a hand in casting. Of the other three bells at Yelden, the second, bearing the inscription of John Taylor, of Loughborough, 1885, is actually a recast of 'a very bad bell' by Bryanus Eldridge (probably from his Coventry foundry rather than his Chertsey foundry) dated 1660.

HUGH WATTS, OF LEICESTER

Both the treble and the tenor are bells by that renowned founder, Hugh Watts, sen., of Leicester—the treble, dated 1617, and the tenor, which is 1610, bearing the letters of the alphabet, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, etc., together with Watts' stamp of three bells and a crown inside a shield. John Taylor fitted all four bells with new framework in oak, and new fittings, in 1885. The tenor is about 6½ cwt. in B flat. They are ringable.

Next we come to Shelton, noted for its inn with the peculiar name—The Cat and Custard Pot. The church here is a gem of antiques in a number of ways. Its antique pews and its old porch straightway catch the eye, as does its low, west-end tower, capable of five or six light bells, but with only three, the tenor again in the region of 6½-7 cwt. This is another of Watts' bells with his favourite inscription, 'Nazarenus Rex Ideorum File Dei Miserere Mei,' and 1634, around the rim The treble, with 'Praise the Lord, 1599,' is possibly one by Francis Watts, predecessor of Hugh. This bell is one of a few which the firm of Barimar, of London, in 1926, tried their skill at scientific welding, like the seventh at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and the old tenor at Stoke Goldington, Bucks, which had to be recast two years ago. I must say that this bell at Shelton shows no sign of where it was cracked and welded, and its note is not all that bad as one would imagine.

Of the second, we again come to some more history of the Eayres. Whereas the bell at Yelden is possibly their first casting, the second at Shelton is likely to be their last, for it bears the inscription, 'Joseph Eayre, 1770.' In that year Joseph died, handing on his business at St. Neots to Edward Arnold. The Kettering foundry of Thomas, sen., and later Thomas, jun., ceased early in 1762, when Joseph, who left his brother in 1735 to go to St. Neots, had to be called in to finish the work upon the bells of Lilbourne, Northants, which Thomas, jun., had in hand at the time when he is said to have been bankrupt. Lilbourne's bells (4) were in 1761-62 made five and here again was a bad bell by Eldridge of 1658—the then tenor. It is likely that this second bell at Shelton was originally the same as the tenor—a 1634 bell, and that Joseph Eayre recast it in 1770.

A DEPLORABLE SIGHT

Pertenhall is another North Bedfordshire steeple which holds a gem of history—the first (or one of the first) bells which Thomas Russell, the bell founder of Wootton, Bedfordshire, cast. Russell was in business at Wootton from 1716 to 1745, and this bell, the second of Pertenhall's three, is dated 1716.

Never before have I seen so much rubbish as I witnessed in this steeple—a disgrace to such a fine broached structure (capable of eight bells) with a fine church in picturesque surroundings, out of all keeping with what I found immediately I tried to open the door leading up to the belfry. I had to use force to enter — twigs up the stairs and under the bells enough to fill a three-ton lorry. A letter of mine to the Rector pointing out the danger in the event of fire, brought the reply, 'I blush at the sight of what you point out, but I can get no one interested to move it.'

These three bells are a minor three. The tenor is by the Chandlers, of Drayton Parslow, Bucks, inscribed, 'Chandler made me. 1863.' The second bears the names of the churchwardens as well as Thomas Russell, of Wootton, 1716. It is a disgrace to see this historic bell engulfed in rubbish half way up to the waist, and the treble is even worse—rubbish right up to the crown. This bell's inscription reads, 'Robeart Smith, Edward Pecoke, churchwardens. William Hull made me. 1666.' Hull was a London bell founder from 1654 to 1672. The tenor is about 9 cwt.

I hope as the result of a 'straight from the shoulder communication' to the Rector (who also serves Swineshead, with five derelict bells), I have 'planted an acorn' in these two parishes, which we may see grow into an 'oak tree' very soon, despite the fact that Pertenhall has an appeal for £1,620 for roof replacement.

(To be continued.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BY FERRY TO RING

Dear Sir,—I have gathered some very happy memories during my 34 years' ringing career, but I think 1954 will prove the most interesting.

Our summer holidays were spent at Salcombe, in South Devon. After the usual investigations concerning ringing facilities, I found that the lovely floodlit tower of Salcombe Parish Church only contained one bell. However, I also found out that East Portlemouth, across the estuary, had a ring of bells.

Out early one Sunday morning, my wife and I got down to the ferry landing stage. Twelve passengers a time is the order, but we were soon across and climbing the very steep lane to the church. It was hard going but well worth the effort to see the marvellous view from the top. I found a very handy six in the 'Tower on the Hill' and was invited to stand in. We pulled up in peal, rang Devon call changes for 25 minutes, and down again in peal.

After an enjoyable service we descended and caught the ferry back to Salcombe, just right for dinner. So very nice, we repeated the excursion the next Sunday. Many thanks to Devon call change ringers.

ARTHUR BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough, Northants.

'A HOSTILE LAND'

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' thank my friend, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, for so ably replying to the anonymous writer who called Cornwall 'a hostile land.' As a 'foreigner' who has spent many happy holidays in the Delectable Duchy I have always found the Cornish a very friendly and hospitable race of people, and wherever I have gone to ring I have always been welcomed, both by the incumbents and the local ringers. If anonymous letters are not permitted, neither should anonymous articles when they are used for abuse.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

'THE NINE TAILORS'

Dear Sir,—On August 24th, practice night at Bowdon, Cheshire, started half an hour earlier than usual, so that neither the ringing practice nor 'The Nine Tailors' should be missed. At eight o'clock prompt, ringing ceased; all sat round a portable wireless set, kindly brought up the tower specially for the occasion by one of the ringers.

The play was enjoyed by all, especially the three leads of Kent Treble Bob which, besides being a joy to listen to, set the example for the rest of the evening's ringing, when the striking showed signs of great improvement.

As the last touch came round, two gentlemen entered the ringing chamber, one an American on a short visit to this country; their interest had been aroused by Dorothy Sayers' play.

It would be interesting to know if any recruits are enlisted through this radio advertisement.—Yours faithfully.

A. J. BROWN.

Bowdon, Cheshire.

A PRIME NUMBER!

Dear Sir,—I would like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to congratulate Pat Cannon on reaching another landmark in his remarkable ringing career. It must give him great satisfaction to have at last rung in his 1,823rd tower. I am sure all your readers look forward to his next achievement. Incidentally, the only thing I can find of interest about 1,823 is that it appears to be a prime number.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick, Surrey.

THE BELLS OF LUNDY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Patrick Chapman's letter in your issue of August 27th is most interesting. 'The Times' appears to have published a report which is not correct. I did not see any account in 'The Daily Telegraph,' which is the paper I usually rely on.

The Editor's note is quite correct; yes, Mr. Editor, quite correct, and I can add little to it except to say that you have put it somewhat mildly.

The tower of the Church of St. Helena is a disgrace, and nothing is done from year to year to remedy the defects, most of which are caused by heavy seas and salt water spray.

I know of no restoration scheme and, if there happened to be one, who would ring, there being a population of about 20 on the Island, and that includes the staff of two lighthouses?

More and up-to-date information might be obtained from the priest-in-charge, the Vicar, The Vicarage, Appledore, N. Devon.

I visit the Island most summers, and last year found the board recording the peal rung in 1905 to be in bad condition. I went over again armed with turpentine, linseed oil, etc., and spent some two hours cleaning it up as well as I could, but further attention is required if the board is to be preserved, as I hope it will.

I should have gone over last week had not the steamer developed paddle trouble in the Bristol Channel, but I have every intention of making the voyage within the next few weeks, and then I can give more up-to-date information, although I feel certain there will be little to add to previous reports and the Editor's note.

You may ask, what is this to do with me—someone who is not interested in peals? The answer is, I have the photographs and records (which belonged to the late Canon Coleridge) of the memorable trip to the Island on August 23rd, 1905, when I was a boy of 9 years.

A full account of the journey was published in 'The Bell News' of September 2nd, 1905.

Nearly 50 years have passed by and can we, on the 50th anniversary, which will be August 23rd next year, do something about the peal board and possibly arrange a visit, with handbells?

H. J. CANN (Major).

Bridgwater, Somerset.

Dear Sir,—When staying on Lundy Island in 1951 I climbed the tower and found that the bells were unringable and that obviously some hundreds of pounds would be required to put them in order. I was, therefore, astonished to read Mr. Chapman's letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 27th, in which he says 'The Times' reported that they had been rung recently for a wedding. Accordingly I wrote to Mr. F. W. Gade, the manager of the very comfortable hotel on Lundy, to find out what had occurred, and his reply, received August 31st, says that Mr. S. Johns, one of the ringers of Stoke, Hartland, who has been working on Lundy, attached cords to the clappers and showed some amateur ringers how to chime for the wedding.

Unfortunately, it seems extremely unlikely that this ring of bells can ever be rung again in the true sense of the word, as long as it remains on Lundy, firstly because of the prohibitive cost of rehanging, and secondly because the population of Lundy could not provide the necessary ringers. I have, therefore, wondered whether the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have ever considered disposing of them and using the proceeds towards the badly-needed renovation of the church itself.—Yours faithfully.

EDITH LOMAS.

Whimple, near Exeter.

BELLS RUNG IN 1927

Dear Sir,—Like your correspondent, Mr. Patrick Chapman, I was interested to read in the press that the church bells on Lundy were rung for a wedding recently.

I visited this wind-swept island two years ago and recall seeing in the porch of St. Helen's Church the board recording the first, and I presume the only, peal to take place there. It was one of 5,040 Stedman Triples, in which the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Canon G. F. Coleridge took part. The words on this weather-beaten board were just legible, and I think the date was about 1908.

Quoting from the 'Guide Book of Lundy,' by J. Watt Smyrk, 6th Edition (February, 1950), which was the latest in 1952, 'No rector was formally inducted until 1927, when the Bishop of Exeter visited the island with a choir and band of bellringers from Ilfracombe. The ring consisted of eight bells, which have since been taken down because the frequent gales rendered their presence in the tower unsafe.'—Yours sincerely,

D. A. NEWCOMBE.

Cheltenham.

A STATE OF DECAY

Dear Sir,—Some two years ago I was talking about Lundy and its bells to Mrs. Keast, wife of the headmaster of Frensham Heights School, Surrey, whose father is the owner of the island.

She said the church, dedicated to St. Helena, was under the jurisdiction of the Vicar of Appledore, but that a good deal of neglect was apparent in the church and that rats and mice had caused much damage to curtains, kneelers and the back of the organ.

Mrs. Keast did not seem to know much about the bells but I should imagine that if there is such a state of decay in the church itself there would not have been much done in the way of bell restoration.

W. J. PAICE.

Reading.

BELLS WERE CLOCKED

Dear Sir,—I am in a position to be able to answer Mr. Chapman's query ('Ringing World,' August 27th, 1954).

On the occasion of the wedding on Lundy the bells were 'clocked' by a local inhabitant.

The fittings and frame are in an advanced state of decay.

I can assure any would-be 'snatchers' that if there were any chance of ringing these bells, it would have been taken some time ago.—Sincerely yours,

E. J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

A NATIONAL SERVICE REMEMBRANCE

Dear Sir,—Having recently completed National Service my I, through 'The Ringing World,' express my appreciation for the very pleasant time spent during my 17 months in the Huntingdon area.

During my stay I had the pleasure of partaking in several peals, quarters and regular Sunday Service ringing in and around the county, due mainly to the keenness of Harold S. Peacock, that very efficient secretary of the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association, of whom the Branch should be proud. Thank you, also, William J. Ridgman, of Arrington, ringers at Somershall, Holywell, Hemingford Abbots, and many others with whom I had the pleasure of ringing.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MALLETT.

Barnstaple.

ANSWERS WANTED

We propose to start a column of questions and answers. Those replying should write as concisely as possible.

(1) Who is (or was) E. W. Tipler, and can any of his works be purchased? If so, where?

(2) What was the origin of Erin Triples?

LETTERS—Continued

B.B.C. TAKE ACTION

Dear Sir,—I note that in your issue of August 27th Mr. H. J. Sanger complains of the lack of co-operation which the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has received from the B.B.C. in the matter of information about bell broadcasts.

We have now taken steps to ensure that you are kept as fully informed as possible of all broadcasts of church bells, in connection with broadcast and televised services or otherwise.

We are, of course, most interested to hear that the Council has elected a committee to deal with broadcasting and television and would like to assure you of our desire to give all the help that we can.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. COBB,
Publicity Officer.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BAND

Dear Sir,—Through the columns of 'Tthe Ringing World' I should like to express my regret to Mr. Cyril Jarrett, of Chatham, and Mr. Trevor Cross, of Rainham, that owing to the bad striking of the Ringing Master and myself at Rochester Cathedral they are unable to attend any ringing there.

The statement was made to the secretary of the Cathedral Company after a practice at St. Mary's, Chatham, on August 25th.

After 50 years at Chatham and 32 years at Rochester. I would be glad of some advice on the matter. I am not anxious to stand in any peals he may arrange. The Dean of Rochester is the deciding factor for granting permission to use the bells.—Fraternally yours,,

CHARLES NORRIS,
Steeplekeeper, Rochester Cathedral.
Chatham.

'WINCHESTER SURPRISE'

Dear Sir,—No doubt Mr. Sedgley will be told that the method of Royal he suggests is entirely a different method from the Major, which is quite true. Should the author of Major and Royal, as published in 'The Ringing World,' be one and the same person, I beg to tell him; or her, that judged by the mathematical progression of Double Bob Major the Royal given contains only 20 round blocks related to the Major, the first and last ten rows of the Royal.

Double Bob has a mathematical progression in its round blocks of 3412—4321 to infinity.

I have extensions to Royal and Maximus, **with a different lead head,** of Winchester Major with the same progression as Double Bob!—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER

Brighton.

RINGING IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

Dear Sir,—The author of the above article may be interested to know that the first peal to be rung in the county of Westmorland was at Kendal in 1796.

From 1796 until 1894 exactly 12 peals of Triples and one of Caters were rung at this tower by local bands.

The 1796 peal and several others are recorded on boards in the ringing room, and all these boards are in excellent condition.—Yours, etc., EDWIN JENNINGS.

Braintree.

NOMENCLATURE!

Dear Sir,—I am not a dog breeder, but in case I should decide to become one later, I have registered the name 'Treblebob' at the Kennel Club for my exclusive use. My present cocker spaniel, although generally known as Sally Ann, rejoices in the exotic official name of 'Lady Vega of Treblebob.'

Unlike Miss Churchill, nobody has yet asked me what it means, as not many people know.—Yours sincerely, V. T. O. BOASE.

Wallasey, Cheshire.

WEDDINGS

Mr. A. J. L. Bradshaw—Miss J. J. Black

The wedding took place at Geddington Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 28th, of Mr. Arnold James Lewis Bradshaw, only son of Mrs. Bradshaw, of Kettering, to Miss Jennifer Jean Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Black, of Geddington.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss B. Bradshaw and Miss M. Baxter. There were two child train bearers—Miss Linda Glennis and Master D. Hearn.

The bride is a Sunday School teacher and a bellringer at Geddington, and the bells were rung as they left the church by her fellow ringers. After the reception at the Village Hall a quarter peal was rung and is recorded on page 583.

On returning from their honeymoon at Penzance they will reside at 89, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Mr. J. D. Clarke—Miss P. C. Martin

At Whatton-in-the-Vale Church, Notts, on Saturday, August 28th, the wedding took place of Mr. John David Clarke, of Whatton, and Miss Pamela C. Martin, of Stapleford. The bridegroom is a prominent member of the local band, and his bride is learning to ring. Following local custom, the pair were rung both 'in' and 'out' of church, the ropes being manned by the local band and Nottingham friends.

Ringers also officiated as best man (Mr. Allan Simpson) and chief bridesmaid (Miss Joan E. Hoodless) and the former complimented the ringers on their striking both before and after the ceremony.

Guests at the reception, numbering 100, sat down to a bountiful repast. After the toasts, the guests were delighted to hear the handbells rung by the chief bridesmaid, best man and two Nottingham ringers, all of whom, following the departure of the bridal couple to Bournemouth for their honeymoon, finished off a good day by taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Daybrook as a parting send-off to their happy friends.

Rev. J. G. M. Scott—Miss C. A. Isles

A member of the Central Council representing the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the Rev. John Gilbert Mortimer Scott, of St. Thomas', Exeter, was married at the beautiful new Church of All Saints, Hanworth, Middlesex, on August 26th to Miss Claire Alice Isles, of Hanworth.

The bridegroom's father, the Rev. John Mortimer Scott, officiated at the wedding service, which included the hymn 'Father, hear the prayer we offer' sung as a processional with the entry of the bride, who was attended by her sister. Psalm 67 was sung, and following the Benediction, the hymn, 'May the grace of Christ our Saviour.'

A celebration of the Holy Communion to the setting of Merbecke followed with the Rev. Mr. Shergold as celebrant. During the signing of the register the chorale prelude, 'Sleepers, Wake!' (J. S. Bach) was rendered and the Bourree from the 'Water Music' (Handel) was played by the organist as a recessional. Mr. H. Reed, of Exeter, was best man.

As there is only one bell at All Saints' Church ringers could not make their usual contribution to the service, but a peal in honour of the event was rung at Exeter.

It is understood that the bridegroom has accepted the appointment of priest-in-charge of Wolborough, near Newton Abbot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch at Newchurch

For some time now Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association have enjoyed successful meetings and, as in other matters, there are outstanding features, the meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, on August 28th was in this category.

The church, rebuilt on the site of an old church, is not dedicated to a patron saint. It has a low tower with eight very good bells and a ringing chamber like a parlour. The walls are beautifully panelled in oak and the floor carpeted.

There was a large attendance, both sexes, very young and not so young. There were visitors from the neighbouring branches, College Youths, Cumberlands. Three Guilds were represented, viz., Manchester and London Universities and Chester.

The early arrivals rang quite a number of Minor methods, followed by Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, and in the Major methods were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise.

The striking in the higher methods was of a very high order, which drew out many complimentary remarks. This striking must have created in the minds of the learners something which they hope to achieve. There was something for everyone, every request was fulfilled, the learners got just as much as the more accomplished. Nobody envied the Ringing Master, Peter Crook, his job.

A splendid tea was provided by the Parochial Church Council, and all received a cordial welcome from the Rector, who himself is a pupil in the art.

A vote of thanks was accorded to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, also for providing and serving the food.

Members were reminded that a new ring of bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at St. John's, Farnworth, nr. Bolton.

FORTY YEARS AGO

SURFLEET, LINCS
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Wed., Sept. 2nd, 1914. in 3 hours & 22 mins.
At the Vicarage
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
5,040 CHANGES

J. Bruce Williamson	1-2
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	3-4
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson ..	5-6
E. Maurice Atkins	7-8
Rev. E. Bankes James	9-10
Rev. H. Law James	11-12

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

First peal of Treble Twelve 'in hand' by all, and first peal of Treble Twelve by the Guild.

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OBITUARY

DR. F. C. EELES

Reference was made in our last issue to the death of Dr. Francis Carolus Eeles, of Earlham, Dunster, who died at the age of 78, on August 17th, the day before his resignation from the secretaryship of the Central Council for the Care of Churches was due to take effect.

In 1917 Dr. Eeles was appointed hon. secretary to the Central Council for the Care of Churches, and two years later became full-time paid secretary. In conjunction with Sir Cecil Harcourt and others he was the creator of the system of Diocesan Advisory Committees for the Care of Churches, which in 1938 were given statutory authority.

During the 37 years he was secretary he had inspected and advised on the restoration or maintenance of some 10,000 churches, cathedrals and other buildings. In the early months of the last war one of the responsibilities that fell upon Dr. Eeles was to arrange safe storage in Somerset of London church treasures of historic or artistic importance. As the result innumerable lorry loads of such objects were sent. These ranged from church bells, which were sent to Cleeve Abbey, to precious artistic fittings and important archives, the latter being stored at Earlham.

Another war-time task of Dr. Eeles was to build up on systematic lines a collection of photographs, plans, sketches, etc., and other records of the churches of the country, so that in the event of any of them being damaged or destroyed by enemy action, they could be completely restored. This collection came to 170,000 files and was kept in safe custody at Earlham and Dunster Priory.

Dr. Eeles was a noted antiquarian. The degrees of D.Litt. of Oxford University and LL.D., of St. Andrew's University had been conferred upon him and he was appointed an O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours of 1938.

A TRIBUTE

Dr. Francis C. Eeles had a life-long interest in church bells. Almost his earliest publication was 'The Church Bells of Kincardineshire' in 1897, and in 1913 he added an equally careful and meticulous account of 'The Church Bells of Linlithgowshire.' At his death he had a great deal of material in hand towards listing the bells of other Scottish coupties which he longed to complete. However, by the time the Linlithgowshire inventory was published he had moved South, and was working in the Victoria and Albert Museum. He joined with the late H. B. Walters, perhaps the greatest bell-antiquary we have had in this country, in making a MSS inventory of the church bells of Middlesex, which never found publication, and must still be in existence somewhere. His love of church bells was part of a wide interest in everything to do with churches and their furniture. During the first war he became hon. secretary of the Central Council for the Protection of Churches, of which he was also a founder, and through it gradually brought into existence the Diocesan Advisory Committees for the Care of Churches which now exist in 42 of the English and several of the Welsh Dioceses, as well as, in a rather different form, in Scotland. In 1924 he was appointed secretary. Through this system he strove for 38 years to safeguard all that was best worth preserving in our churches, the ancient and beautiful goods they contain, and the good old customs connected with them. Old ringing customs especially interested him, and he always encouraged their continuance.

Dr. Eeles knew the bells of most of the principal founders by their marks and characteristics to a remarkable degree, and could never resist climbing about in the belfry of any church he was visiting, even towards the end of his life when severely hampered by a deformed spine. The preservation of old bells he fought hard to enforce, and at his instigation the Central Council passed some strong resolutions against the recasting of bells earlier than 1750, scrapping of old and interesting wooden frames if they could be in any way preserved and kept in use, and more especially against the mockery of mechanical bell-substitutes. Nothing made him more angry than a parish whose ringers did not know the date, the founder and the historic value of their own bells, or a bell founder who failed to state these facts in a specification for recasting. Dr. Eeles was awarded the O.B.E. for his work on the care of churches, and its great value was also recognised by two honorary degrees of Doctors of Letters from Lambeth, and Doctor of Laws from St. Andrew's for his work in Scotland.

It was very appropriate that after the funeral on Aug. 20th the Dunster ringers should pay their tribute by ringing a half-muffled peal on the bells of St. George's Church, where Dr. Eeles frequently assisted in the Sunday services until ill-health prevented him from doing so.

A. R. T.

MR. HERBERT JERMY

Survivors of the ringing company of the 'blitzed' Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, lost one of their stalwarts when Mr. Herbert Jermy died on August 20th, aged 70 years.

A native of Bungay, Suffolk, he moved to Yarmouth in 1920 and became a member of St. Nicholas' band in the following year. He had taken part in nine peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Never aspiring to great ringing heights, Herbert Jermy was a devoted Sunday service ringer and although he invariably 'blew the tenor' from Doubles to Cinques, he could occasionally on practice nights be persuaded to hunt the treble. When he was 'on the box' for a touch or a peal the rest of the band knew the 30½ cwt. tenor would set the pace with a sure and measured beat.

It was, however, as steeplekeeper, which he was in every sense of the word, that he was perhaps best known and truly found his mark. Not many Saturday afternoons passed without his ascending the tower to attend to one or other of the several maintenance tasks in which he took a just pride.

His ringing career ceased with the war-time ban, and when his charges were destroyed in June, 1942, he felt it keenly and after the war he could not be prevailed upon to ring elsewhere, although he read 'The Ringing World' to the last.

So passed another faithful servant of the Church and of the Exercise. J. G. W. H.

MR. ALBERT EDWARD NORMAN

The announcement in 'The Ringing World' of the death of Mr. Albert Edward Norman, of Worcester, at the age of 52 years, came as an unexpected shock to his many friends in the Midlands, particularly to those in Birmingham.

'Bert' or 'The Pup,' as he was familiarly called, passed way suddenly early on July 24th, he having been at work until his usual time the previous day. During the night he complained of feeling unwell. This he thought was indigestion. He arose early, as usual, and was found dead in his chair by his wife. The cause of death was coronary thrombosis.

A man of fine physique, Mr. Norman was a carpenter by trade and came to Birmingham from Swindon early in 1917. He joined the St. Martin's Guild with whom he rang many peals on tower- and handbells. The deepest sympathy of his friends is extended to his widow, son, daughter, daughter-in-law and his aged parents, left to mourn his loss.

Bert was a splendid ringer and conductor, equally at home in the tower at the light or heavy end, and a very reliable handbell ringer on any pair of bells. His first peal, Stedman Triples, in December, 1917, was followed by many on eight, ten and twelve bells. Among them he rang 11-12 in the famous peal on handbells, Stedman Sextuples, by the St. Martin's Guild on June 24th, 1922, this being the first peal ever rung on 14 bells. His 100th peal, Stedman Cinques, on handbells, he conducted from 3-4 on his 21st birthday, April 5th, 1923. Others of his peals included the first on the augmented 12 bells of Exeter Cathedral rung by the Guild on July 5th, 1924, the 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the Guild on handbells when the position for the first five pairs of bells was drawn for out of the 'hat' (December 15th, 1933) and a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells at Erdington on October 23rd, 1938.

In 1939 Mr. Norman left Birmingham for Worcester and only rang two more peals—Stedman Cinques at Walsall and Evesham. His list of peals totals 178 on tower- and handbells in a variety of methods, and is of interest:—

Tower bells:—

Triples.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 30 (conducted 6 and one non-conducted).

Major.—Plain Bob 6, Double Norwich 9 (3), Kent Treble Bob 3 (1), Cambridge 4 (1), London 1, Bristol 1 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (4), Stedman 8 (1).

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 6 (1).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 39 (5).

Maximus.—Cambridge 6.

Total.—127 (conducted 24 and one non-conducted).

Handbells:—

Triples: Stedman 1. Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 5 (1). Royal: Kent Treble Bob 1. Cinques: Stedman 41 (7 and one non-conducted). Maximus: Kent Treble Bob 1. Sextuples: Stedman 1.

Total.—51 (conducted 8 and one non-conducted). A. W.

MR. S. HOOPER

We regret to record the death of Mr. Sidney Hooper at the age of 62. He was a lifelong ringer at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, Cornwall. Although not a change ringer, he was most regular at all practices and Sunday ringing.

Mr. Hooper was first taken ill when pulling the tenor on Sunday, August 22nd, and died on the following Wednesday morning. A half-muffled peal was rung immediately after the burial service. his fellow ringers acting as bearers. The Marhamchurch captain (Mr. J. Hicks) was represented by his son, Mr. A. Hicks. A. E. B.

Norwich Diocesan Association

A very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent at St. Nicholas' Church, Dersingham, on August 29th, when 30 members of the Western Branch, including the vice-president, branch chairman, ringing master and secretary, met to hold the second quarterly meeting. The numbers were a little low, as the fine weather found many ringers busy in the harvest field.

Divine service was conducted by the Rector of Dersingham (the Rev. Mr. Tippen). Tea was served in the Church Rooms.

At the business meeting four life members and one hon. member were elected. An interim meeting is to be held at Holme Hale on Saturday, October 2nd, and the next quarterly meeting at North Creake on November 27th.

THE CORNWALL AND DEVON BORDER

Combined Outing Amongst the 'Sixes'

At 10 a.m. on August Bank Holiday a party of ringers, representing the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset, converged on Davidstow in Cornwall for the start of a day's outing. A thick drizzle prevailed everywhere, and although it continued throughout the day with varying intensity, the spirits of the party were in no way damped.

Davidstow's (tenor 9 cwt.) are quite a nice ring, but the protective grease on the ropes, both above and below the sallies, made handling somewhat awkward. Laneast (9¼ cwt.) were a real job, and a touch of Stedman Doubles here was the fastest the writer has ever taken part in, about 36 per minute! Over into Devon for the next tower, North Petherwyn (9 cwt.), where a 'demonstration' course of Cambridge was rung.

After a short break for refreshments, back into Cornwall again to Lawhitton (9 cwt.) and Lezant (7 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.), both with nice going bells, although at the former a wall monument was so placed as to be liable to make an impression on the ringer of the 5th! Over again into Devon to Bradstone (7 cwt.), a lonely church with only a farm as a neighbour. Then to Kelly (8 cwt.), where once the Rev. Maitland Kelly, a pioneer of change-ringing, was incumbent. The bells go well, but there is so much rope rattle that one looked apprehensively at a tablet on the wall which stated that the tower had at one time collapsed, but the party left the church intact!

Milton Abbot was the next tower and, although the tenor is only 13 cwt., the bells are none too easy to ring. This was officially the last tower of the day, but it is rumoured that some of the band went back into Cornwall for further ringing at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston.

During the day 18 methods were rung (nine each of Doubles and Minor), including a mystery Minor method by Alan Carveth and Co. Despite the weather, the outing was conspicuous for the good humour and friendship of the party and also for the standard of striking, particularly the rises and falls. Best thanks are due to all incumbents, local ringers, etc., who helped to make such a happy time.

E. T. P. F.

ST. JOHN'S, LOUGHTON, OUTING

On August 21st ringers of St. John's, Loughton, with their wives and friends, had an enjoyable outing into Kent. The first stop was Aylesford, then on to Marden, where there is an excellent example of cleanliness in the ringing chamber.

After lunch at Hawkhurst the badly bomb damaged church of St. Lawrence was visited. This might almost be called a tower without a church. Next came Goudhurst, then Hadlow and finally Wrotham, where we more than satisfied our appetites at tea before visiting the church. This was voted the best ring of bells of the day.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

D. R.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. James 1, R. Webster 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Miss M. Fletcher 4, W. Maughan 5, A. Watson 6, L. Greenhow 7, K. Lawson (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service. — Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. James 1, R. Webster 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Miss M. Fletcher 4, A. Watson 5, K. Lawson 6, L. Greenhow (cond.) 7, W. Maughan 8. Rung for evening service.

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ENGAGEMENT

THURLOW—HOOK.—The engagement is announced between the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, Precentor of Norwich Cathedral, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Norwich, general secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, etc., and Thelda Mary, younger daughter of the Dean of Norwich and Mrs. Hook. Miss Hook is at present a student at Durham University. 4982

IN MEMORIAM

BLAXCELL.—In memory of Garnham Arthur, called home September 12th, 1953. Always remembered by his ringing friends.

Year by year the bells so softly
O'er the graves their music pour,
Where the dust of saints is gathered,
Till the Master comes once more. 4974

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. D. P. Roberts has now removed from Marston Vicarage, Stafford, to Whiston Vicarage, near Prescot, Lancashire. 5005

The address of Mr. D. Mottershead is now once again 8, Hawthorn Walk, Wilmslow, Cheshire. 4976

HANDBELLS WANTED

BOY SCOUT TROOP require set eight handbells. Contact P. Bilham, Bohune, St. Ives, Cornwall. 4998

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. LEONARD'S, BEOLEY.—As church repairs are not yet completed, there will be no service or practice ringing for **September.** 4968

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no ringing at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, Sept. 14th.—A. B. Peck. 4994

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. A. Potts, Branch Sec. 4955

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting,, Thorverton (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 4916

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turner's Hill (8), Sept. 11th.—C. A. Bassett. 4942

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Haddenham (6), Sept. 11th (not as card). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special business: Election of new District Secretary.—Miss M. Grain. 4893

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 4986

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4934

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. 4925

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Oxhey (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. 4955

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Charing (6) (not East Farleigh), Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Important reminder.—Book Oct. 23rd for the dinner and dance at Maidstone. Further details later. 4897

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Windmill Hill, Enfield, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in nearby shops. Business, and evening ringing, at St. Andrew's from 6.15 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 4931

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—Surprise practice, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 6 p.m. Tower available for **Surprise ringing only.** Special method: Rutland.—D. W. S., F. R. S. 4935

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Englefield bells may also be available.—N. E. Colley. 5006

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4875

RINGERS' SERVICE.—To be held at Christ Church, Swindon (10), on Sept. 12th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 4.15. Service ringing from 5.15. Special service 6.30. All welcome. Names for tea as soon as possible to F. G. Wilton. 48, Groundwell Road, Swindon, Wilts. Tel. 3912. 4965

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Bletchingley (8) on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 7.30-9 p.m. 5001

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Combe-Florey, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 4921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Thurloxton, Sept. 18th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4985

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Publow, Sept. 18th. Bells 4 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock for those notifying by Sept. 16th.—C. Mogford, 184, Woollard, Pensford, near Bristol. 4997

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Woburn, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. Look up Four-Spliced.—Dennis Knox. 4996

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitby on Saturday, Sept. 18th at 3 p.m. It may be possible to arrange a private bus from Tees-side or, if not, cheap day fares are availaible by train.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 5010

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Berkswell, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meriden after tea if possible.—Garner-Hayward. 5012

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District — Meeting at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Please support this, our first meeting at Great Hallingbury. It is a lovely church set in beautiful countryside, near main road and railway at Bishop's Stortford. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4953

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening meeting, Lacock (6 bells), Sept. 18th, 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 4988

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly, Tayton, September 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names, by Wednesday, Sept. 15th. Barrington (6) in evening.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln-St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 4977

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Ticehurst (6), Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Look up Double Court and St. Clement's. Tea notifications by Sept. 15th.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst. 4978

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Inquiries for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 15th, please.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5007

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Northchurch (8), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. 15th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4995

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Hatfield (10), Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea. Ringing up to 7.30 only.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5013

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 15th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 4938

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Bagshot, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 15th, to Mrs. M. A. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot. All friends welcome.—W. Oliver, Dis. Sec. 4963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept, 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Chorley, Sept. 18th, jointly with committee meeting. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., St. Laurence's and St. Mary's. Business 6 p.m. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 4915

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Middleton, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea served in Long Street School.—F. Pritchard. 5011

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, September 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify me by Sept. 15th.—L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4990

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Messingham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—G. L. A. Lunn, Hon Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4923

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Sunbury-on-Thames (8), September 18th. Details next week.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4999

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4971

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, September 18th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Besthorpe (6 bells) evening. Names for tea, by Sept. 14th, to Mr. C. E. G. Banham, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk.—A. G. Harrison, Sec. 4928

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Buckhorn Weston, near Gillingham, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 4972

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available:—St. Peter's (10) 3-4.30 p.m.; St. John's (12) from 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Sylverdale Hall. Names for tea, **by Tuesday, Sept. 14th, please,** to Miss P. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton. Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 4848

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 for those who inform me by previous Tuesday.—S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark. 4927

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Chailey, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 15th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4969

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Annual meeting, Clent, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4992

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The September general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in vestry. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Northcliffe Hotel, adjoining church, only to those who notify, by the 16th, Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough. It is hoped to arrange the meeting on the same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4961

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 25th, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4993

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Quarterly meeting, Bromfield, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas. — G. Randle, Ashford Bowdler, Ludlow, Shropshire. 4991

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Annual meeting at Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Parish Room. It is hoped all towers in District will send representatives. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, by Sept. 21st. 4987

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — Meeting at Bottesford (8) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Bull Hotel, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, Nottingham, not later than Saturday, Sept. 18th. All ringers and friends welcome. 5008

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Whickham, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday. Sept. 23rd, to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. All ringers welcome—N. I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 4980

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 2.30, service 4, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Shepherd, Stonegate, Gedney, Holbeach, by Sept. 20th. 4979

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting at Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15, at the Brownlow Arms, followed by business. Names for tea by Sept. 20th to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 4983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch. — Autumn meeting at Radley, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 21st, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4970

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting, Cogenhoe, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 20th, to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 4973

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 21st.—Barrett, Prout Bridge, Beaminster. 4984

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting after. Names to me by Sept. 23rd, please. Carshalton bells (8) available in evening as well. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4981

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Sept. 25th. Five bells. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Woodman Inn, Crawley, after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester, 4989

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at St. Peter's, Sowerby. The recently recast octave will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. It is essential that those requiring tea notify Mr. G. A. Briggs, Farcroft, Sowerby New Road. Sowerby Bridge, by Sept. 23rd.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5004

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Anstey on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th. General committee meet Sept. 30th, Cathedral, 7.30. Please note festival date—Oct. 23rd. New report, containing 86 new compositions and a few copies of previous report (182 compositions) available from General Secretary, W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Price 3s. and 1s. 6d. 5000

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—A Ringing Festival has been arranged to take place on Saturday, Oct. 16th. The bells of a number of churches within a six mile radius of Coventry will be available during the afternoon, followed by dinner and social evening in Coventry. Details later. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 5002

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice: Annual dinner. The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) shortly available and obtainable from Dinner Committee, Branch secretaries and J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4957

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice. — The annual dinner will take place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, next. Tickets will be 8s. 6d. each. Further details later.—F. C. A. Bennett. 5009

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NATIONAL SERVICE

MOST issues of 'The Ringing World' contain a farewell quarter peal to some ringer joining 'Her Majesty's Forces.' We picture the regret of the conductor in losing a promising recruit and the uncertainty in the mind of the 18-year-old ringer as he hears at the end of the 1,260 'And that is all.' In a great many cases it is in no sense the end for two years of a promising ringing career. Many young men have found that while in the Service a new vista has been opened out to them. They have come in contact with ringers of all types—good, bad and indifferent; they have gained an insight into the great fraternity of ringers; and they have often profited and advanced their knowledge of the art.

This question of the National Service ringer resolves itself into two parts. The first relates to ringers of those towers near to an Army, R.A.F. or Navy camp, especially those where basic training takes place. To those ringers J. A. A. writes: 'Do not lessen the welcome I am sure you give to the bewildered recruit. The belfry, speaking from personal experience, helps to convince him that the world has not come to an end. If possible invite him into your home for a meal perhaps after the Sunday ringing. Such an act giving a touch of home life is more than welcome.'

In some areas there is a direct contact between the towers and the camp. There is, however, scope in many areas for a closer liaison between towers and the camp chaplains. Information should be available as to the prospects of Sunday ringing in the neighbourhood and local practice nights. If Guilds provided this information to chaplains we feel sure it would be circulated. There are ringers who take their 'Dove' with them on service, but, even so, the information is not always up to date. As is only too well known, towers advance or wane, and in some areas practices are seasonal.

For the Service man the advice of J. A. A. is: 'Do not hesitate, whatever your capabilities, to seek as much ringing as possible. If you are a six-bell ringer, go to an eight-bell tower, if convenient, and try to master the ropesight and also the eight-bell methods. If you are already a capable ringer and conductor of most standard methods, then try and learn about other aspects of ringing, such as the organisation of the Guild or Association in whose area you are stationed and different methods of teaching learners. If the ringers of the district are content with a mediocre standard of striking and ringing only the usual methods, then try and introduce new ideas, at least into the practices and meetings.

'Another point is that the barrack room is an excellent place for missionary work on bells. Do not hesitate to get out a pencil and paper and draw diagrams of a bell and the principle of plain hunting. If anyone starts asking questions about where you disappear to on a Sunday and if he seems sufficiently interested, invite him to accompany you on one of your Sunday jaunts. We feel certain he will not be disappointed.

'Above all, don't neglect advancing your knowledge of your art when serving. Many a leisure half-hour can be profitably employed in mastering a new method. Maintain your subscription to "The Ringing World." There is always something of interest, apart from the information about meetings. By local contacts opportunities will come for peal ringing if you let local people know that you are keen on attempts. Most weeks the name of some National Service man appears in our peal columns and it is a pleasure to the Editor to acknowledge from time to time the pleasure and friendship those in the Services have derived from ringers in the neighbourhood of the camp. We know of a number of young ringers who have enhanced their knowledge of our art beyond recognition during the two years they have been in the Services. Some will say they have been lucky. Perhaps so, but just remember your ringing in the Services will not be just served up to you like "char and wads." The initiative to seek out the towers rests with you, and the keen ringer stationed in this country is rarely disappointed.'

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD 1954 TOUR

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

B. J. E. White (Queens')	*Treble*	*W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	5
C. W. Woolley (Sel.)	2	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	6
Rev. E. G. Benson (S. Cath.'s)	3	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	7
R. Leigh (St. Cath.'s)	4	P. A. F. Chalk (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. A. F. Chalk.
* 100th peal. The 400th peal by the Guild.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

C. W. Woolley (Sel.)	*Treble*	W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	5
*Miss G. A. Smith (Newn.)	2	Rev. A. G. Thurlow (Sel.)	6
*W. T. Cook (Jesus)	3	P. K. Williamson (Trin.)	7
*J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	4	B. D. Price (Emman.)	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. W. Woolley.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church op All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Treble*	F. E. Roberts (Sel.)	5
C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	2	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	6
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	3	P. A. F. Chalk (Sel.)	7
R. Leigh (St. Cath.'s)	4	P. K. Williamson (Trin.)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by W. J. Ridgman.

LLANFIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Meugan.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

P. K. Williamson (Trin.)	*Treble*	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	5
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Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood (Trin.).
Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	7
Geoffrey Paul	2	Archer T. Lowman	8
John Freeman	3	Herbert Lowman	9
Charles McGuiness	4	Jack L. Millhouse	10
John Walden	5	H. Leslie Pask	11
W. Eric Critchley	6	Sydney A. Chambers	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Betty Brown to Richard Pearce, which took place earlier in the day.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in D.

Albert Walker	*Treble*	Rodney B. Meadows	6
Muriel Reay	2	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	George E. Fearn	8
Frank E. Haynes	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Terry R. Hampton	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	Ralph Elkington	6
Brian G. Warwick	2	Ernest W. Rawson	7
J. Frederick Milner	3	Brian Martin	8
Winifred M. Burton	4	Harold J. Poole	9
Mrs. H. J. Poole	5	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
First peal of Royal in the method by all and for the Guild.

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On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*Mrs. W. Maughan	*Treble*	*Mrs. K. Lawson	6
*Thomas Templeman	2	*Kenneth Lawson	7
*Robert Bell	3	†Kenneth Pickering	8
*Charles Lea	4	*William Maughan	9
Frederiok Robson	5	Arnold Brunton	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.
A farewell peal for Kenneth Pickering, who is shortly to join H.M. Forces.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
Winifred M. Burton	2	*Dennis Knox	6
Brian G. Warwick	3	*Brian Martin	7
J. Frederick Milner	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Dorothy M. Udale. of the Leicester Cathedral band, and Ivan A. Hitchborn, on their wedding, which took place the previous Saturday at Thurmaston.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

David A. Carpenter	*Treble*	Frank W. Perrens	5
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	*Victor Griffin	6
Percy Stone	3	L. Michael Callow	7
John W. T. Taylor	4	*Raymond Winter	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Webb, married at St. Michael and All Angels, Croft, Leicestershire, on August 27th, 1904.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt.

Frederick G. James	*Treble*	James P. Blond	5
Frederick S. Smith	2	Claude Corderoy	6
Alfred R. T. Greenough	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Jack Jarvis	4	Douglas Bosley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
First peal of Bob Triples by all the band.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

Consisting of 840 changes each of Grandsire and Double Court, 420 each of Double Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, St. Clement's, College, Oxford and Court, 490 of Hereward, 350 of Double Oxford, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
ARTHUR PEAKMAN	2	BERNARD LAWTON	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ..	7
FREDERICK JUKES	4	STEPHEN MALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

The first peal of Triples in ten methods.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Nora Evans, of the Wordsley band, who was married at this church earlier in the day.

CHISELHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	JAMES F. DODSON	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
*IAN H. ORAM	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ..	4	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

* First peal in method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Betty E. Luff and Patrick Saxton.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

GEORGE TRENDELL	*Treble*	*WALTER ARNOLD	5
*HARRY J. MILLATT	2	*JOHN WARNER	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	*TERRY EARLE	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First 'touch' in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ..	*Treble*	†REGINALD ROWLEY ..	5
*HAROLD E. CLAYTON ..	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
SYDNEY A. WARWICK ..	3	†RICHARD G. BELL	7
D. KAY ADKINS	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRIAN MARTIN	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR CATTELL	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ..	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. THORNLEY. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
*BRIAN MARTIN	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

LESLIE G. TOWNSEND ..	*Treble*	*DONALD S. PAYNE	5
A. JOHN HOBLEY	2	*CLAUDE UNDERWOOD ..	6
*JOHN G. UNDERWOOD ..	3	VICTOR A. PERRY	7
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN ..	4	ERNEST G. ORLAND ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

A wedding peal for Sydney G. Osborne and Babara Chown, who were married at the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, on August 28th.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ANNE P. BROWN	*Treble*	JEAN C. BROWN	5
ALAN PENDLEBURY	2	FRANK REYNOLDS	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*KATHLEEN S. BROWN ..	*Treble*	WILFRED NICHOLSON ..	5
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY ..	2	CYRIL MORDUE	6
J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	3	SAMUEL C. WALKER	7
WILLIAM F. SHERATON ..	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First attempt for a peal.

Specially arranged for the 75th birthday of Frederick Sheraton, which occurred the day before.

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CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
MICHAEL ORME	2	BRYAN PATTISON	6
STEPHEN IVIN	3	JOHN B. LONG	7
PHILIP MEHEW	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John B. Long.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	JOHN E. CANNELL	6
TREVOR A. CROSS	3	RALPH BIRD	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN (C.C.C. 14).
Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	5
JOHN WARNER	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
PETER L. WOOD	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	*TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	E. DENNIS POOLE	5
DOREEN COKER	2	WALTER LEE	6
WALTER AVERY	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
PETER BALDWIN	4	*ROGER SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.
* First peal.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	*EWART H. EDGE	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
* First peal of London 'inside.'
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. H. Lane, of Kingsbury; also a farewell to the Rev. D. P. Roberts, who shortly leaves Stafford for Whiston, near Liverpool.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's transposition of Washbrook's variation of Thurstans'.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	*JOHN MOORE	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung in honour of the engagement of the Rev. Alfred Gilbert Goddard Thurlow and Miss Thelda Mary Hook.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

MARGARET A. LEWIS	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	4
WILLIAM BIRD	2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON	5
JAMES W. FORDER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and a birthday compliment to Miss Janet Spurgin, of Bures, Suffolk.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, comprising one extent of Stedman, five extents of Plain Bob, and six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FREDERICK C. GUNTON	*Treble*	*STANLEY W. COPLING	3
JAMES W. FORDER	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT			*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal in eight Doubles methods by all. First peal on the bells.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*VIVIEN HORTON	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4
†GRAEME A. HUGHES	2	‡DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
ELISABETH GRIME	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal in method. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the front six,

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 720's each of York, Ipswich and Norwich and one 720 of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

RAYMOND PECK	*Treble*	PETER BEDFORD	4
*ROBERT E. LESTER	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.
* First peal in four Surprise methods.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Thompson, of Southwold.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being a 240 and forty 120's (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

LESLIE ANDREWS	*Treble*	BERNARD C. COLLINS	4
DONALD G. WHEELER	2	WALTER LEE	5
ROY EGGLETON	3	FRANK KIRTLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. COLLINS.
First peal as conductor. 21st birthday compliment to Leslie Andrews.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM F. SMITH	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
RAYMOND PECK	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Arranged and rung for Aldeburgh Regatta and Carnival.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (4 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3	WALTER MEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

First peal in the method on the bells and in the county of Nottinghamshire.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Midwinter on the tenth anniversary of their wedding.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of 720. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Minor in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. F. G. Hooper has now 'circled the tower' as conductor.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Combined, (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
GEORGE WATERMAN	2	*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in eight methods.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

V. THOMAS COOPER	*Treble*	ALLAN CHAPMAN	4
ROY HALL	2	JOHN VERNON	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Powell and family to Sapcote.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
DEREK G. GOODMAN	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Grieveson (first quarter) 1, Diana Gough 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, H. W. Brown 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. D. Brown 6.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, P. Stone 2, J. W. Taylor 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, W. A. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 8.

BARKING, ESSEX. — On Sept. 5th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Mitchell 1, S. T. Ford 2, Miss C. M. Ford 3, R. W. Stannard 4, C. Wardell 5, A. W. Beard 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, E. G. Cottis 8. First in method for 2 and 3. A compliment to R. W. Stannard on his 85th birthday.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Kerrison 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, E. J. Thurlow 3, R. S. Payne 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5. Rung on the visit of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich for the service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Beamish (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. L. Beamish 2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3, W. Noon 4, F. A. Elson 5.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (first of Minor as cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter 7. First of Plain Bob for all except the ringer of 6th.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baber 1, L. Pullen 2, C. Cornelius 3, H. Ford 4, J. Bartlett (cond.) 5, R. Middle 6, R. Dudden 7, C. Ford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Cromwell Paul Bush, Vicar of this parish for 16 years and also a ringer.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On Sept. 5th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 2, E. J. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. Davies 5, G. H. Humphries 6, W. F. Oatway 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Clark 1, Miss B. Dowling 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss H. E. Brown 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, A. Harman 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, —. Lloyd 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. White 1, S. Borrett 2, M. Fleet 3, M. Mason 4, R. Elliott 5, A. Fleet (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor and his son, M. Fleet, who are leaving the district.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS. — On Sept. 4th, 1,680 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: J. Mussel 1, L. J. Lockyer 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, H. Abrahams 5, F. Harris 6, D. R. Reed 7, R. Marlow 8.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOS. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roselyn Crewe 1, Jessie Cockburn 2, S. J. Pugh (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. E. T. Tranter 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, D. Cobb 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. C. Whitby 1, Miss A. M. Bailey 2, F. V. Tipton 3, S. T. Ford (first in method) 4, S. Clark 5, L. A. Whitby 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, E. J. Rochester 8.

HAZELBECH, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Brown 1, Miss D. Elson 2, D. Payne 3, R. Wilson 4, J. Kinchin 5, D. Griffin 6, E. Orland 7, M. Amos (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. First quarter of Major by a Guilsborough Branch band.

QUARTER PEALS

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Lanfear 1, H. Lovell 2, C. Abbott 3, Miss H. Davey (first quarter 'inside') 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, C. Rugman 6. Rung on the eve of the wedding of B. Frost, a local ringer.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 5th, on the heavy eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Clutton 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, P. Baldwin 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. Evans 5, C. A. Smith 6, R. Coles 7, S. Taylor 8. Rung for evensong. Congratulations were accorded the ringer of the 7th (23 cwt.), who is now in his 81st year.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: I. S. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, R. Biggs 3, Doreen Coker 4, J. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox (cond.) 8.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 4th, a quarter peal of Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints' Doubles: Miss B. Forster (first quarter on five bells) 1, C. Hill 2, R. Pitman 3, W. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. Ad Gloriam Deo.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Williams 1, R. Nutts 2, W. Hovey (cond.) 3, W. Rhodes 4, L. Willis 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to G. H. Lane and P. Westbury.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS. — On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Bond 1, H. B. Nicholson 2, L. Straker 3, A. Taylor 4, F. R. Pearson (cond.) 5, D. Johnson 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Muriel Kelway Andrews, of Kirk Ella, to Mr. Nicholas Drury Hill, of Frenchay, Bristol.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Bob Major: H. E. Pryke (first quarter peal of Major) 1, S. H. Symonds 2, S. Smith 3, W. Faires 4, F. Boreham 5, F. A. Turner 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, W. Jarvis 8. A birthday compliment to W. Faires.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Northway (first quarter) 1, M. Northway 2, D. Greenlaw (first quarter 'inside') 3, K. Jacobs 4, J. Page (first as cond.) 5, I. Templeton 6. Rung by Romsey Abbey band.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET. — On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Marchant 1, M. Stone 2, C. Marchant 3, D. Miller 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells.

ORMESBY, YORKS. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Jackson 1, W. J. Wishart 2, Mrs. Laura Warrior 3, J. C. Pollard 4, W. Ellerington 5, T. M. Cox 6, P. W. B. Semmens (cond., first in the method) 7, C. Oldfield (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the ringer of the tenor.

POWDERHAM, DEVON. — On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (being 2 extents each called differently): J. White 1, Miss M. Mundy 2, W. Howe 3, W. Wills 4, C. Deem 5, N. Mallet (cond.) 6.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Overbury 1, Miss W. Pennal 2, B. Angell 3, V. Jones (first quarter) 4, D. Pennal (first as cond.) 5, N. Smart 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Mary's on Sept. 5th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 3, R. F. Diserens 4, C. E. Lewington 5, R. W. Rex 6, S. A. Jesson 7, T. A. Thornber 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cobb 1, Rosemary K. Marlow (first quarter) 2, Joan Gray 3, H. Abrahams 4, M. J. Best 5, J. E. Daniels 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, J. Hartless 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,284 Plain Bob Major: A. Busill 1, W. Staff 2, G. Staff 3, J. A. Taylor 4, J. Meadowcroft 5, S. L. Parry 6, H. Hamer (cond.) 7, J. Taylor 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Staff, who was 84 on Aug. 10th, and still a regular service ringer at Milnrow.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS. — On Sept. 2nd, a quarter peal of 1,260 changes: J. Parry 1, W. Reynolds 2, S. Goodwin 3, R. Burley 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, S. Brown 6. First quarter by ringers of 1, 4 and 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. Heal, Vicar, before his departure for Painswick.

ST. IVES, HUNTS. — On Sept. 5th, before matins, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. O. Noble 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Ransom 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (one 120 each Plain Bob and April Day and 8½ 120's Grandsire): Vivienne Horton 1, G. Hughes 2, Elisabeth Grime 3, P. Skinner 4, D. Walklate (cond.) 5, D. Shakespeare 6. Rung to mark the wedding of Mr. W. A. Parsons to Miss P. M. Hayes.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Johnson 1, D. Gullick 2, W. Brown 3, A. Harris 4, G. Cherry 5, D. Jones 6, M. Orme 7, P. Croft (first of Major as cond.) 8.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 1, D. Gullick 2, H. Wittering 3, G. Johnson 4, W. Brown 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, H. Cooper (covering) 7. Rung for evensong. Both as farewells to the Rector, the Rev. J. H. King, who is to be Rector of St. Paul's, Bedford.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Elsome 1, D. Peacock 2, A. Leggett 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, A. Payne 6.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Sept. 5th at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 3, W. S. Langdon 4, H. Belcher 5, W. Rawlings 6, J. Phillips 7, J. Allsop 8. Rung for evensong, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and H. Langdon (conductor of St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers).

WARBOROUGH, OXON. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): R. Wells 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Goden 3, F. Smith 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of Robert Absolom.

WIMBLEDON, S.W. — At St. Mary's on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cox 1, Mrs. E. Devenish (first 'inside') 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Brickell (first quarter) 6. Rung for evensong.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gooding 1, D. Gooding 2, T. Gooding 3, J. Briggs 4, K. Dawe 5, H. Miller 6, C. Deem (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8; 4–6–8 covering. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Glanvill and Miss D. Ayre, who were married earlier in the day.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of All Saints on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Woodyatt 1, Susan Jackson (first of Triples as cond.) 2, I. Goulter 3, A. E. Garbett 4, C. S. A. Hone 5, D. Beacham 6, C. Tansell 7, J. J. Stanier 8.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Simons 1, G. Challons 2, W. Brunt 3, A. Hill 4, H. Smart (cond.) 5, S. Eastland 6. First quarter of Minor for all and first quarter of Minor since rehanging.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Goddard 1, Miss V. Preston 2, R. Barry 3, F. Preston 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

MR. C. H. CHAMBERS

Stanwick, Northamptonshire, has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. C. H. (Harry) Chambers, aged 52. Although he had been very ill for over 12 months, of late there seemed an improvement. On Friday, September 3rd, he was taken again to Kettering Hospital, and died suddenly on Saturday, September 4th.

He was taught to ring by Mr. A. Y. Tyler at Irthlingborough round about 1920, and scored his first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, on June 24th, 1922, at Irthlingborough. This was followed by peals in the Standard Surprise Major methods, etc.

The Irthlingborough band was depleted when Harry and his family, the oldest son, John, being also a member of the band, left the town and went to keep the post office and general stores at Stanwick in 1950.

The funeral service was at Stanwick Church on September 8th. Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, A. Bigley, M. Munton and P. Smart, of Irthlingborough, and F. Kirk and F. Stubbs, of Raunds, all members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, acted as bearers. Other ringing friends were present from Stanwick, Bozeat, Lavendon and Leighton Bromswold. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the graveside after the service by Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, A. Bigley (branch secretary), E. Whitmore (Guild Ringing Master) and J. J. Mawby.

The five bells in the belfry at Stanwick, of which Harry was in charge, were rung half-muffled after the service, and the eight at Irthlingborough, half-muffled, the Tuesday previous.

A. B.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM ERNEST HIBBERT

A familiar name has been severed in connection with the long history of the Bedfordshire Association from its foundation by the death which occurred on August 30th of Wm. Ernest Herbert at his residence in Leighton Street, Woburn, after a long illness, at the age of 77.

He was the younger son of the late Charles Herbert (the well known 'Father' of the Association), and its oldest member, having joined 65 years ago on April 22nd, 1889. Mr. Herbert was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 53 years, having joined in November, 1901, and of several other County Associations and Guilds. He was a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association up to the time of his death and its hon. auditor for many years until 1949, when ill-health obliged him to relinquish the office.

He rang altogether 82 peals in all the standard methods, mostly before and immediately following the first world war. Twenty-two of the peals were on handbells, including one of Bob Maximus and a 'silent' peal of Plain Bob Triples, both 'records' for the Beds Association and County. The latter was rung in March, 1903, just previous to the relegation of the method to the scrapheap of illegitimate outcasts. This latter, by the way, was the only 'conducting' he ever did.

Ernest (as he was known to a wide circle of ringers) was an immaculate 'striker' and a model of how to handle a bell with the least exertion. He scarcely ever was known to make a 'trip,' certainly not enough to upset a peal.

The funeral took place at Woburn Old Churchyard on September 1st, when the Bedfordshire Association was represented by Miss E. Steel (president) Messrs. H. D. Harris (vice-president), E. J. Hobbs (also representing Mr. Alfred King, vice-president), and C. Matthews (also representing Mr. A. E. Sharman, vice-president). Amongst the numerous floral tributes was a wreath from the Bedfordshire Association.

MR. W. C. PARKER

We regret to record the death of Mr. Wm. C. Parker, of Staines, which took place in Staines Hospital on Saturday, September 4th. He was 88 years of age.

The funeral service was held at Staines on September 9th. Among the ringing friends present were Messrs. W. Welling, W. W. Wolstencroft, W. A. Peck, F. V. H. Sinkins, F. G. Fairhead, G. Michelson, D. F. Froome, J. B. Hessey, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hiscock, Miss N. E. Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury.

The bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled.

ERRATA

The inscription on the tenor at Pertenhall, North Bedfordshire, should read 'Chandler made me 1683.' Through a typographical error on page 586 the date was given as 1863.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal on August 17th of Superlative Surprise Major at Chilham, reported on page 578, was Mr. George E. Fearn.

In the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Allesley, Coventry, on August 14th, the ringer of the 5th was Raymond Winter, and not W. A. Stote as submitted in the report.

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A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Colerne, near Bath, on September 8th as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Reginald O. Fry, of Bath. Mr. Fry was for many years one of the band at St. Andrew's Church, Bath, and was tower master there until the church was destroyed by fire in 1942. He is still keenly interested in ringing, and has an occasional pull.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Some forthcoming broadcasts: Chipping Norton Parish Church on Sunday, October 3rd, at 7.45 p.m. in the Midland Home Service: Duloe Parish Church, Liskeard, Cornwall, same day and time in the London Region and West Home Services; Sunday, Oct. 10th, before the service from Huntspill Parish Church, Highbridge, at 9.45 a.m. in the West Home Service.

For those interested in Lundy Island bells the last trip of the season is on Wednesday, September 22nd, sailing from Clovelly at 12.50 p.m.

Wishes for a speedy recovery from a serious illness are extended to Mr. R. Warner by his friends in the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

To mark the birth of a daughter to Mr. A. R. Turley, steeplekeeper at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Hillingdon, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted by the local band on September 9th, but, unfortunately, the bells shifted in the last course. Mrs. Turley is also a ringer at this tower.

Associated with the peal at Chester-le-Street, Durham, for the 75th birthday of Mr. Fredk. Sheraton, were birthday greetings to Brenda Softley (Sept. 1st), Mr. W. F. Sheraton's son (Sept. 4th), Mr. D. A. Bayles, brother-in-law (Sept. 4th) and Mrs. F. Sheraton (Sept. 7th). To all of them we say 'Happy birthday.'

At Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on a recent Sunday morning a lady, uncertain of the time, sat at home waiting for the bells to ring for service. Unfortunately, owing to holidays, the bells did not ring and she did not get to church! Moral: always arrange for at least one bell to be chimed for service.

When a hurricane struck Long Island on August 31st the steeple of the historic Christ Church in Boston fell. This church is reputed to contain a ring of eight bells. Perhaps one of our American readers can inform us whether the bells crashed with the steeple.

The peal at Gisburn, W. Yorks, on August 21st (see page 565) was the second on the bells. The first peal, one of three Minor methods, was rung on May 13th, 1913.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden has 'circled' several towers in North Essex, including the eight bell towers of Halstead and Bocking with tenors of 14¼ cwt. and 18¼ cwt. respectively.

During an outing in Kent on September 4th Mr. Ernest J. Rowe rang at his 1,200th tower at Stowting. Nearly all these towers he has visited since the end of the last war.

The scribe of Pipe's Pilgrims' tour asks: Is the distance between Birmingham and Grundisburgh likely to put a damper on the affections of two young people who met for the first time this tour?

While engaged in a 'phone conversation at Bournemouth, the bells of Christ Church, Crewe, were heard distinctly by a Crewe resident. This is not unusual, but such an occurrence brings a real touch of home in an unexpected fashion.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick writes that the peal of Braunstone Surprise Major which he conducted at Market Drayton on August 12th was rung in 2 hours and 57 minutes. He adds: 'To have rung these bells (17¼ cwt.) at 2.45 speed might not have been impossible, but I am sure the standard of ringing would have been deplorable.' We can only publish what is submitted.

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THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

WEEK AT HEREFORD

FOR this year's Ringing Week, the Universities' Association visited Hereford area, from Aug. 13th to Aug. 21st, where a comprehensive programme had been mapped out by Wilfrid Moreton. Excellent accommodation was provided by the Hereford Training College, and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

The secretary started well: preferring always to go by train, he turned down a lift from London—and was later very glad, as the car in question arrived at midnight! For those who were in time, there was ringing at All Saints', Hereford.

Saturday, to our surprise, was fine, and a convoy of cars set out from Hereford towards Eardisland. On the way, we were a little surprised to see a (somewhat battered!) A.A. direction sign reading 'U.A. TOUR,' but, after a little discussion it was agreed that it must be a mistake, it *couldn't* be us. However, we realised on meeting a *second* one that it must be true and a photograph was duly taken. The mystery was explained at the tower—the local patrol is a member of the Church Council and had been primed by the Vicar's sons, both members. Our second tower, Leintwardine, supplied a suitable contrast for those who argue about foundries' respective merits—and the presence of one of the founders in question merely made the discussion hotter.

After lunch, at a pleasant inn overlooking the Teme Valley, the party split for peals at Clun (Yorkshire) and Leominster (Cambridge Royal), while 'the rest' visited Presteigne, Knighton and Pembridge. Both peals were successful, but an unfortunate accident involving one of the cars, which put it out of action for the remainder of the week, rather marred the afternoon for the others.

The usual service ringing was the main activity on Sunday, and five towers were visited in the morning; three in the city, Burghill and Lugwardine. At lunch, we welcomed a number of guests: Canon and Mrs. Moreton, Rev. H. G Thomas, the new secretary of the Hereford Guild, Mr. A. W. Davis, Ringing Master at the Cathedral, Miss Daniell, Principal of the College, Leslie Evans from Eardisland, and Geoff Lewis from Powick, Worcester. A fine afternoon made most people want to see the countryside, and a large party set off towards the Golden Valley. The bait for the tower-snatchers was Clodock, but there was also Abbey Dore to be seen and a large tea to be eaten. Another party also went tower-and-tea-snatching, to Bridstow, and some even stayed indoors to ring a handbell peal. The local towers were again manned in the evening, though the organisation broke down somewhat, for there was rather a crowd at the Cathedral and none at All Saints'!

'COOL YOUR RADIATOR . . .'

Although the transport was a little depleted, the longest day was successfully negotiated on Monday (despite an argument between the secretary and the organiser as to who had altered the time of supper). The choice of bells was really appreciated this day: starting at Usk, we went on to Abergavenny, Blaenavon and Ebbw Vale, all very pleasant. At the top of the 2-miles-at-1-in-7 hill out of Abergavenny, a notice 'Cool your engine and slake your thirst' was obeyed with alacrity—at least two radiators were boiling merrily by then! Ebbw Vale ringers entertained us to a delightful tea, much enlivened by the Vicar, who raffled a large photograph of the church. The tea *must* have been good—the secretary went into the belfry and immediately broke a rope!

The general meeting on Monday evening, presided over by Miss Cross, was over in record time, and 20 new members were elected. The 1955 and 1956 ringing weeks were discussed, and it was decided to hold the former in the South and the latter in the North.

Both peal attempts on Tuesday morning, Double Norwich at Clifford and Spliced at Eardisland, failed after two hours due to conductors' errors. According to the local critic who recorded most of the latter on his tape machine, the standard was high, and it would have been a very good peal. Non-pealers this morning visited Wellington, Bodenham and Stoke Prior; and all were reunited at Leominster after lunch—all, that is, except the would-be spliced conductor, who was said to be drowning his sorrows. He was later found, rather damp, sheltering under a tree in the way to Weobley, having walked by a 'short cut' suggested by a local ringer.

The afternoon towers, after Leominster, were Weobley, where we had tea, and Burghill, where the President joined us. After supper, Holmer was visited; and it was heard that there were some who were unable to find their way home later in the evening!

Wednesday's peals were better: Grandsire at Holme Lacy and Double Norwich at Lugwardine both came round, both with 'firsts' despite the well-and-truly-cracked fourth at Holme Lacy. The rest enjoyed their morning at Withington, Stretton Grandison, where the Vicar gave us a great welcome, and Stoke Edith. The secretary's wife had cause to curse the peal organisers, as she had to spend the morning 'ferrying' passengers owing to lack of transport.

TAPE RECORDING

Lunch this day was at the College, and several took the opportunity to miss the afternoon's first tower, Bridstow, to go shopping in Hereford. However, we all met for tea in Ross and were very pleased with the bells there after tea. An early supper preceded the Cathedral practice night, where Mr. Davis very kindly gave us the run of the tower. Another tape recorder was in evidence, and Stedman Caters *under* the tower sounded better than either inside or outside it!

We went further afield on Thursday, towards Worcester, the first tower being Mathon. On the way, the reason for one member wanting to buy a traction engine became more obvious when his car was found stalled halfway up a hill. (Is it easier to change down on traction engines—or doesn't one have to?) After Mathon we went on to Colwall, the only really disappointing ring of bells we met. An attempt to make off with the organiser's lunch was unsuccessful—it was noticed that he did not offer his sandwiches to the lady who lost hers!

Malvern Priory and Malvern Link were on the programme for the afternoon, and many people preferred the Link to the Priory bells. After tea in Malvern, a band returned to Hereford for a (successful) peal attempt at All Saints', where a good peal, if a bit slow, was rung. The majority rang at Ledbury and returned to dinner, but a few also seceded to Eastnor and Upton-on-Severn. Another handbell peal was still in progress at the College when the band returned from All Saints', and there was also a practice at St. Nicholas', Hereford.

A CLOUDBURST

Another long day looked a bit unpromising on Friday. The rain held off as far as Cheltenham, the first tower, but during lunch at Painswick, after ringing on the famous twelve, the downpour started. By the time we got to Stroud, it had turned into a cloudburst and rather complicated the difficulties of parking in the narrow streets. Tea was 'freelance' and some had it in Stroud, others in Gloucester. However, we all met punctually at Gloucester Cathedral for the long climb, including a visitor who was later of great use.

After waiting for five o'clock to strike (!) the bells were rung up and we started to ring, but the sixth proved a little difficult. On investigation, a clock-hammer was found to have worn a deep groove in the wheel and was itself somewhat bent. The amateur bell-hangers (watched with some amusement by the professional) got to work and bent it almost straight; then, 'one more heave' and—snap! Still, it was out of the way and the sixth went much better. A course of Cambridge was a little marred by six o'clock, but the conductor managed to make himself understood, if not heard, and it came round.

By very kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Moreton, a most successful social evening was held at their house in the Close. The tape recorder from Eardisland was there, and great fun was had recording a course of 'lapped' Stedman Cinques, where not merely the bells but the ringers also had to move. It actually came round (or rather, straight) too. Unsuspected talent came to light, especially in a long recitation concerning a pair of young lovers, and in a selection of 'howlers'; and several rounds (not the campanological sort) were sung with varying success—the simplest, with no words, was the best! The evening closed with an expression of thanks by the President to Canon and Mrs. Moreton, to the Training College, to the local ringers and, most of all, to the organiser, Wilfrid Moreton, for a very happy week.

Peal attempts on Saturday would not go—not surprising, perhaps, at the end of a week: Stedman Cinques at Tewkesbury lasted half an hour, and Minor at Aston Ingham a little longer. However, tower-grabbing ardour was not entirely quenched: a few from Tewkesbury visited Deerhurst, and the Aston Ingham band rang at Longhope before some of them attended the meeting at St. Briavels. B. T.

Rotherham Ringer Married

The marriage of Miss Maureen Elizabeth Gillott to Mr. Philip Coote took place on Saturday, August 28th, at Whiston Parish Church. The bride, who was given away by her father (Mr. R. Gillott), wore a ballerina length dress of white satin.

Ringers from Whiston, Thrybergh, Handsworth and Rotherham Parish Churches were present, and Mr. P. Coote (Rotherham Parish Church) joined in the ringing prior to his wedding. The best man (Mr. Robin Rhodes) also took part in the ringing, which included Plain Bob, Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

After the reception the happy couple left to spend their honeymoon in London. N. C.

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

Popular Meeting at Llandudno

Llandudno with a fine, warm late summer afternoon proved to be an ideal setting for the half-yearly meeting held at Holy Trinity Church on September 4th.

Wives and friends accompanying the ringers were able to enjoy all the beauty and facilities which Llandudno has to offer while ringing was in progress.

The bells were raised beforehand and ringing started sharp at 2 p.m. A service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Jones, in the absence of the Vicar (Canon Rowlands). A moving and inspiring address was given by Canon Cwbi Jones, in which he spoke of the message of the bells to the people outside, and to the great and special work bellringers were called upon to do for God's Church on earth. He recalled the great works of ringers of other days, notably the Peglar brothers, whose efforts to train him as a ringer when he was at Bangor were not successful, due to his inability to master the intricacies of method ringing. Present day ringers were following in the footsteps of such men as these, some of whom had been ringing bells for 50 and 60 years.

The service over, the business meeting followed, and all stood in silence in memory of Mr. J. W. Best, who passed to his eternal rest in late July. Mention was made of the fact that Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, an old and stalwart member, had been confined to his bed for the past twelve months, and that some improvement in his condition had now taken place.

After a vote of thanks to all who had assisted and worked to make the meeting a success, especially to Canon Rowlands for so kindly giving us the use of the church, bells and schoolroom, the meeting adjourned for a very nice tea.

Ringing continued until after 7 p.m., and among other methods rung were Cambridge, Kent, Double Norwich and Little Bob. Visitors were welcomed from various parts of the country, such as Market Drayton, Alvechurch, Reading, Stourbridge, Rugby, Middlesbrough and Southend-on-Sea, and finally one from Manchester who, arriving in Llandudno late, couldn't resist coming up for a pull. Apart from the visitors members were present from Rhyl, Wrexham, Bangor, Llandudno, Abergele, Buckley and Chester, and all were agreed that it had been a very successful meeting, with ringing to suit all tastes. D. H. B. M.

MR. F. SHERATON'S 75th BIRTHDAY

On September 3rd, 1949, Frederick Sheraton took part in a peal of Kent in his home tower of Chester-le-Street to celebrate his 70th birthday. In the interval Fred has given up peal ringing, although he still rings for Sundays and practices with a regularity and punctuality that put many a younger one to shame, but he has taught his grand-daughter to ring, and when his 75th birthday was celebrated with a peal of Bob Major on the following day, Kathleen, who has only just left school, rang the treble in worthy fashion. Fred's nephew also maintained the family representation by ringing the 4th.

The band was kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Sheraton. This was much appreciated, and the hope was expressed that the five-yearly habit might be continued to enable a return in 1959 to celebrate the 80th birthday and the golden wedding.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The bells of Westbury, Salop, were in great demand recently. They were included in Pat Cannon's Shropshire itinerary during the same week as the Shropshire Association paid their first visit to this tower.

The Rector, the Rev. A. Duston, had left Stanton Lacy early this year, where the bells were put in order after 30 years' silence.

The village is almost on the edge of the county to the west, but 20 ringers assembled for service and tea, after which the number was considerably augmented.

Mr. A. Pritchard, Ringing Master, referred to the recent deaths of Mr. J. Best, life member, and Mr. Walter Lago, who had given such fine service to Coalbrookdale over a period of 50 years.

Mr. Lago's abilities included fine striking on any tower bell and considerable dexterity with handbells, he having rung peals on each.

Ringing ranged from instruction in Grandsire Doubles to London Minor, a distinguished visitor, Mr. Tony Price, demonstrating his acquaintance with the latter by finally ringing 3-4 to one course.

Towers represented were as follows (excluding a youthful party of 'tower grabbers' who arrived, rang two touches and rapidly disappeared in the direction of Worthen):—St. Chad's, St. Michael's and St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, Hodnet, Oswestry, Ellesmere, Clive, Wellington, Kempston (Beds), Feltham (Middlesex), Norton (Staffs) and members of the local band.

CATTISTOCK BELLS AND THE MORRIS FAMILY

In connection with the article on Cattistock (Dorset) tower and carillon (page 536, Sept. 3rd) it might be of interest to note that the father of Leicester's G.O.M., Josiah Morris (now 87), used to ring on the old three bells in the old original tower of Cattistock. This tower formed a porch entrance to the church, and the congregation passed by the ringers, who stood in a line facing the wall, down which they threw their ropes!

William Morris, great-grandfather of Ernest and George Stedman, was born here on September 30th, 1805, and was here married in 1830. George (his son) was born here on July 8th, 1832 and married here in 1855.

When on a visit to Lyme Regis, where Geo. Stedman now resides, a peal attempt was specially arranged for Ernest to ring at the ancestral home. A band was fixed at great trouble and travelled over long distances—but alas! on arriving at the tower they were not allowed to ring as there was an unburied corpse in the village! The old custom still prevails, and it was not permitted even to ring muffled, much to the disappointment of the brothers Morris.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Newton St. Cyres Meeting

The attendance at the practice meeting at Newton St. Cyres on August 14th was very disappointing from the Exeter Branch point of view. About six members of the branch actually attended, and they were very pleased to welcome friends from as far afield as Combe Martin and Barnstaple and other surrounding districts. A very pleasant afternoon's ringing was had by all, and the methods practised were Kent, Little Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

It is hoped that on future occasions members of the Exeter Branch will support their meetings and thereby help members and the Guild in their aim for better striking and progress towards the more advanced methods.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Kirkheaton was the tower for the meeting held on September 4th. Although the bells are rarely rung owing to the absence of a local band, the ringing chamber had been recently redecorated in bright colours and the bell fittings greased. The result was that this tricky ring of six was in good order and some good striking was obtained. Ringing took place until 4.30.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Dr. Dawson, whose address was applicable to this atomic age.

Justice was done to an excellent tea, and the business meeting followed. Mr. P. Birkett ably proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and to the ladies for all that had been done to make the Society so welcome.

A letter from the Rev. A. L. Minns (former chairman) was read, thanking the secretary for the small gift sent him in appreciation of past services to the Guild. He has now taken a living outside the district. The programme regarding the dedication of the two new trebles at Marsden in a few weeks' time was noted. Further ringing then took place until 9 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor. A. W. B.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Lightcliffe on September 4th.

Three teams entered to ring six-score practice and 600 changes test piece, any method and any calling. The judge, Mr. J. Buxton, of Shelley, gave his decision as follows:—

	Penalties	Faults	Total
Meltham ..	10	137	147
Friezland ..	10	149	159
Silkstone ..	20	198	218

Meltham were declared winners of the silver challenge cup but Mr. Buxton stated that the ringing had been of an inferior standard throughout the contest and he had had no need to look for faults—they had been obvious.

The president, Mr. Earnshaw, congratulated Mr. F. Popplewell on his silver wedding anniversary and for the excellent arrangements he had made for the visit of the Association, saying that it was a pity that more members had not attended to make the celebration more of a success.

Business discussed included a tower for the April contest and meeting and a suggestion by Mr. C. Byrom to hold the annual meeting and prize contest during the course of an annual trip. As the meeting was not the annual, no rules could be altered, so the proposition fell through without a seconder. A. F.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 18th, 1914

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 6th, 1914, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES.

David J. Nichols	1—2
J. Edward Chapman	3—4
E. Maurice Atkins	5—6
John D. Matthews	7—8
William R. Hensher	9—10

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by all except the conductor.

This peal was arranged for Mr. John D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), who was at one time the much respected leader of the Kettering ringers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DERBYSHIRE EXPERIMENT

Dear Sir,—The N.E. Derbyshire Education Authority has sanctioned the running of an Evening Class in Bell Ringing at the Eckington County School. This will commence on September 29th at 7 p.m. and run for 22 weeks.

The class is open to all who have left school and upwards. The tutor will be Mr. N. Chaddock, of Rotherham, a member of the Central Council. The whole field will be explained and the practical side made efficient. The curriculum includes both tune and handbell ringing. All this area is asked to give support not only to promote a successful class, but also to enthuse a more general interest in the subject.

The cost or the class will be 7s. 6d. for the full session; 2s. 6d. if any further classes are attended by the student under the same authority (on production of the first 7s. 6d. receipt). Boys and girls under 18 years of age come free.

Further particulars can be obtained from the headmaster of the school, Mr. Booth.

Let us hope that this class is not only successful, but that we glean a great amount of experience which can be handed on to others who follow the same example. — Yours faithfully.

C. W. STANILAND.

Eckington, Yorks.

PEALS AT ST. STEPHEN'S, CARLISLE

Dear Sir,—I was very grateful for the information Mr. Butterfield gave in his letter—he will have received the details he asks for about the 1892 peal at St. Stephen's, Carlisle.

In my first article or two, I pointed out that my observations commenced from 1881—the year that 'Bell News' was first published. This applies to all the articles (unless an earlier date is occasionally mentioned, e.g. the peal at Dunham Massey in Cheshire). Consequently, the peal at Carlisle in 1865 comes before the period I review. My mention of the 1890 peal as being the first in the county was due to the footnote to the peal in 'Bell News' which states 'supposed to be the first in the county.' Apparently it wasn't, and I am pleased to learn of this earlier peal for my records. Mr. Butterfield is quite right about Kendal. From various sources I have 11 earlier peals (there may be more), the first being in 1796. I apologise for misleading ringers on this point.

I am wondering if Mr. Butterfield believes the 1892 peal is the last one at St. Stephen's? His letter seems to suggest it. Actually, two have been rung since then—Superlative Major on November 4th, 1925, and London Major on September 25th, 1931. But very best of luck for another peal in the future.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

HONEYMOON IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—On behalf of my wife and myself I would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Irish ringers for the hospitality extended to us during our recent holiday in Eire. We were enabled to 'grab' half a dozen new towers and given valuable advice for our sightseeing tour.

I would like to thank Eire for naming one of its principal pot still products after my wife.—Yours sincerely,

J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Leeds, Yorks.

POINTS ABOUT PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to comment briefly on various points which have arisen in the past few weeks—peal footnotes, belfry gossip and letters?

(a) I have recorded one previous peal of Stedman Cinques at Oldham on April 12th, 1913.

(b) There are slight errors in the note about Double Norwich Major at Liverpool Parish Church. Two peals had previously been rung of this method on the front eight, both conducted by Mr. G. Newton, on October 17th, 1922, and on September 22nd, 1924 (not July). Mr. T. Hammond was also in both peals, whilst Messrs. Larkey and Lintott were in the second. If the first peal was false, of course, the note would have been correct except for the date. I would be interested to learn if this was the case.

(c) The peal at Canford Magna was the first on the bells.

(d) The peal at Leiston on August 14th was the 299th there, the first on the bells being on December 26th, 1884.

(e) The peals at both Betley and Glemsford were the first in the towers since 1932.

(f) I have only one recorded peal at Lundy Island—August 23rd, 1905.

(g) I was very pleased to read Mr. Birmingham's interesting letter filling in the background of the bare figures which I give (having no knowledge of local conditions usually). For his information, Buckingham has only 15 peals to its credit. That is why it was not mentioned as compared with the other towers.

(h) I regret that my flippant reference about 'hostile' land in Cornwall has caused hurt, and apologise to my Clerical Guild friend, Mr. Trewhella, and all Cornwall ringers for this inadvertence. My articles are, of course, solely on peal ringing, not on ordinary ringing, and I think there is a big difference. In the latter case the vast majority of towers in Cornwall and elsewhere welcome the visitor, but in the case of a visit of a peal ringing band, which would require the tower for three hours, it is not quite the same, and my experience is that quite often call change ringers at such a tower are not very keen for a peal to be attempted. It is one thing joining with them for a few minutes in their ringing, it is quite another doing something they cannot do in their own tower for three hours. Hence I think I have some little excuse for the statement in my article. But it certainly did not refer to individual visiting ringers who, as Mr. Trewhella says, are assured of a warm welcome in his county.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

FIRST LADY TO 'CIRCLE' A TOWER

Dear Sir,—In answer to your query whether Mrs. Poole is the first lady to 'circle' a tower, in the 1930's Miss M. Redpath 'circled' Crayford tower, but there is little doubt that Mrs. Fletcher accomplished this at Edmonton nearly 20 years earlier. I remember in her very early days she rang the tenor there and conducted a peal of Stedman Triples.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your inquiry, 'Have any of our ladies "circled" a tower?' I 'circled' the tower at St. Laurence's, Surfleet, before the war, having rung a peal on each of the twelve bells.—Yours truly,

(MRS.) A. RICHARDSON.

Surfleet.

PEAL RINGING IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—We should be grateful to Mr. Felstead for the interesting articles he is giving us. In such a stupendous task there are bound to be occasional errors, but those with a fuller county knowledge can correct them. Truro Cathedral has been credited with 17 peals. The correct number should be 16. Three rung since the war, and not four. Kenwyn Parish Church, Truro, should read 16, and not 15. One of Kenwyn's peals seems to have been credited to the Cathedral. As I write, two more peals have been rung in Cornwall, making the total 315. One was at Kea. It is interesting to note that Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn and Kea (the two eight-bell towers on either side of the city) now all stand equal with 16 peals each. Carbis Bay has gone ahead from 18 to 19, this last being, apparently, the 275th peal for the Truro Guild. Let the competition continue!

Reference to the six-bell tower of Perran-ar-Worthal and the eight bells there between 1927 and 1937 made me delve into records, and I found I rang in all these, but there were six different conductors:—W. H. Southeard and C. E. Lanxon (two each), W. H. Sleeman, A. R. Pink, F. N. Golden and myself (one each).

Of the 315 peals rung in Cornwall, 272 have been rung for the Truro Guild, 41 for the Devon Guild and two for the College Youths. The Truro Guild total of 275 is made up by an additional three peals rung outside the county. One each at Emmanuel, Plymouth, Yeovil and Plymstock. Although the Truro Guild was founded in 1897, the first peal was not rung for it until 1907, and then at Emmanuel. The Plymouth life members had word that the late Rev. F. E. Robinson was arranging a tour in Cornwall that year, and they wanted to ring the first peal for the Guild and did so. The late William Pye, when on a tour in Cornwall in 1913, rang his peals for the Devon Guild, but he made amends for this in 1934 when on his way down by ringing the first peal of Surprise Royal for the Truro Guild at Yeovil. He followed it up by ringing the tenor at Truro Cathedral and conducting his last peal of Royal, which was also the first of Surprise Royal in the county.

It has been stated that the majority of peals rung in Cornwall have been by touring bands. This may be true to a point, but the tables are now being turned by the Truro Guild. Of the 275 peals I find I have rung in a fraction over half (138), 55 in twelve years before the war, and 83 in nine years since. The pace is quickening. Younger and freer enthusiasts should soon weigh down a good balance against the past. The totals of a few are rising pleasingly quickly compared with the past. There was a strange omission in 1947 when the jubilee of the Guild passed by unnoticed. It is almost certain that when the diamond jubilee is observed in 1957 resident Cornish peal ringers will have the satisfaction of rejoicing in the fact that they have at last done more for their own land than the visitors who, by the way, are always welcome.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

St. Ives, Cornwall.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BAND

Dear Sir, — As a past secretary of the Rochester District, and of the Kent Association, I was distressed to read Mr. Norris' letter. As he asks for advice, I should advise him and all concerned to turn up the K.C.A. Handbook for 1939 and read paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report I submitted to the members at Erith when I was hon. secretary of the Association; and try and follow out that homily.—Sincerely yours,

F. M. MITCHELL.

Gravesend.

LETTERS—Continued

SOME CHESHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The publication of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Rostherne, Cheshire, in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated August 20th, focuses attention on a book which I happen to be reading entitled 'Old Cheshire Churches' by Raymond Richards. The author, in the section devoted to the Church of Lower Peover, gives some facts about the bells, and he quotes this rhyming couplet:—

Higher Peover kettles, Lower Peover pans,
Knutsford sweet roses, Rostherne great drones.

In another section of the book, dealing with the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Middlewich, and with particular reference to its bells, he quotes another rhyming couplet:—

Barthomley kettles, Alsager pons (pans),
Sandbach big Britons, Middlewich dons.

Not being familiar with the bells of this part of Cheshire, I am vastly intrigued to know what a 'Big Briton' is. One might hazard a guess at heavy bells, but Dove's Guide tells us that the tenor at Sandbach is only 13 cwt. I can understand the 22 cwt. tenor at Rostherne being referred to as a 'great drone.' As a don is high up in the world of education I should imagine the bells of Middlewich are receiving some praise, and Knutsford's 'sweet roses' has a pleasant ring. But what about the kettles and pans which remain; do these bells deserve such disparagement?

Perhaps one of our Cheshire friends could give us a considered opinion, and perhaps at the same time we might hear of more of these interesting couplets.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

PEAL RINGING IN DEVONSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The article by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on 'Peal Ringing in Devonshire' is not entirely correct.

According to Guild records the first peal on the bells of Appledore was rung on March 24th, 1913, by 'The St. Sidwell's Society.' It was Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in three hours, and conducted by Mr. Arthur W. Searle, Exeter's veteran ringer, and was peal 309 for our Guild.

Further in his article Mr. Felstead states:—'Most peals have been rung by visiting bands, of course.' I have checked through the first 500 peals (rung for the Guild between 1875 and 1928), and I find that only in 74 did visitors predominate.

Another error I would like corrected, please, concerns Plymouth St. Andrew's, where, is is stated, 25 peals have been rung. Guild records can prove that 26 peals have been scored on these famous bells.

As I read Mr. Felstead's remarks it seemed probable to me that he has lost the peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 3 hours and 14 minutes on February 2nd, 1920, conducted by Mr. G. H. Myers, my father, who has taken part in 18 of the 26 peals.—Yours truly,

T. G. MYERS.

Plymouth.

FIRST PEAL OF HEREWARD BOB

Dear Sir,—I was much interested to see the extract of 'Forty Years Ago' in the issue of August 27th. The method mentioned was given to the Rev. A. T. Beeston by our present president of the Central Council, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, and the peal was rung for the 80th anniversary of Sir William Houldsworth, who built the church (Reddish, Stockport) and gave the bells.

I am sure it will cheer the heart of Mr. Lewis, if it is not too late to mention that fact.—Yours sincerely,

WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Stoke Poges.

R.A.F. HAVE CHURCH WITH RING OF BELLS

Dedication at St. Eval, Cornwall

It is very doubtful whether there are many Royal Air Force stations throughout the United Kingdom that can boast of a church in their midst, complete with a ring of bells. This, however, is the case at the R.A.F. coastal command station at St. Eval, on the north coast of Cornwall.

This quaint, little church, with its sturdy pinnacled tower built of Cornish granite, was once the centre of a typical country village. It now stands alone, on the edge of a vast airfield, its tower being a notable landmark, visible over an area of several miles.

Twelve months ago the church was in a sad state of decay, and the few remaining parishioners decided that it was about time to carry out extensive restoration work in order to save the building from ruin. The tower was renovated from top to bottom, electric lighting installed and new altar cloths were given.

Many months of hard work went into the restoration, helped by large sums of money donated by the Royal Fir Force, and the climax to all this work came, when, on Saturday, August 21st, the Assistant Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Rev. John Wellington, came to St. Eval to rededicate the restored ring of six bells.

Long before the dedication service was due to begin the church was packed to capacity, and among the congregation were numbered many officers, airmen and airwomen of the station on which the church stands.

The bells were rung up in the dedication rounds by a band of ringers from the neighbouring parish of St. Merryn. After the service the bells were kept going throughout the remainder of the day by visiting teams from far and wide, including one team from Plympton St. Maurice in Devon.

The bells, which were rehung and tuned by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, were heartily acclaimed by all present, both for music and 'go.' The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble. Mears and Stainbank, London. A.D. 1906.

Second. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, London. 1892. W. Aggett, Bellhanger, Chagford, Devon.

Third. Samuel Trewbody. Vicar. 1733.

Fourth. Francis Llewellin Gent. Samuel Eplett. Wardes. 1733.

Fifth. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London. 1892. W. Aggett, Bellhanger, Chagford, Devon.

Tenor. Simon Leach de Trethewell Armiger Erogator. Maxime Libera.

=LIS. 1733.

Weight of tenor 9 cwt. approx.

An effort is being made to start a team of ringers among the service personnel on the station. It is hoped, some day, to be able to send proudly to 'The Ringing World' the first peal on St. Eval bells by an R.A.F. team of ringers.

R. A. S.

Beverley and District Ringing Society

On August 14th the Society held the monthly meeting at Bridlington, at the invitation of Canon Lamb and the local ringers. Twenty-four members attended, and the bells were rung to standard methods.

The service in the Priory Church was conducted by the Rector, Canon Lamb, assisted by the Rev. G. Storer.

The tea and business meeting took place in the Church Hall, and the President, Mr. A. E. Sellers, welcomed the visitors from London, Ambleside and Edinburgh.

Further ringing took place until 6 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society at Otley on August 28th was fairly well attended, members being present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Collingham, Elland, Guiseley, Headingley, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Sowerby with the local company and visitors from Eastrington, Howden and West Tanfield. Tanfield.

The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 o'clock, and ringing, ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Major, enjoyed till shortly after 8.30, with the usual breaks for tea and the business meeting.

In the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. C. W. Strangeway), who sent his apologies, the duties of chairman were very ably carried out by Mr. W. Dixon, one of the vice-presidents.

Four new members were made, viz., Mr. and Mrs. M. Thorley, Mr. D. E. Barker and Mr. J. Cartwright.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was ably proposed by Mr. J. Gibson in his usual forthright, breezy and humorous manner. Jack has a way of stepping into the silence that usually falls when this stage of the meeting arrives, and in a light-hearted but nevertheless very sincere way conveyed the thanks of the members to all those who help to provide the facilities necessary for members' enjoyment at these meetings. This proposition was seconded by Mr. F. Gibbard.

Mr. P. Whitaker apologised for the Archdeacon not being present and promised to pass on thanks to all concerned, and gave the members a hearty welcome to Otley.

It was proposed, owing to the congestion of meetings in September, that the Society's meeting for this month should be cancelled, and that members accept the invitation of the Sowerby company to join the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association at their meeting on the 25th.

As the Snowden Dinner was to be held on the last Saturday in October, it was agreed that the October meeting should be brought forward to the 23rd and held at Liversedge, subject to the usual arrangements with the local company.

Under any other business, announcements were made about a whist drive at Collingham and the open day at Marsden in connection with the augmented ring of ten there.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Lovely summer weather kept many members away from the Southern Section quarterly meeting held at Gorseinon on September 4th. However, it was quite understandable after such a bad summer. Most of the younger members took advantage of being out in the sunshine, but in spite of this, 30 members attended a very enjoyable afternoon's ringing.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Sidney H. Morris, who also took the chair at the business meeting. The good wishes from Mr. Ernie Stitch were read, also an apology for non-attendance from Mr. C. Rowles, the Master, who was indisposed. The place of the next meeting will be decided at a joint meeting with the Llandaff Diocese.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, churchwardens and to the ladies, who with their support made the meeting such a success.

It is hoped that very shortly the bells of St. Catherine's will once again ring regularly as Mr. Dobbins, the tower captain, is having full support from the Vicar.

J. A. H.

'PIPE'S PILGRIMS' IN CORNWALL

THE coach with that veteran of past tours, Leslie Woods, at the wheel, left Grundisburgh at 6.5 a.m. on Sunday, August 1st en route for Cornwall, picking up at Ipswich, Bures. Colchester, St. Paul's, London and Staines.

Winchester was reached on time, despite traffic blocks. After an excellent lunch beneath the oak rafters of a very ancient building, now a restaurant, we were privileged to ring for service on the musical twelve at the Cathedral. An attempt for Cambridge Maximus came unstuck early on, but Treble Twelve, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Major went well.

Outside Ringwood Church we were met by the Rev. and Mrs. Verity, who expressed their wishes for a successful tour. A hurried tea at Wimborne preceded ringing for service at the Minster. This consisted of Cambridge Ten, Treble Ten and Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

Through rain and fog to Exeter, arriving at the Bystock Hotel at 9.27 p.m. Sylvia, businesslike as ever, was soon busy allocating bedrooms for the night, as per list. Hot drinks and sandwiches, followed by a chat on ringing and things relating thereto, and so to bed!

BANK HOLIDAY

Our first tower on Monday was St. Mary's, Lifton. This ring must be unique, as all were cast at the Oxford foundry of William Taylor in 1827, and restored by his Loughborough successors in 1930. At Launceston we arrived in time to ring a newly-married pair out of church. The bells were a pleasure to listen to in spite of the long draught of rope. The only call-changes of the tour were rung here to enable a few local ringers to have a pull with our party.

On to Bodmin for lunch. (No ringing here as permission had not been forthcoming.) Fowey was the objective for the afternoon. Here we met Arthur and Mrs. Beamish, and picked up their daughter, Margaret, for the remainder of the tour. A course of Superlative at this tower was the first blow in the method for Janet Spurgin (15), and her performance was one of which a much older and more experienced ringer could have been justifiably proud! Five Spliced Surprise, Plain Bob and a half course of Superlative. A good lower-in peal, then on to St. Austell, where a cafe was kept open just for our benefit. A visit to the tower after tea revealed that the fourth would not go to the upright position. Apparently the toggle on the end of the Hastings stay was sticking and, though several locals were there to watch us perform, none had the key of the staircase to enable one to go up and put matters right! A fast course of Stedman Triples with the bells only three-quarters up was the only ringing worthy of note here.

The fine tower of Probus followed. Ringers who have heard both these and Debenham bells outside vote the former a close runner-up to the well-known Suffolk ring. Alphabetical choice of methods was introduced here—Barker, Stedman Triples; Beamish, Double Norwich; Bennett, Yorkshire; Crapnell, Plain Bob. A nice fall-in peal and on to Truro. We found sleeping arrangements somewhat disorganised, owing to other guests at the hotel staying beyond their allotted time. This meant that some of us had to be boarded out for sleeping, but everyone was settled in the end.

A VETERAN OF 99

Tuesday's first tower was St. Columb Major, with a musical octave. Methods rung were Superlative, London, Stedman, with two leads of laminated Oxford and Kent. We met Mr. Samuel Quintrill (99) in the churchyard. St. Enoder, the next tower, has a ground floor ringing chamber. The sallies were rather high, and some of the visitors had to stand on pieces of sawn tree trunk to reach them! An excellent lunch at Newquay and, for those who wished it, 1½ hours by the sea. In response to a phone call to Crantock Rectory, Mrs. Trewhella consented, in the absence of her husband, the general secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild, to a small party visiting the tower. Cambridge Minor, Kent and Spliced Treble Bob and Plain were rung on this pleasant six. By the time we finished ringing, we had an interested audience of two dozen visitors watching from the aisle! After tea at Perranporth, Kenwyn, situated amid lovely surroundings, was visited. A course of Cambridge was rung here with several Cornish ringers standing in!

At Truro Cathedral Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Edwards joined us. Ralph had just travelled 300 miles for the sole purpose of listening to these bells from outside! And who can find fault with his argument that they are disappointing to ring on, but grand to listen to outside? These bells are not over tenored as some one suggested! Several of us walked up the rise of the Cathedral and every bell could be heard perfectly. The final treat for the listeners was a course of Bristol on the majestic back eight, rung at 21 changes to the minute!

THE OLD BELLS OF ST. KEVERNE

An early start was necessary on Wednesday, St. Anthony-in-Meneage being the first ring. These are a back six from Croydon, augmented by a pair of trebles from Loughborough. The Rev. A. S. Roberts, accompanied by 10-year-old Evangeline, met us here. Methods rung were London, Superlative, Bristol, Stedman, and, lastly, Grandsire Triples, to which Evangeline rang the treble.

St. Keverne has a pleasing ring which it would be sacrilege to tune on the five-tone principle. They were much in demand for more than an hour before we moved on to the boulder-strewn beach at Coverack for our picnic lunch. The most southerly ring in the British Isles, Landewednack, was the next objective. We found a pleasant six that ran well. Six ladies rang a course of Cambridge. On to the Lizard Hotel for tea, where the proprietor informed us that we were in the only part of the British Isles that came below the 49th parallel! An hour on Helston bells concluded the day's ringing programme.

TO LAND'S END

On Thursday, Ralph Edwards and Jim Pipe made a dash in the former's car to St. Mary's, Penzance, to get a rope spliced in time for the arrival of our coach. Several buoys that had been towed ashore were noted, and on the top of one was a 2 cwt. bell cast by J. Warner and Sons, London. So this is what happens to some bells on their removal from redundant towers! Penzance has the heaviest octave in Cornwall — a grand ring. We were down in time for a service at 10.30, and a short ride brought us to Gulval. The ringing gallery here is a credit to Mr. Woods, whose loving care keeps it on a par with many drawing rooms in private houses. Whilst a band boarded the two cars and went on for an advance ring at St. Sennen, the coach took the rest of us round St. Michael's Mount, and the powerful field glasses, carried by Harry Millet, enabled us to view it as a close-up from Marazion. In the bay we saw the wreck of "H.M.S. Warspite.' In due course we arrived at Land's End and, after lunch, spent an hour admiring the rugged coastline and buying souvenirs! St. Sennen has a delightful ring of six (tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.), reputed to be the lightest in Cornwall and the most westerly ring in England. We enjoyed various touches here for an hour, six ladies ringing a short touch of Plain Bob!

The Rev. A. S. Roberts met us at Carbis Bay and gave us a real Cornish welcome by presenting each 'Pilgrim' with a postcard giving a close-up view of the church tower! A half-course of Superlative by eight ladies was the highlight of the ringing here. Camborne bells are hung in a low pinnacled tower, and sound better at a distance! The concluding touch here was Spliced Surprise in six methods, in which Roderick Pipe (14) and Pat Clarke (17) took part.

Friday was a beautiful sunny morning. Egloshayle Parish Church (8, tenor 12 cwt.) has a ground floor ring. We arrived on time for lunch at Stratton. These bells are reputed to be the finest octave in Cornwall. The ringing was limited to 45 minutes. Whilst the majority intended going to Bude for two hours by the sea, one, who shall be nameless, put through telephone calls to several incumbents and hired two taxis from the local garage for the afternoon! The six at Marhamchurch, the 1950 restored bells of Week St. Mary and the six at Poughill were rung.

Back to Stratton in time to join the 'seasiders' at tea, and then aboard the coach for the 50-mile journey to Exeter. We arrived at the Bystock Hotel on time. The party split up to visit the excellent octave at Heavitree and the heavy twelve at the Cathedral. The clapper came out of the tenth while rounds were being rung, but was soon fixed firmly into position by the Exeter ringers, who had obviously had to cope with the same situation before. George Pipe and John Mayne showed us what they are made of by turning in the 72¼ cwt. tenor, between them, to three leads of Treble Ten!

Back to the Bystock for a social hour with handbells, etc. The nameless one had again been busy and fixed up a short ring at St. David's on Saturday morning for those who wished.

At 9.15 came the parting of the ways. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beamish, together with Margaret and John Stallard, whom they were giving a lift as far as Bristol, all stood on the Bystock steps to wave us good-bye! First halt on the homeward journey was Blandford Forum for lunch. After boarding the coach again Mrs. Barker made small presentations to Sylvia, Jim and the driver, thanking them for the hard work they had put in. A small presentation was made by Janet to Mrs. Barrett on behalf of those for whom she had so persistently hunted for postcards during the week! Grundisburgh was reached at 10.10 p.m.

W. A. S.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was held at Usk on September 4th. The afternoon was fine and sunny and some 50 ringers attended, including visitors from Bristol, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Herefordshire.

The Master, Mr. David King, arranged suitable ringing for all. The service was conducted by the Rev Glyn Davies, Rector of Gwernesney, and Canon E. T. Davies, Llangibby, read the lesson.

An excellent tea was provided by the Usk ringers and their wives in a nearby hall. These ladies were most sincerely thanked by Mr. Jack Worrall. Four new members were elected from Chepstow, one from Bedwellty and one life member. Mr. David King reported progress from the monthly Surprise practice held at All Saints', Newport.

Llanfrechfa was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

J. S. E.

NORTH WALES BORDER COUNTRY VISITED

Ringers representing St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston, Yoxall and Allesley, Coventry, and the writer, assembled at Norton-in-Hales Church, North Shropshire, on August 14th, for a day's trip in the Border Country.

The bells at Norton (8, 14 cwt.) were found to 'go' well, but care was needed in striking them as no two are the same. At Market Drayton (8, 17¼ cwt.) we were informed that Mr. Pat Cannon and his band had scored a good peal there the previous week. We certainly envied them and were only too sorry that we could not stay longer.

A brass plaque on the ringing room wall at Prees (6, 12 cwt.) stating that the bells had been 'retuned and rehung by Mrs. Sandford, of Sandford Hall' caused amusement. We feel certain she had a little help from the bell-founders but they don't appear to be worthy of mention.

Two good sixes followed at Calverhall (13¼ cwt.) and Ightfield (11¼ cwt.). An eight that 'go' all their weight (19¼ cwt.) were found at Whitchurch, but nevertheless our stay was enjoyed.

Having disposed of our packed lunches, we were ready to cross the Welsh border into Flintshire to try the 17 cwt. six at Hanmer. These are of good tone but one can feel their weight. A contrast was provided at the next tower, Chirk, Denbighshire (8¼ cwt.). The head ringer met us and congratulated us on the striking of the odd- and even-bell methods, both of which, in his opinion, had charms of their own.

Back into Shropshire again to sample the 5½ cwt. five at Selattyn. Sample is the right word; the Vicar told us the tenor only had been rehung on ball bearings just before the war. He was right, for the front four, especially the treble, are 'grim,' and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles sufficed. The band were somewhat disappointed at not being able to ring at Alderbury as it is a very peculiar looking place, but we were informed by the Rector that the bells had not been rung for 30 years, owing to the bad condition of the tower.

After a hot meal in Oswestry the band called in at the Shropshire Association meeting at Westbury, where on arrival they were intrigued to see Mr. Tony Price ringing 3-4 to London Minor. Thanks are expressed to the Ringing Master for allowing us to 'barge in.' At Worthen we found the bells up ready and we enjoyed this good six (7½ cwt.). Chirbury was our last tower and owing to the clapper of the third being broken, we had to be content with Doubles.

Methods rung were Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. During the tour Miss Ann Barr, of Little Aston, achieved her first two courses of Cambridge Minor.

A. R.

A 64th Anniversary

Mr. Isaac Emery celebrated the 64th anniversary of his first peal by ringing his first quarter of Doubles at Old Headington, Oxford, on September 4th. With his host, Mr. W. M. Wilkins, he attended the dinner of the Headington ringers. A special welcome was also extended to Gordon Collett, R.A.F., on leave from Germany, who was celebrating his 21st birthday, and received a gift from his colleagues. Gordon is the fifth Headington ringer to come of age in about 16 months. Three of these are in the R.A.F. and a fourth will shortly commence training for the Ministry.

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TURLEY.—At 34, Granville Road, Hillingdon, September 2nd, 1954, to Evelyn (nee Hyman), wife of Anthony Roy, God's gift of a daughter, Moyra Evelyn. 5036

MARRIAGE

COX—POPE.—On September 9th, 1954, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Withycombe Raleigh, the Rev. Ernest Vivian Cox, Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral, to Alison Hilda Pope, of The Maldens, Marley, Exmouth. 5023

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—**Correction.** No ringing at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, Sept. 21st.—A. B. Peck. 5053

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Will ringers coming to the University this October please contact Anne Muirhead, secretary, Westoe, Allport Road, Bromborough, Cheshire. Practice, Oct. 5th, 7.30 p.m., at Sacred Trinity, Salford. 5048

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Please support this, our first meeting at Great Hallingbury. It is a lovely church set in beautiful countryside, near main road and railway at Bishop's Stortford. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4953

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Ticehurst (6), Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Look up Double Court and St. Clement's.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst. 4978

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Northchurch (8), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4995

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Hatfield (10), Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea. Ringing up to 7.30 only.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5013

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip on Saturday, Sept. 18th. 4938

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Bagshot, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All friends welcome.—W. Oliver, Dis. Sec. 4963

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Sunbury-on-Thames (8) from 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Own tea arrangements. Hampton (8) in evening. 5043

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Chailey, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 4969

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Annual meeting, Clent, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4992

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER.
Centenary Festival Service and Licensing of the Rev. F. W. Pratt, B.A., L.Th., as Priest-in-Charge by the Right Rev. Dr. R. R. Williams, Lord Bishop of Leicester.
Sunday, September 19th.
6.30 p.m.
Ringing after service for visitors, in which ALL RINGERS are invited to take part.
5028

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 25th, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4993

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Bleadon, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 5027

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch. — Meeting at All Saints', Runcorn, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Hughes, 18, Cynthea Road, Runcorn. 5045

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Poynton, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. I. Jenkins, 2, Bardell Crescent, Dickens Lane, Poynton, by Sept. 21st.—C. K. Lewis. 5046

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bebington, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, free for those notifying by 22nd.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5049

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Wirksworth (8) on Sept. 25th, at 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, Derby. 5050

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Campsall (8), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential by previous Wednesday to D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 5032

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Holywell (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please look up Kelso Surprise.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5037

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea.—J. Fox, Walpole St. Andrew. 5031

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Buckland (6), Sept. 25th, 3 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 5041

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bitton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 21st, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 5040

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Sept. 25th, 6–9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 5057

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Sept. 25th, Rushden, 2.30-4, Sandon, 3-7. Tea 5. Wallington after tea. Special method, Dunedin Delight. — E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5014

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Annual meeting at Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Parish Room. It is hoped all towers in District will send representatives. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, by Sept. 21st. 4987

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — Meeting at Bottesford (8) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Bull Hotel, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, Nottingham, not later than Saturday, Sept. 18th. All ringers and friends welcome. 5008

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Whickham, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Sept. 23rd, to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. All ringers welcome—N. I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 4980

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 2.30. Business 6. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. Thornley, Sec. 5051

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyme, Sept. 25th. St. Peter's 3-5.30 p.m. St. Michael's, 6-9 p.m. Nearby cafes. — R. Benson. 5018

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Cosby, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Blacksmiths Arms 5 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday Previous, Mrs. Coe, Blacksmiths Arms, Cosby, Leicester. 5033

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughbough District.—Diseworth, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Vicarage. Names by 22nd to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, 28, Hall-Gate, Diseworth, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 4975

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 2.30, service 4, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Shepherd, Stonegate, Gedney, Holbeach, by Sept. 20th. 4979

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting at Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15, at the Brownlow Arms, followed by business. Names for tea by Sept. 20th to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 4983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch. — Autumn meeting at Radley, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 21st, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4970

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, West Wycombe, Sept. 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th. — Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5039

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Newbury Branches.—Combined practice at Thatcham, Sept. 25th, 6 p.m.—Mrs. E. Colley and Mrs. A. D. Cooper, Branch Secs. 5016

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 21st.—Barrett, Prout Bridge, Beaminster. 4984

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Lyneham (6), Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential.—Mr. F. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham. 5042

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names to Miss P. House, 19, Garfield Avenue, Dorchester, by Sept. 21st, please.—J. H. Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5015

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Stradbroke (10, 22 cwt.), Sept. 25th. Tea 5 p.m., if notice given by 22nd.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 5024

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting after. Names to me by Sept. 23rd, please. Carshalton bells (8) available in evening as well. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4981

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Practice meeting Hellingly (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, 5 p.m., must be received by Sept. 22nd.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5025

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 4–5.30, 6.45–8.30. Tea available.—G. Francis. 5054

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Sept. 25th. Five bells. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Woodman Inn, Crawley, after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester, 4989

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at St. Peter's, Sowerby. The recently recast octave will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. It is essential that those requiring tea notify Mr. G. A. Briggs, Farcroft, Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge, by Sept. 23rd.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5004

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Cotgrove, 32, Dawlish Drive, Leigh. 5030

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Oct. 2nd. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15. St. Dunstan's and Cathedral bells available after tea only. St. Stephen's from 2.30. Tea, 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash, please, together with any nominations for district officers, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5026

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District. — Meeting at Spalding, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 27th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 5038

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Anstey on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th. General committee meet Sept. 30th, Cathedral, 7.30. Please note festival date—Oct. 23rd. New report, containing 86 new compositions and a few copies of previous report (182 compositions) available from General Secretary, W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Price 3s. and 1s. 6d. 5000

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois-Weedon on Oct. 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 5034

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting at Edgbaston on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Spr. 1025. 5029

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting Oct. 2nd. Durnford (5) from 2.30. Woodford (6) from 6.15. Tea, Durnford, at 5 for those who notify me by Sept. 28th.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury 5044

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Trowell (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5. Names by previous Wednesday to Rev. K. W. Jones, Trowell Rectory, Nottingham. 5052

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cefn Coed, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 5029

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (10) available from 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 5020

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, at King George Hotel, Barnsley, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, obtainable from me. Please apply not later than Oct. 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5047

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STEEPLEKEEPER AND RINGER

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

I SOMETIMES think, when pondering over the various branches that help towards the smooth running of ringing, that we are apt to underrate the work of steeplekeepers, more especially those who are known as steeplekeepers and ringers combined. In the last century many visiting bands of ringers were at the mercy of men who imagined that because they held the key of the tower they had the right to decide who should enter and who should be refused. How different are conditions to-day, due in many ways to the keen ringer who also holds the position of steeplekeeper.

'A shining example over a number of years is that well-known ringer, the late Mr. William C. Parker, of Staines, whose 88th birthday took place on August 9th, which event was celebrated by a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in the evening. Unfortunately, Mr. Parker has been ill these last two years; in fact he only came out of hospital on the afternoon of his birthday, but he was pleased to see the writer and two other ringing friends in the early evening. Being a man who never sought the limelight, the writer feels that some of the data he culled may be of interest to his many ringing friends, old and new.

Born in the parish of St. Dunstan, Stepney, London, on Aug. 9th, 1866, he came to Staines in 1888 when he was 21, following his trade as a pork butcher. After three years in the riverside town he returned to London, and after eight years of London life he again went to Staines to live. During his absence St. Peter's Church had been built, and shortly after his arrival in 1899 one of the ringers invited him to the tower where ringing on the two bells, the largest and smallest of the present octave, took place. Mr. Parker, then 33, was keen to learn change ringing, and he went to St. Mary's Parish Church in order to make progress. Here he met Mr. W. E. Butler, and it is remarkable to record that these two well-known ringers were the mainstays in Staines for over half a century, and were both towerkeepers.

In 1902 St. Peter's had a ring of eight installed, and Mr. Parker had charge of them until 1952 when at the age of 86 he was forced by ill-health to retire. During the 50 years the bells were in his care they did not need any attention from a bell founder or bell hanger, and considering the number of peals, quarter peals, etc., rung at this popular Middlesex tower it is a great tribute to his efficiency, keenness and thoroughness. As a peal ringer he never entered for a prolific list of peals, and from his first in 1904 to his last on his 80th birthday in 1946, which the writer had the pleasure of calling, his total was 66. Ringers are not measured by the number of peals they ring, and in William Parker could be found many good qualities which made him a popular figure wherever he went, but Sunday ringing in his own tower came first.

During my visit to him on his 88th birthday he recalled his 80th birthday peal where, for three hours, only the voice of the writer was heard making the calls, there being no trips. Pointing to a neatly worded appreciation on his bedroom wall, he bade me read it, and I found it recorded with thanks the appreciation of the parish for 50 years' faithful service as steeplekeeper and bell ringer, dated October 31st, 1949.

BELL RINGING IN SPAIN

By A. S. D. GRAHAM

DURING a recent visit to the Aragonese town of Huesca for the festival of St. Lorenzo, I noticed that the church bells, hung as is usual there in openings round the tower where the louvres might be, were 'up.' On the appearance of the procession, they began to revolve, round and over, producing a rather disconcerted clangour. After enquiries inside the church, three small boys guided me up a long and ruinous flight of steps to the belfry, where I met the ringers.

The bells hung in the walls of the tower, round the outside of an open floor, on bearings that looked ready to drop them at any moment into the square far below. The most striking feature was the headstocks, built up to balance the size and partly the shape and weight of the bells, which must have weighed up to half a ton; in spite of which they were raised by a direct pull. A peg in the wall provided a stay, while the clappers were secured with leather straps.

When the procession returned from its tour of the town a toothless old man let his bell swing down, out of the tower, sounding twice as it went. When it completed its swing he ducked in to seize a handle at the top of the stock, heaving it towards him to bring the bell right over. Every time it missed his head by inches, striking a foot or

so above him. Little wonder that each of the three ringers —a fourth bell hung silent—rang apparently oblivious of the others. Once one of them even left his bell to make a couple of swings unattended while he nipped over to peer down at the priests, images, Morris dancers and military band as they vanished into the church.

I gathered that this is not the only method of ringing these bells; often they are chimed, from the centre of the floor, by a man pulling a spider's web of ropes attached to the clappers, in more or less regular sequences. All the bells for quite a large area around seem to be hung for ringing in this way, the massive variously-shaped wooden stocks, bound by a fan of iron bands securing the ancient canons, looking very well in the earthern-coloured towers. When next I find myself pulling a 'sticky' tenor I shall remember these men, deafened and in apparent danger of decapitation, in a 'ringing room' open to the four whistling winds.

CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Wilfred L. Robinson	6
Donald G. Clift	2	*Norman Mallett	7
William A. Theobald	3	*Reginald W. Rex	8
*George W. Massey	4	*Derek P. Jones	9
Selwyn H. Dearden	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. The first peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Wilfred L. Robinson	6
Arthur H. Reed	2	Reginald W. Rex	7
George W. Massey	3	*Derek P. Jones	8
William A. Theobald	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
Norman Mallett	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	*Reginald W. Rex	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
*Wilfred L. Robinson	3	*†Derek P. Jones	7
*George W. Massey	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	William A. Theobald	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Derek P. Jones	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Reginald W. Rex	7
Norman Mallett	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

PORTMADOC, CAERNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Norman Mallett	5
William A. Theobald	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
George W. Massey	3	*Wilfred L. Robinson	7
*Derek P. Jones	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Padarn,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	George W. Massey	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
William A. Theobald	3	*Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Norman Mallett	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* 500th peal. First peal of Cambridge Major in the county.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	†George W. Massey	5
*Donald G. Clift	2	William A. Theobald	6
Wilfred Williams	3	†Derek P. Jones	7
†Norman Mallett	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of London away from treble. † First peal in the method. First peal of London in the county.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Mins.,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Albert Walker	3	‡George E. Fearn	9
†Jeffrey B. Webb	4	Henry H. Fearn	10
‡Clifford A. Barron	5	Edward P. Duffield	11
Arthur V. Pearson	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Albert Walker.
* 100th peal on the bells. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ 100th peal together.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 4 *Hours and* 1 *Minute.*
At the Bell Tower.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Edward P. Duffield	*Treble*	Selwyn H. Dearden	7
Richard E. Price	2	Clifford A. Barron	8
Michael V. Chilcott	3	John R. Mayne	9
John S. Mason	4	John H. Crampion	10
Geoffrey J. Hemming	5	Frank E. Darby	11
George W. Massey	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

Alfred T. Greenwood	*Treble*	Reginald W. Rex	6
Frederick W. Rogers	2	*J. Michael Lakin	7
Ernest J. Salmons	3	*Maurice J. Butler	8
Nelia M. Leahy	4	*Reginald A. Reed	9
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	*RALPH ELKINGTON	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	†ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOHN A. ACRES	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Caters. † 1,500th peal.
Rung on the 100th anniversary of the consecration of this church (September 6th, 1854).

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRAY, WICKLOW.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	*REGINALD T. JONES	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method in the county.
Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Vicar of Bridstow and his wife (the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Moir).

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST F. JELLEY	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
MURIEL REAY	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	*ROGER SAVORY	6
REGINALD T. JONES	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
*MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 500th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*BARBARA A. ENDALL	*Treble*	†GORDON A. OLLIFFE	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*PETER F. BORER	6
*TREVOR A. CROSS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
*JOHN L. MORRIS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal of New Cambridge.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

C. FREDERICK JUKES	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5
DAVID M. LEES	2	RAYMOND SMITH	6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	4	*RICHARD COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal and first attempt. The quarterly peal for the Association.

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EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in A flat.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	JOHN PINFOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Russell Green, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., on completing 21 years as organist and choirmaster at Edgbaston Old Church.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLAUDE UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	LEONARD TREVOR	6
†ROSEMARY E. ASHLEY	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7
*JOHN G. UNDERWOOD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. 28). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
325th peal as conductor.
Arranged as a farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Argyle, who is leaving the parish for Coldharbour, Surrey.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. WOLSTAN'S DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

T. MAUREEN LLOYD	*Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE	5
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
ANDREW R. CARTER	3	RICHARD J. CARTER	7
KENNETH A. ROE	4	THOS. EDWARD HARROLD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by THOS. EDWARD HARROLD.
First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band for the return of T. E. Harrold and R. J. Carter from service in H.M. Forces and as a farewell to R. F. Roe, who is leaving the district.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 REGINA BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. B. S. NICHOLS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
MARIE R. CROSS	2	FREDERICK VICKERS	6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
DAVID EDWARDS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to the Rector of Witney and his wife, Canon R. F. and Mrs. Bale, on their 35th wedding anniversary.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb in D.

JOAN E. M. HILLS	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
*THOMAS E. SONE	2	*‡ERNEST J. LADD	6
†‡ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal together. † 200th peal. ‡ 75th peal together.
A farewell to the Rev. H. E. Collins on his retirement after 25 years Rector of this parish.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
*DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*HILDRED S. WICKENS	*Treble*	*†WILFRED W. RING	5
JOHN R. COOPER	2	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	*MARK W. MARSHALL	7
*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH
* First peal in the method. † 125th peal.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
SUSAN JACKSON	3	SEALY S. WOODBURN	7
IVOR GOULTER	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.
First peal as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

ELSIE F. FELTWELL	*Treble*	*CLEMENT F. BONNETT	4
*PATRICIA M. HOWARD	2	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	5
JOHN A. HOWARD	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hicks on the birth of a daughter.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz., 720 Oxford Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

EDMUND MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN H. CRAMPION	4
DONALD G. CLIFT	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
First peals in five methods on the bells.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutets,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 38 six-scores, two 240's, by Morris. Tenor 16 cwt.

RAYMOND S. JONES	*Treble*	THOMAS J. GUNDY	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	2	AUBREY J. PROBERT	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
A birthday compliment to Mr. T. J. Gundy.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
JOHN VERNON	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Webb, of Radford, Coventry. Mr. Webb was formerly captain at this tower. Also the 26th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. E. CHANDLER	*Treble*	*BRIAN WERRY	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and St. Clement's, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Single Oxford. (72 changes of method.) Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*RUTH PATON	*Treble*	R. GORDON CROSS	4
†DAVID A. EDWARDS	2	†WILLIAM C. PORTER	5
MARIE R. CROSS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First peal of Minor in more than seven methods. First in 11 methods on the bells.

Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cross; also for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the treble and for the birthday of the Vicar of Radley, the Rev. J. V. Pixell.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE	*Treble*	THOMAS COOPER	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal in nine methods on the bells.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRIAN MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOADBY	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	SAMUEL A. MARTIN	5
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung following the wedding of Miss Ivy May Jordan, a member of the local company, to Mr. Alan George Smith.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HERBERT GOAKES	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	5
RONALD J. HILL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

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DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST G. ROAST ..	..*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
*EDWARD W. ROAST ..	2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	5
MARY DOWSETT	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in seven methods.
A wedding compliment to Mr. John Owen and Miss Mary Hopkirk, daughter of the Rector of Danbury, who were married this day at the above church.

OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRITISH SCHOLARS' PLEASURE TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REX M. DIXON	..*Treble*	MICHAEL ORME	4
MAURICE A. COLLINGS ..	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
ANGELA WILLES	3	PHILIP MEHEW	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Believed to be the first peal in the method. First peal for 15 years, also of Treble Bob, on the bells.
A mark of thanksgiving for the recovery of the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Courtenay, from serious illness.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	4
EILEEN M. TURNER	2	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	5
ANN M. COX	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 100th peal. The first peal on the bells, dedicated on June 13th, 1954. The conductor's 75th peal of Minor in that capacity.

GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PHILIP MEHEW	..*Treble*	JOHN F. COLLINGS ..	4
*ALFRED MYNOTT	2	*THOMAS LEONARD	5
MAURICE A. COLLINGS ..	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal, both members of the local band. The first peal on the bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*GEOFFREY THRUSH ..	..*Treble*	†DEREK FOWLES	4
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	WILLIAM H. COLES ..	5
PETER WOODGYER	3	FRANK C. PRICE ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to the glory of God, in memory of and as thanksgiving for the life and work of Maurice Child, Rector here 1935 to 1950.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents of 120 (10 different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

MISS G. BURCHNALL ..	*Treble*	*WILLIAM L. EXTON ..	4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ..	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CHARLES J. COPP ..	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In eight methods, consisting of one extent of Skipton and Chepstow, one of Balmoral and Fotheringay, two of Wilmslow and Bogedone, and three of Knutsford and Rostherne. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER ..	..*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
*RUTH M. JACKSON	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ..	5
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Minor.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ..	..*Treble*	GEORGE A. CHARLTON ..	4
ERNEST W. TIPLER	2	PETER J. THOMAS	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung in memory of John H. Grundy.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

ROBERT E. BECK ..	..*Treble*	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ..	4
RONALD G. BECK	2	DAVID HOARE	5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	3	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
First peal in seven methods as conductor.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH	..*Treble*	A. HUBERT EPLETT ..	4
*DAVID PENROSE	2	*C. KEITH BREWER	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS ..	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the rehung bells.
Rung for the 14th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores, and 240 Morris's arrangement.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARJORIE LEGG	..*Treble*	WALTER TILEY	4
GEORGE PRESCOTT	2	KENNETH MEDWAY	5
FREDERICK L. ANDREWS ..	3	REGINALD DARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
In memoriam E. J. Avery.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BERESFORD	1—2	DENNIS BERESFORD ..	5—6
JOAN BERESFORD	3—4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7—8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand' by all the band and for the Society. First peal in the method as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7—8

Holt's Original. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana M. Gough 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Beryl Reynolds (first 'inside' to Minor) 3, H. W. Brown 4, B. K. Turnbull 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Littlewood 1, J. Day 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, R. E. Manton 5, A. E. Hinman 6. A wedding compliment to Arnold Brown and Mary Burton, both church workers at Asfordby Parish Church, who were married on September 4th.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, on the back 6: A. Bysouth 1, A. Tuttle (14, first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, W. Bysouth (first of Oxford Treble Bob Minor) 3, C. Bysouth 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): B. Linnell 1, R. Line 2, N. Line 3, G. F. Roome 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Miss K. Drage and Mr. D. Alderton.

CARDIFF.—On Sept. 5th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. G. Jones (first of Stedman) 1, A. W. Heath 2, Jennifer M. Stephens (first of Stedman) 3, W. H. Dare 4, F. Rowsell 5, J. Evans 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, S. R. Barker 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss Jennifer M. Stephens, who is shortly starting a course at Salisbury Training College.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Baldwin 1, T. Palmer 2, J. Taylor 3, G. Garlick 4, F. Wise 5, A. Fletcher (cond.) 6, H. Escutt 7. With 5, 7 covering. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Money, mother of a member of the tower, whose funeral was that afternoon.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Lee (first of Triples) 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, T. Gray (first Triples 'inside') 3, G. C. Weeks 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, E. Sutton 6, P. W. Weeks 7, W. F. Knight 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Reginald O. Fry, the conductor's father.

QUARTER PEALS

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Perry 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, Miss J. A. Burge 3, H. Burge 4, J. C. Taylor 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. G. Budd 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harry Burge, in Australia, a nephew of the ringer of the 4th.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Pearson 1, Mrs. W. Wall 2, Miss E. Pearson 3, T. Turner 4, V. Forshaw 5, R. Suart 6, N. M. Newby 7, T. Metcalfe (cond.) 8. Rung for the 96th birthday of Miss Heys, a friend of the ringers, and as a farewell to T. Turner, who is leaving for Northern Rhodesia.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Wade 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, C. Saywood 6, E. Piper 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Sept. 12th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Lyle 1, M. Bishop 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. D. W. Bishop 5, H. C. Vine 6. First 720 for 1 and 2. Rung for Evensong.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. S. Langdon 3, J. Waters 4, H. Ellis 5, B. Lunn 6, James Phillips 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8, A. B. Peck 9, J. Alsopp 10.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, B. Sydenham 3, P. J. Eves 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, A. L. Simmonds (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8. Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of Mr. F. Payne.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Minor: W. E. Geary 1, T. Isom 2, T. E. Gardner 3, E. Geary 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, D. Dodson 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. G. W. Tavener, who died September 5th. He was a former Vicar of Ratby-cum-Groby.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Unstead 1, Miss K. Yeo 2, A. Goldsmith 3, E. Breed 4, G. Gadd (cond.) 5, E. Hobden 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HENDON, N.W.—On Sept. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Pratchett (first of Minor) 1, Miss R. Foreman 2, R. Charge 3, R. Saunders 4, A. Fudge (first of Minor) 5, J. Parslow (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to E. E. Pratchett, now in his 80th year, who has been ringing at St. Mary's 65 years.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, H. King 5, L. Sharpe 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. Bishop and Miss Gillard.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. T. Mudd, T. H. Taffender 2, C. W. Ottley 3, I. H. Oram 4, C. A. Hughes 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, J. A. Hales 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Small 1, H. Allen 2, W. E. Eveleigh 3, A. Tapley 4, P. Allen 5, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for 1 and 4.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lee 1, W. Burston 2, R. W. Shire (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, P. Holway 6. Rung after Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. H. Freeman, Vicar for 26 years.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Beavan 1, Miss J. Green 2, P. Morgan 3, E. C. Davis 4, R. T. Jones 5, C. G. Jones 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. J. Webb 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Burnett 1, A. Gooding 2, W. Seldon 3, W. Panter 4, A. Tapley 5, J. Salway 6, W. Reekes (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and a wedding compliment to Preb. and Mrs. E. V. Cox.

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Apropos bells heard over the 'phone, mentioned last week, Danbury ringers had a similar experience. Passing through London on her honeymoon, Mrs. Owen 'phoned her parents, the Rev. F. S. and Mrs. Hopkirk, at Danbury Rectory and clearly heard the peal (recorded on page 614) being rung to celebrate her marriage at the church earlier in the day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Exercise will extend its warmest congratulations to Mrs. H. J. Poole on ringing her 500th peal on September 8th. She is the third lady to accomplish this feat, the first being Mrs. John Thomas, who rang her 500th on January 31st, 1953, at Salford Priors, Warwickshire, and the second Mrs. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, later in the year.

Mr. R. Warner thanks his friends of the Chertsey District for their good wishes. He is making a recovery, but progress will be slow.

Mr. W. J. Paice, of Wokingham, is in Reading Hospital. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite, of 45, Herschell Street, Preston, has been appointed 'Ringing World' representative to the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association.

His friends in the College Youths and the Guildford Guild will congratulate Mr. F. A. Munday, captain of Holy Trinity, Guildford, tower, on ringing his 100th peal. This was particularly elusive, some five attempts being necessary to reach the century mark.

Mr. Derek P. Jones, of Hitchin, has been giving instruction at Guilden Morden for some months. On September 10th two of his pupils —Alfred Mynott and Thomas Leonard—rang their first peals. There are other promising recruits coming along.

A farewell quarter to Mr. P. Bates before joining H.M. Forces was planned at St. Matthew's, Widcombe, Bath, his own tower. Proceedings, however, were terminated by a rope breaking. Nothing daunted, he and another ringer went to another Bath tower whose practice night coincided. Permission to ring was granted and a quarter peal with four locals was achieved.

Members of the Central Council and their friends in the Exercise will join with us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, on their golden wedding anniversary, which takes place next Sunday. For his 74th birthday and also for the 73rd of his friend, Mr. W. J. Robinson, Mr. Pulling rang in a peal of London Surprise Major at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on September 16th.

Errata. — The conductor of the peal at Durleigh, Somerset, on August 28th was Mr. Ronald D. Short and not as published on page 581. The age of the treble ringer, Geoffrey R. Marchant, is 14.

At the joint meeting of the Middlesex and Oxford Guilds at Hillingdon on October 23rd it is hoped to dedicate a memorial to Mr. William Honor, ringer at Hillingdon for 68 years.

Is the peal at Old Warden, Bedfordshire, on September 13th, the first to be rung by combined Public Schools? The band was composed of members of Bedford Modern School and Bedford School.

A great friend of Northamptonshire ringers was Canon W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, who has just retired after 60 years in Holy Orders, of which 30 have been spent as Rector of Sulgrave. In 1928 he was instrumental in having the old five at Sulgrave recast and rehung in a new frame, and in 1931 a new treble was added.

The silver wedding of Mr. Oliver Wood, captain of the Seaford band, and Mrs. Wood was celebrated by a gathering of Seaford and Southover ringers. On September 1st a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, and ringers and friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wood. The gathering was overshadowed by the death the day before of Mr. W. Hurst, an old and respected member of the Seaford band.

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MR. ERNEST MORRIS RINGS HIS 1,500th PEAL

Verger-Author of St. Margaret's, Leicester

Another milestone was accomplished in the life of Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, on September 6th, when he rang his 1,500th peal. This feat has only been accomplished in the history of change ringing by four other men—W. Pye 1,969, G. R. Pye 1,878, F. Bennett 1,600 and G. Williams 1,508.

Probably no man has done more by his writings—for journals, magazines and by books—to bridge the gap between the general public and ringing. Most of our readers are familiar with his books, which include 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' 'Legends o' the Bells,' 'Bells in English Life,' 'Chimes and Chime Tunes' and 'Bells of All Nations.' His latest book, 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' will be published in the course of a month or two.

Bells are not the only subjects that he writes on. From his pen have come articles dealing with door knockers, fire backs, horse brasses, wool weights, locks and keys, church fonts and village crosses. He has also written books on the histories of St. Margaret's and Knighton Churches and St. Margaret's Select Vestry and its work. He has MS. ready for publication of 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' 'Crosses and Monoliths of Leicestershire,' and is now engaged in collecting photographs and material for 'The Church Fonts of the Leicester Diocese.'

Mr. Morris served as general hon. secretary of the old Midland Counties Association from 1925 till it divided into Diocesan Guilds in 1945. He serves as a consultant for bells on the Leicester Diocesan Advisory Committee.

His 1,500 peals contain many that are of special interest. Of the 632 he has conducted are the longest lengths for the Midland Counties Association of 6,600 Doubles, 7,200 and 10,080 Minor; twice 7,008 and 13,440 Bob Major and another of 9,760 with 400 Singles. He also conducted 10,912 Kent Treble Bob, 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob, the record for Little Bob (6,720), Little Canterbury (6,720), Spliced Treble Bob (Ilkeston), 9,120 and (Worcester) 9,600.

Among the peals he has taken part in are 7,008 and 12,896 record of Cambridge Surprise Major; 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford Cathedral; 9,344 and 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major; the peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral by twelve secretaries; Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the old Bow bells; Stedman Caters on the old ten at Manchester Town Hall called by the late James W. Washbrook and a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the new twelve.

He conducted the quickest tower-bell peal yet rung (5,040 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes), also the only 'Ernest' peal of Major, and took part in peals with four sets of brothers, four fathers and sons, also five fathers and sons.

HIS 1,500 PEALS

ON TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 38 (cond. 36), Stedman 5 (2), two methods 23 (22), three methods 16 (15), four methods 21 (20), five methods 8 (6), six methods 5 (5), seven methods 2 (2), eight methods 1 (1), nine methods 1 (1), twelve methods 1 (1), fourteen methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 100 (84), Double Bob 1, Canterbury 2 (1), St. Clement's 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 8 (5), Oxford Treble Bob 2 (1), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Oxford Single 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 18 (8), York Surprise 1, Carlisle Surprise 1, London Surprise 2, Chester Surprise 1, Netherseale Surprise 1, two methods 24 (19), three methods 30 (20), four methods 21 (15), five methods 3 (3), six methods 2 (1), seven methods 9 (5), twelve methods 1, 105 methods 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 91 (66), Little Bob 10 (7), Plain and Little 1 (1), Canterbury 3 (3), Little Canterbury 3 (3), Canterbury and Plain 1 (1), Plain and Grandsire Triples 2 (2), Gainsborough 1, Spliced 3 methods 1 (1), Spliced 4 methods 1, Spliced 6 methods 1 (1), Double Norwich 52 (17), Double Norwich and Plain 1 (1), Forward 1 (1), Duffield 1, Shilton 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 29 (14), Oxford Treble Bob 4 (2), Ilkeston 7 (3), Worcester 2 (1), Liversedge 1 (1), Granta 1 (1).

MR. ERNEST MORRIS

Major.—Surprise: Superlative 47 (12), Real Superlative 1 (1), Cambridge 73 (14), New Cambridge 9 (1), Superlative and Cambridge 1 (1), London 35 (1), Bristol 45 (3), Yorkshire 22 (2), York 1, Staffordshire 1, Pudsey 1, Bognor 1, Painswick 1, Braunstone 1, Belgrave 1, Rutland 2, Kirklington 1.

Triples. — Grandsire 133 (96), Stedman 101 (22), Plain Bob 2 (1), Canterbury 1 (1), Oxford Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 27 (18), Stedman 50 (14), Spliced Grandsire and Stedman 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 6 (4), Kent Treble Bob 10 (5), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 40 (6), New Cambridge Surprise 3, Goldsborough Surprise 1, Leicester Surprise 2, Pudsey Surprise 3, York Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 1, Melton Surprise 1, Lindsey Surprise 1, Wye Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 25 (2).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 18, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Yorkshire 6, York 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Goscote 1.

Total on tower bells 1,262 (613).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 7, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 16 (7), Stedman 39 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 26 (4), Plain and Gainsborough 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 8 (1), Kent Treble Bob 7, Ilkeston 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Caters. — Grandsire 6 (2), Stedman 69 (2), Spliced Grandsire and Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 5 (1), Double Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 38.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Total 'in hand' 238 (19).

THE WEEK FOR NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

How the Counties Have Responded

With next week being the first issue of the new quarter, this is the appropriate time for the enrolment of new postal subscribers. (Rates 6s. per quarter, £1 2s. 6d. for a year, to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.)

Since the present drive started Hertfordshire has made the best response. The support of the different counties to last week-end was as follows:—

30.—Hertfordshire.
27.—Essex.
18.—Wales.
17.—Surrey.
15.—London.
13.—Staffordshire.
12.—Lancashire.
11.—Leicestershire.
10.—Birmingham, Devon, Norfolk.
9.—Sussex.
7.—Hampshire
6.—Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Kent, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Yorkshire.
5.—Durham, Gloucestershire, Australia.
4.—Berkshire, Huntingdonshire, Middlesex, Northants, Suffolk.
3.—Bristol, Cheshire, Dorset, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Warwickshire, Worcestershire.
2.—Cornwall, Herefordshire, Oxfordshire.

WEDDING OF PREB. E. V. COX

On Thursday, September 9th, the wedding took place at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Withycombe Raleigh, Devon, of the Rev. E. V. Cox, Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral, and Miss Alison Hylda Pope, of The Maldens, Exmouth. The ceremony was performed by Canon C. Carew Cox, cousin of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. G. Bateman, Vicar of Withycombe Raleigh.

Prebendary Cox, who has spent nearly 40 years of his ministry in Devon, is one of the best known and well-loved ringers in the county and has been for the last 21 years president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

After the wedding a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following band of Guild officers: E. J. Taylor 1, E. W. Biffin 2, B. Pidgeon 3, E. M. Atkins 4, J. E. Lilley 5, C. J. Turner 6, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 7, S. Elliott 8.

RINGING AT A COUNTY SHOW

This year, for the first time, a group of priests of the Diocese of Peterborough under the chairmanship of Canon G. Turner, of Rothwell, organised a 'Church Tent' at the County Show at Overstone Park, Northampton, on September 11th.

Many aspects of the Church's work were shown by an exhibition of the produce of the earth, and the work of men's hands, the title of each group being a verse of the Benedicite.

The altar of the chapel was made of bales of straw, and two fencing hurdles did duty as the communion rails.

Eight members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild rang handbells for half an hour before evensong at 6 p.m. in the fenced off area in front of the tent.

The ringing, which consisted of Grandsire Triples and Caters and a 448 of Bob Major, was seen and heard by literally hundreds of people, and we are pleased to think that this excellent opportunity of showing the public the ringers' work was not lost.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

In South and Mid-Wales

THIS was held during the usual period, from August 30th to September 4th, and was ably organised by Brian Price. For those able to take part, the 'week' was preceded by a romantic pilgrimage to St. David's. The atmosphere which belongs to so many places of pilgrimage in the far west—Iona, Santiago da Compostella, and the Cornish shrines, far from men's quarrelsome haunts — belongs in full measure to St. David's. The place can only be reached by long journeys by road, strangely desolate for the last seventeen hills, and what a thrill it is, having travelled for hours over mountain and moor, to find the village at the end of the road possesses a great Cathedral, as venerable and full of history as any in these islands, and furthermore alive to-day. Despite the machinations of those who in recent years have diverted the money dedicated to the worship of God to baser purposes, the purple Cathedral in the village is the centre to-day of a vigorous life of worship and music. It was a joy to share in this for an all too brief week-end.

The St. David's contingent met at the Swan, Abergavenny, at '4 p.m.' on August 28th, to allot transport. After the most adventurous part of the day's journeyings, all arrived at St. David's about 8 p.m. Despite the smallness of the village-city, it took some time for all to sort themselves out, and to find the friendly accommodation allotted to them. The organiser's circular had modestly stated that Sunday would be 'relatively quiet.' This proved a decided understatement. The undersigned's programme, which was typical of most of the party, included ringing at the Cathedral, 7.20 a.m.; Holy Communion at the Cathedral, 8; ringing there again, 10.15; Mattins, 11; a visit to the ancient harbour in a tiny fjord of Norwegian type (the importance of which probably led St. David to found the Cathedral there 1,350 years ago) after lunch; the Cathedral library, 3-4; ringing at the Cathedral, 5.15; Evensong, 6; more ringing, 7.15-8; climbing the local 'mountain' 600 feet high which gives a fine view of hills, moors and sea, 9 p.m. What with the friendliness of the Cathedral ringers, the organist, and the choir, we felt impressively at home, with all the ages of British history and the best of British culture, in this lovely far-distant place.

A WHIRL

Monday was simply a whirl, what with jumping into cars and out again, desolate mountain roads, crowded streets, parking in impossible places, lightning introductions to charming ringers and welcoming bells. . . First the Seventeen Hills to Haverfordwest. Negotiating the 'houseroof' roads of the town, to the grand church, one of the finest examples of an 'Early English' parish church in Britain, Cambridge on the fine eight (tenor 19 cwt.). A dash over unfamiliar roads to Tenby. Brief glimpse of lovely sands, rocks and bathers—in the drizzle. Legal parking virtually impossible. A dash round the church to find (a) the tower, (b) its entrance (why are the entrances in so many Welsh towers difficult to find? Was this to bamboozle the English in earlier days?). Stedman on the eight (tenor 14 cwt.) here. Then to Carmarthen for lunch (ad lib, i.e. not organised), followed by Double Norwich, etc., on the grand eight (tenor 22 cwt.) at St. Peter's. A dash to Llandeilo (St. Teilo—what charming local saints so many of the Welsh parish churches, like the Cornish ones, are dedicated to), for Cambridge, etc., on a nice six, followed by a further dash to Llandovery (St. Dinget) for Cambridge on another very nice six

Tea was most kindly provided on a generous scale in the Parish Hall by charming ladies, who were in some doubt as to whether they were the Mothers' Union, the Women's Institute, or the Girls' Friendly Society, but who surely combined the virtues of all three. So to Abergavenny, where the less adventurous members were already ringing at the grand Abbey Church on its magnificent ten. We were honoured at dinner at the Swan (where we stayed, virtually monopolising the building and overflowing into other hotels) by the Mayor and Mayoress of Abergavenny, who accompanied us afterwards to the Abbey again for the local practice night, in which we had the pleasure of joining. The Vicar had welcomed us in a charming speech at 6, but had to tell us at 8.45 that a 'gentleman' nearby was complaining that we were interrupting his business, and that curtailment of ringing was advisable. Any business carried on at such a time seemed likely to be fictitious or nefarious—we suspected the former. Had we discovered who he was (like other mischief makers, he appeared to be anonymous) we might have added to his business by further phone calls till a late—or early—hour. But the warmth of the welcome by the Abergavenny ringers, as well as the Mayor and Mayoress, outshines all else in memory.

GUILD'S 400th PEAL

On Tuesday members rang the Guild's 400th peal — Cambridge (appropriately) Major at Caerphilly. The rest had a memorable if from ringing's point of view unusual morning, touring the great Ebbw Vale steelworks, and seeing all processes from the Bessemer converter to finished steel plates, both tinned and plain. Amongst unforgettable impressions was the amount of heat still radiated over a considerable distance of a twenty-ton ingot after it had been under dozens of rollers and had gallons of water on it. If politicians realised more the amount of discomfort involved in such industry they might devote less of its products to war. Dangers there are in plenty. A worker fell into a crucible one day, leaving no visible trace. The contents, several tons, were cast into an ingot which was buried. Who undertook we did not hear.

In the afternoon, we rang at Llanbradach (8 cwt.), then at St. Sannan's, Bedwellty. The ringers gave us a magnificent tea at Ebbw Vale, for which we were truly grateful. There followed a peal of Superlative on the magnificent eight at Ebbw Vale, which are a real pleasure to ring. Others rang at St. Elli, Llanelly, on the six (tenor 10 cwt.), which are not in Dove's Guide.

A PEAL ATTEMPT AT BRECON

First tower on Wednesday was St. Tydfil, Merthyr Tydfil, the entrance to whose tower (fine eight), with welcoming locals, was eventually found. Then to St. Elvan, Aberdare, whose nice eight were rehung in 1935 by Taylor's. A nice six at St. John Baptist, Cefn Coed. A magnificent drive over the mountains, past Storey Arms, with the Brecon Beacons on our right, and a glorious day for seeing them, to Brecon. At St. Mary's a peal of Bristol was attempted, but we had not been permitted to lock the door, and a local appeared rather disconcertingly and stood around until the band broke down. He seemed a bit surprised and apologetic about the connection between the two facts. Then he let the band lock themselves in, but a colleague of his appeared later through another door, the existence of which we were ignorant, wound the clock, and quietly closed the trap door which had been carefully opened to make the trebles audible. A gramophone record might have ploughed unconcernedly through all these distractions, but not so the peal band. Those wanting peals might have a clearer understanding of the matters involved another time.

Non-pealers rang on three nice sixes, at Llanfaes, a suburb of Brecon, Bronllys, with a nice detached campanile, and Talgarth. Then to the lovely light eight at St. Meugan, Llanfigan, where we'd have loved a peal. That evening the annual meeting was held. Matters discussed at this included the printing or duplicating of the Guild history from the time of the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake's history, 1929, to the present. The next Guild Week was agreed to be at Cambridge (in accordance with the custom of going there every five years), August 29th to September 3rd, 1955. The Annual Dinner to be in Cambridge at a date (probably the Lent term) to be fixed later. Brian Price was warmly thanked for his organising.

THE POLICEMAN'S DIRECTORY

On Thursday a band found a number of circumstances, each small but cumulative, made a peal at St. Cybi, Llangibby, a bit too hard. A kindly local here had told us that the 2nd was the treble. 'Others, more mild, retreated in a silent valley' ('Paradise Lost,' Book 2), climbed 1,400 ft. up to ring at Blaenavon, then on the light eight with long draught of rope at Trevethin. All gathered at Tredunnock (an old six), where the tenor wheel was loose and the 4th slider slid too far with the usual consequences. In the afternoon to the glorious eight at Usk, for spliced, etc. The organ here (from Llandaff Cathedral) has reeds sticking out horizontally as in Spanish organs, with dramatic effect when you play them. At St. Cadoc, Caerleon, ringing was sandwiched between visits to the remains of the Roman city—the amphitheatre, museum, etc. A local policeman here told some of us to 'take that road, it's the right direction and it goes to the mental hospital.' The connection wasn't obvious. At Blaenavon was noted 'Rule 13. No objection is made to female ringers.' This in these enlightened days happily expresses the University Guild's attitude, an improvement on former days. Then to Llanfrechfa, where what you hear is 1 and 2 against background noises. After another visit to Abergavenny tower, the evening finished with a dash up a valley to ring the first 720 on the fine six at St. Clydog, Clodock.

On Friday we rang at St. Michael, Lower Machen (8), then on the fine 12 at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. After this the undersigned left for home, and therefore takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the rest of this record. A peal was attempted (and perhaps got) at All Saints', Newport, and a glorious week concluded with the six at Nash, the six steel bells at Bessaleg, and the eight at Marshfield. We departed feeling most grateful to all in this locality for the kind welcome they gave us and the plans they made for our comfort.

GILBERT THURLOW.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

E. W. TIPLER.—Ernest William Tipler was born at Kettering in 1889. Arrived at Lutterworth (via Leicester) 1902 (still here). Learned to handle a bell in 1903 and joined the Sunday service band 1904. The ringing then was call changes. The year 1910 saw the birth of a change ringing band under the direction of the late William Willson, of Leicester. Rang first peal, Grandsire Triples, 1922. Up to date has rung 88 peals in the four standard methods. Took up, as a hobby, juggling with figures about 1928. With the kind assistance of such good men as the late Arthur Craven, A. G. Driver and the grand old man of them all, George Baker, attained the position he now holds. He is afraid that the only works available are a few scraps of paper and a notebook.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL RINGING IN DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I should like to supplement the article on 'Peal ringing in Derbyshire' by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' page 553. The number of peals rung at Holy Cross Church, Morton, was not mentioned in the article. However, 30 peals (one less than at Blackwell) have been rung there and I think this should have been included with the six-bell towers.

It may be interesting to note that 19 of the peals rung at Morton (all the peals are Minor) were rung in the period 1924–1931, 10 during 1947–1950, and one this year. A new treble was added to the old five bells at Morton in 1923 and apparently no peals were rung on the original five bells prior to 1923.

At Blackwell the sixth bell was added in 1946, and out of the total of 31 peals rung there probably 20 or more were rung on the five bells. This is worth mentioning since the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seems to infer that five-bell peals are practically non-existent in Derbyshire.

If it has not already been done, I should like to correct the statement that no peal has been rung at Wingerworth. At least one peal has been rung there, that being since the last war.—Yours faithfully,

B. A. RICHARDS.

Morton, Derbyshire.

ST. HELEN'S, DARLEY DALE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on peal ringing in Derbyshire by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, I would like to mention the Church of St. Helen, Darley, which has a long record of change ringing. The bells were made into a ring of eight in 1902.

We have no records of any peals on the old six, but there were numerous 720's of Minor, including Treble Bob, from about 1880 to 1902. On the eight bells 90 peals have been rung, including several first peals in the method for the Midland Counties Association.

Twenty-two peals have been rung since the last war, the majority of them by the Sunday service ringers. It is interesting to note that in all but two peals local ringers have taken part.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. PAULSON.

Darley Dale.

PEAL RINGING IN DEVONSHIRE

Dear Sir,—With reference to peal ringing in Devonshire, may I send the following correction that has been caused by augmentation? This increases the proportion of six-bell towers. There are now 86 eight-bell towers, 248 six-bell towers and 31 five-bell towers. If you subtract the unringable rings of bells the proportion becomes still greater, as there are 2 eights, 2 sixes and 8 fives, leaving 84 eights, 246 sixes, 23 fives plus 2 twelves, and 2 tens, making 246 sixes to 111 others.—Yours faithfully, W. C. PANTER.

Pinhoe, Exeter.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5,008 Double Norwich rung at Bures, Suffolk, on August 28th, and published on page 580 in the issue of September 10th, should have contained the footnote: Composition rung for the first time.

This peal was published in 'The Ringing World' in February, 1953, and I can find no trace of it being rung before. Several of the band are interested to know if our claim is correct.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD L. MILLS.

Bures.

NAMING THE PUPPIES

Dear Sir,—I am a campanologist who has fairly recently taken up the fascinating hobby of breeding and exhibiting dogs, my choice being Pembrokeshire Welsh Corgis. The idea of combining both hobbies occurred to me when I had to register the first litter of puppies at the Kennel Club early last year.

I do not aspire to such academic heights as Miss Churchill does in choosing names—my registered prefix, 'Saffid' is derived from my maiden name and the Latin form of my married name. By adding such ringing terms as run smoothly and pleasantly off the tongue, I can 'brand' my dogs with both my husband's and my own family name, and a hobby practised by both families. For example, one of my bitches is registered as 'Saffid Primrose Delight,' whilst 'Maximus' was chosen as more suitable for a dog.

Our ringing friends are most helpful when names are required, and we are now busily engaged in choosing appropriate titles for our next litter.—Yours faithfully,

(MRS.) BETTY M. FAITHFULL.

Southampton.

ST. ALFEGE CHURCH, GREENWICH

Dear Sir,—This historic church was burnt out by enemy action in 1941, and has been beautifully restored by the War Damage Commission, though the parish had to raise £6,000. Since this work was completed we have put in hand the restoration of the bells, and when they were removed ot the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank it was found that all except the tenor bell would have to be recast. This has been done and they are now being rehung, and we have arranged for the dedication of the ring to take place at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31st, 1954.

The original ring of eight was made by R. Phelps in 1731 and cast by Mears and Stainbank at their Whitechapel Foundry, one of them being inscribed as the gift of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Caroline. Two more were added in 1734, and the tenor (25 cwt.) was cast in 1824. It may also be of interest to note that this ring of ten bells is exactly the same weight, bell for bell, as the ring recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank at Chesterfield Parish Church.

The total cost of this work is £1,330, all of which the parish will have to raise, as it is not deemed to be war damage, and we would, of course, be grateful for any help which those interested in the preservation of such ancient bells can give us.—Yours sincerely,

C. S. NASON (Rev.).

The Vicarage, Park Vista,
Greenwich, S.E.10.

FIRE

Dear Sir,—I was greatly interested in this front page article. In my father's time it was a nightmare to keep the dust of years down in Morpeth Watch Tower. I remember how he and my brother scraped among the bells and my sister washed the floor of the ringing room.

The bells were recast in 1951, and after three years when the dust of years was quickly showing the Council decided to have the belfry painted throughout. I am afraid the bell loft has not been done. One painter said to me, 'I am not going up there; a bell might fall on me.' I never thought of a bell falling on me in those days of unringable bells when I climbed over or crawled under them to fix cords for clock chiming. I wish I had asked Mr. Fidler, of Loughborough, how to keep that bell loft clean.—Yours sincerely,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth.

THE FULL EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Can anyone at Loughborough enlighten us re the following? Two or three years ago at Peterborough a strong rumour was going round of an attempt at the Foundry for the full extent of Major. I heard nothing further until about six weeks ago when a paragraph appeared in a national paper stating that eight ringers were going to ring for twenty hours at the Foundry last month, as there was no annoyance at that tower to the public.

Now if my memory serves me correctly the middle four bells of the back eight do not allow much room for a relief to take over, and to ring for twenty hours is rather a tall order. Someone must have sent the information to the Press. I certainly think our own Press should have been the first to receive the news. Is it wishful thinking or a leg pull?—Yours,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

HOSPITALITY IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mr. Paul Field's statement with regard to Cornwall and its hospitality, which I have enjoyed over a number of years.

Five ringers, including myself, made up the Somerset party which joined him on the August Bank Holiday 'border outing.' Spending the week-end at Launceston, we shared of this hospitality to the full, thanks to Mr. Wilf Boucher, of St. Mary's, who, until we met him on the Saturday, was a stranger to us. At short notice he arranged 'digs' for us and ringing at six towers, where we found warm welcome, although we were 'scientific chaps.'—Yours faithfully,

R. D. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

'THIS TIDYING UP'

Dear Sir,—It appears that Mr. Butler has the same interpretation of Mr. Birmingham's letter as I had, viz: four consecutive blows are allowed in Doubles, but not in higher numbers, therefore, as sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, start kicking at the Doubles ringers. But is the meat of a goose to that of a gander the same as Doubles is to higher numbers? Far from it, and I say that to try to apply the same rules to all numbers of bells is just sheer bunk. As for the remark about the peal of Plain Bob Caters, Mr. Butler was there when Mr. Birmingham gave me his reasons for suggesting it.

Is it the Methods Committee and the Central Council that are dictating and 'tidying up'? I personally think that there are one or two puritanical individuals who are satisfying their personal whims by using the 'gift of the gab' in the very short time that the Council sits for discussion after two or three days' 'tower-grabbing.'

Finally, at the risk of getting a 'M.Y.O.B.,' may I ask when the 'Collection of Doubles Methods' will be published? Will it be complete or will it be the same as the Collections of Minor, Triples and Major (incomplete)?—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

PARSONS AND MUTED BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is certainly to be deplored that there exist incumbents who dislike the ringing of church bells, but even more to be deplored are the ill-advised and unworthy sentiments expressed by your correspondent, Mr. E. J. Rowe, in the sentence which concludes his letter appearing in a recent issue. No doubt there will be many, with myself, who hope that, after seeing it in 'cold' print, its author will regret it as casting an adverse reflection upon himself and bell ringers in general.—Yours truly,

B. E. BARTLETT.

Torquay.

LETTERS—Continued

A KENT TOUR AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. Jenkins and his party on their successful tour in Kent. Having rung peals in all the towers they visited except Quex Park, and in many other Kent towers as well, I was most interested in the account of their activities.

Reference to my friend Mark Lancefield's entry into the sphere of twelve-bell ringing prompts me to recall his first entry into serious peal ringing in 1945. On a peal ringing week in Kent he and his brother Albert stood in a peal of Bob Major at Cheriton—the first of the week. This was their first peal on eight bells, but before the week was over they had rung peals of Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major. In all these peals they rang creditably and without prompting, and I doubt whether this amount of progress in peal ringing within a week has ever been equalled. Since those days Mark has established himself as a conductor and it has been a thrill to follow the activities of his friends and himself in the Ashford district.

I would share Mr. Jenkins' hope that some day a peal of Surprise Maximus will be rung by a resident Kent band. Ironically enough this has been possible many many times through the years and Kent is one of the very few counties that could have raised a resident band for Surprise Maximus before the war. (I doubt whether even Middlesex could have done this.) I amused myself recently trying to recall the names of past and present resident Kent ringers who either have rung peals of Surprise Maximus or had sufficient experience on twelve bells to enable them to ring it. My list, written from memory, is certain to have some glaring omissions, but even so I dare say some of your readers will be interested to recall these ringers —some, alas, gone before, but many still actively with us—Edwin Barnett, sen., Edwin Barnett, jun., Edwin A. Barnett, Thomas Groombridge, sen., Thomas Groombridge, jun., Herbert E. Audsley, Harry Hoverd, George H. Cross, Jas. Bennett, Fredk. J. Cullum, Jas. E. Bailey, Norman Summerhayes, Geo. J. Butcher, Edwin H. Lewis, John H. Cheesman, Edward J. Beer, John E. Spice, Betty Spice (now Mrs. Robbins), Thomas E. Sone, Stafford H. Green, Frederick White, Geoffrey V. Murphy, Arthur S. Richards, Arthur G. Mason, Harold Clark, Edwin F. Pike, Harry Parkes, Mark S. Lancefield, Thomas Cullingworth,

And dare I add?

PHILIP A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray.

P.S.—My list includes two 'thousand pealers,' John H. Cheesman and James Bennett; a ringer who took part in the long peal of Cambridge Maximus at Bow, Herbert E. Audsley (who in other circumstances would by now have rung 1,000 peals), and the present president and secretary of the Central Council.—P. A. C.

'CIRCLING' OF TOWERS BY LADIES

Dear Sir, — On Wednesday, October 31st, 1951, the tenor at St. Mary's Church, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, was rung to a peal by Miss Bernice Strange, thus completing a peal on each of the six bells. She was then 18 years of age.

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

1823

Dear Sir,—Undoubtedly 1823 is a peculiar number to record, but not all ringers view with such obvious scorn these odd items of information. An indication of the size taken in hats, scattered occasionally here and there among the footnotes, would be interesting, too. —Yours faithfully,

K. S. B. CROFT.

Southampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE TOUR RUTLAND

Beautiful countryside, excellent bells, interesting churches, helpfulness and friendliness of local ringers and clergy (with many of whom we were pleased to meet and ring), all combined to make a most enjoyable outing for a few members of the Bedfordshire Association touring Rutland on August Monday.

An unforeseen halt, when one of the cars developed a puncture, did not prevent a punctual arrival at the first tower, Caldecote (5), to enjoy Grandsire, Stedman, St. Nicholas' and St. Simon's Doubles; we were surprised to hear from the Vicar that although these old bells have been rehung, the bells themselves have never had anything done in the way of retuning, etc. A second delay, and not on the programme, was to pay a well-worth visit to the interesting old church at Brook—this has not been altered in detail at all since the days of Queen Elizabeth!

What a joy to ring at the next tower, Oakham (8)! Stedman couldn't sound better than here; we also rang Grandsire, Little Bob and Cambridge. Then on to nearby Langham (6), where methods rung included Plain Bob, Cambridge, London, Double Oxford and Kent. Next a break for picnic lunch before ringing some more Doubles, this time on the five at Market Overton; here one enters the belfry under an old Saxon arch and to ring stands an wooden steps which apparently originate from the days when the choir sat there.

A variety of Minor methods came next on the easy-going six at Cottesmore; then over hill and dale to Edith Weston, where after a stop for tea we enjoyed yet another hour of Minor method ringing. Our last six-bell tower was Glaston, a very light ring: a central tower here so ringing is from the chancel. An unexpected and interesting tour of Uppingham School preceded ringing at the Parish Church (8). Having heard various reports, we were pleasantly surprised at the 'go' and tone of these bells and just had time to go for a touch of Grandsire and one of Cambridge before having 'supper' and making tracks for home.

A. R.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE

Ringers from Swindon (Christ Church, St. Mark's and St. Mary's) and Highworth accompanied Blunsdon ringers and friends on their first outing on August 28th around Gloucester. A late start, owing to the non-arrival of the coach, caused the programme to be curtailed. Visits to Witcombe (6) and Brockworth (6) had to be omitted to enable Gloucester to be reached in time for tea at the Saracen's Head Hotel. We were sorry to miss these two towers and disappoint the local ringers, to whom sincere apologies are tendered.

Ringing at St. Mary-de-Lode (where we were met by one of the local company) also had to be curtailed, but was enjoyed by all. After an excellent tea ringing at Quedgley on the handy eight went with a swing. On to Standish (6), with some good ringing on this nice six. Two visitors from South Africa on tour in England came into the tower during the ringing, and were very impressed with their first experience of change ringing. Our last call was at Minchinhampton (6), and we were pleased to see Messrs. Ponting and Barratt and other members of the local band. These bells proved a little too tricky for some of our party, but a course of London Minor brought forth praise.

Ringing during the trip comprised Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major. The Rev. L. A. Knight, Vicar of Blunsdon, accompanied the party. Thanks are extended to incumbents and local tower secretaries for their assistance. W. H. T.

BY AIR TO RING A PEAL

A Day's Visit to Ireland

History was made on September 4th, when seven ringers left Ringway Airport, Manchester, for Collinstown Airport, Dublin, in a chartered Rapide aircraft piloted by Mr. Swift. Much thought and planning by Fred Dunkerley and John Worth lay behind this day trip to ring a peal at Bray, where the bells so impressed six of the party last year that they wished to pay a return visit. At 10 o'clock the party hurried across the tarmac to the aircraft, where the pilot supervised the loading of the heavy weights; he was not very concerned about the feather-weights, and a few minutes later the plane was airborne. Mr. Dunkerley was already in Ireland, having flown there earlier in the week.

Those of the party who had not flown before were agreeably surprised at the absence of motion and settled down to enjoy the aerial view of Cheshire and North Wales. As the pilot turned to cross the Irish Sea one sensed a heightening tension, but in a very few minutes all were busily engaged in spotting the Isle of Man and the Irish Coast, and in no time at all we were taxi-ing along the runway to the airport buildings, where the remaining member of the band was waiting. Customs formalities completed, we piled into two cars and were whisked away through Dublin to Bray. Lunch at the Royal Hotel preceded the peal, and on arrival at the church we were met by the Rector, who welcomed us. The bells had been raised by the local band and soon ropes were adjusted and the band set off to ring A. J. Pitman's fine composition, which was completed after 3 hours 31 minutes of excellent ringing, during which there was nothing which needed the conductor's intervention, although occasionally someone would prove that his ability in arithmetic was not equal to counting five.

At the conclusion of the peal the band returned to the hotel for a hurried dinner, some by rather devious routes to sample the local 'water.' Shortly after 7.30 Bray was left behind and this time all eight piled into a large car and urged the driver to 'get a move on' as Fred had to catch the London plane leaving just after eight o'clock. Needless to say, we made it and the Rapide was in flight soon after 8.30. The return journey proved more interesting than the outward one, for Lancashire and Cheshire, viewed from the air, proved to look almost fairylike.

It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the art that a complete band has flown in order to ring a peal.

The band are indebted to Fred Dunkerley for the transport facilities, to John Worth for other arrangements and general co-ordination, and to the Rector and local ringers for their ready co-operation.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 25th, 1914

TERRITORIALS' SUNDAY AFTERNOON EXCURSION

Sgt. C. H. Russell, 4th Hants Regt., sends an account of a trip arranged by some of the Territorials while in camp. . . . A party of us arranged to walk [to Amesbury] on Sunday last. . . . With the help of Mr. F. Precey (Salisbury) the following rang two courses of Bob Minor: L/Cpl. C. Bunch 1, Pte. G. Pullinger 2, Pte. G. Butler 3, F. Precey 4, Cpl. Worsfold 5, Sgt. C. Russell 6. . . . To finish up, the following all-Territorial band rang a six-score of Stedman Doubles: Pte. C. Butler 1, L/Cpl. C. Bunch 2, Pte. G. Butler 3, Sgt. C. Russell 4, Cpl. Worsfold 5, Sgt. Mells 6.

[Since, at that time, there was no conscription, and the size of the Army was not very great, it was rather remarkable that seven ringers should have been in one camp.]

CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR

Ringing in Eight Counties

IN an endeavour to complete that long cherished ambition of a peal in each Welsh county and to provide once again the opportunity for C. 'Hilary' K. to reach the summit of Snowdon, this year's venue of the Welsh enthusiasts was again Cheshire and North Wales

The failure of the former ambition is another story, but we must pause here to express regret that at the last moment C. H. K. was unable to join us owing to an attack of shingles. Ere this appears in print we trust that he will be able to commence training for those higher 'peals' next year.

As last year, two parties set out from London and the other from the West Country with Coalbrookdale as the rendezvous. A late train at Newport delayed the return to the fold of our 'bell-hanging friend,' complete with tools, and a multiplicity of bedtime stories.

Pausing at Usk to take on bellropes we progressed rapidly to Hereford, where we took on board the namesake of that famous Stedman swinging cleric, who was our replacement for the sick C. H. K., then on through Leominster, Ludlow, past the ancient ruins of Bildwas Abbey, to Coalbrookdale, where, at the church, we received a warm welcome from Mr. A. S. Bailey. Preliminaries completed, this fine tensome was soon going to Yorkshire Royal, an excellent peal resulting, though not without incident, as a thunderstorm with terrific flashes of lightning which seemed to run down below the level of the windows, followed by heavy peals of thunder and torrential rain, almost ended the proceedings.

However, after our first taste of Wrekin ale, it was into the rain for Shrewsbury, where we picked up W. F. M. after an almost sleepless night on the U.A. tour. Then once more into the rain for Chester and the Talbot Hotel, which was to be our headquarters until the Thursday.

Sunday morning saw us ringing at the Cathedral for the annual Mons Day service for the Cheshire Regiment. Then, off through the Mersey tunnel to Southport, where ringing had been arranged on two nice eights by Joe Ridyard who, together with Margaret, met and rang with us on a pleasant Mears eight at Christ Church. Then on to Emmanuel with its nice Taylor eight, where we were pleased to meet the local ringers.

SECOND FAILURE AT GRESFORD

Our first attempt for Monday was in one of the required Welsh counties, Gresford being the venue. We were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. Griffiths, who had everything in readiness, and we were soon ringing Cambridge with almost faultless precision on this fine eight, reputedly one of the seven wonders of Wales. At the end of three hours and fifteen minutes we had six leads to ring, but it was not to be—the tenor rope broke without any previous warning. It was a great disappointment after such fine ringing. Four of us have now spent over six hours in this tower without success. An excellent lunch was arranged by Mr. Griffiths and we were once again on the road to Liverpool, where we were privileged to have an attempt for Stedman on this magnificent twelve by John Taylor and Co. Here we had the pleasure of the company of Doctor John Spice, Percy Cave and Gordon Benfield, but we were still suffering from the disappointment of the morning's failure and were not Stedman-minded. However, it was a treat to ring on such a fine twelve. Here, after an interval in a 'local' with the 'locals,' we took leave of Selwyn, who unfortunately had to return to his duties of safeguarding the nation's gold.

PEAL AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL

The Dean and Chapter gave permission for a peal attempt at Chester Cathedral. After being interviewed by the local Press a start was made for Cambridge Royal, this time with success, a good peal being rung. Peal ringing here is no easy job as on damp days the tenor rope is liable to perform all sorts of contortions and this day was no exception.

After the peal we posed for photographs for the local Press, which duly appeared under the heading of 'Relaxation after the long day's ringing.' Then we were off to Port Sunlight, a nice eight but rather noisy. Here we were pleased to make acquaintance with Anne Muirhead and to have her pilot us by devious routes to Bidston, where unfortunately there proved to be no ringing.

Wednesday saw us at Frodsham, where Jack Bibby had everything in readiness, and a start was made for Pudsey. The sight of ships passing down the Mersey as seen from the ringing chamber window proved too much for one of the band, and after two hours and twenty minutes of somewhat indifferent ringing a shift resulted, which heralded our third failure. After a fine lunch, all laid on by Jack Bibby, we proceeded to Eccleston, where we were met by Sam Jones, Henry O. Baker and Ralph Edwards, who had come to hear his beloved bells and who was quickly invited to take part. Bristol was the order of the day and some excellent ringing resulted, the last half-hour being characterised by the tension one might expect from four 'firsts in the method.' Eccleston's are a magnificent eight and surely rank with any of the fine eights in the West Country. Thursday saw us take leave of Chester, but not before we had visited Pulford, and with Wilf H. as conductor, scored a good peal of Lincolnshire; a nice eight but somewhat spoiled by excessive pulley noise.

THE TREBLES AT RUTHIN

After lunch we traversed through delightful scenery to Ruthin, where we had arranged to ring for an hour. Here the two trebles have the shakes and, as one member put it, are reminiscent of a man with D.T.'s. It certainly gave one member much pleasure to see the 'Governor' performing on the treble, and to hear the remark, 'Jeeze, what a bell!'

Leaving Ruthin we proceeded via Bettws-y-Coed and Capel Curig to Bangor and during this delightful journey received from our geography master a running commentary of all peaks, together with heights, and the best way of climbing them. Arriving in Bangor, our headquarters for the night, we made a quick visit to Mr. A. J. Hughes, then spent a pleasant half-hour on a nice but rather heavy-going six at Llandegai.

On Friday morning, with a new conductor, we started for Cambridge at Glanadda, but a remark which by now had become notorious produced an attack of 'Jeezitus' and we were called to stand.

A quick run across Telford Suspension Bridge over the Menai Straits enabled some of the party to visit Llanfar P.G., and we were on the long run to Portmadoc through more delightful scenery. Here Wilf H. successfully called Pudsey on this pleasant eight and so redeemed our failure at Frodsham. By this time it was raining as only it can rain in the Welsh mountains and in front of us was a 60 miles' journey to our last headquarters, the Wynstay Arms Hotel at Machynlleth, where we had a pleasant time last year.

A TUNELESS EIGHT

Saturday morning saw us early on the road to Llanbadarn Fawr, in Cardiganshire, the scene of a failure two years previously. After fitting new ropes Cambridge was well rung in a determined manner in this vast tower, which gave Wilf H. his 500th peal, at 30—surely one of the youngest ringers ever to reach this total. Lunch in Aberystwyth and a stroll on the sea front, and we were wending our way back to Machynlleth for the last attempt of the tour. Here we were welcomed by the Vicar and local ringers. London was the order here and with four 'firsts in the method' a good peal was rung, though one member will never forget the expressive contortions on the face of another member as London unfolded itself on this tuneless eight. The rest of the evening was spent in celebrating, among other things, Wilf H.'s 500th, and many were the stories unfolded by our 'bell-hanging friend.' On Sunday we rang for morning service at Knighton, in Radnorshire, a distance of almost 60 miles. We arrived promptly at 10.30 to enjoy some good ringing on this lovely light Mears eight. So ended a most successful and happy week.

Finally we should like to express our regrets that this year Roger Fry was unable at the last moment to be with us, also to record our thanks to all who met and helped us in the arrangements of a most successful week.

D. G. C.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual silver cup contest was held at Killamarsh on September 4th, and, in addition to competing teams, the following towers were represented: Doncaster, Thorne, Eckington, Staveley, Bawtry and Shireoaks.

Mr. Harold Chant, assisted by Mr. Fred Adams, judged Warsop to be the winners with 40 faults, and Bolsover second with only one more fault. Other teams competing were Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham, Whittington and Handsworth. The cup was presented by Mr. Jim Thorley, of Thorne, and was later 'suitably christened.' All teams except one included lady ringers.

After an excellent tea, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Thorley, H. Chant, J. J. L. Gilbert, W. Robinson and N. Chaddock at the special request of the Rector (the Rev. John Milner), who later presided at the business meeting.

An appeal for more 'Ringing World' postal subscribers produced three new promises to subscribe.

In response to an invitation to the Ringers' Day at Marsden on November 20th, it was decided to organise a coach trip there if there was sufficient demand.

It was announced that the next meeting, joint with the Derbyshire Guild (Chesterfield District) at Chesterfield, would be held on Oct. 9th (not October 2nd as originally planned).

The meeting concluded with suitable votes of thanks, especially to Mr. F. Parr, who so ably handled the local arrangements, thus ensuring such a happy and successful function, which by good fortune coincided with local Feast celebrations.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Southern District was held on September 4th at St. Mary's Church, Barnard Castle. Methods that were rung were Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor. Mr. Willows, of Retford, was a very welcome visitor. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wright, curate of the church. At the business meeting the members stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. G. W. Park, who recently passed away.

EDGBASTON RINGERS HONOUR ORGANIST

When ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, decided to honour the 21 years' service to the church of the organist, Mr. Russell Green, by a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Mr. Green came from his home 10 miles away to listen to the peal from start to finish. He afterwards expressed his deep appreciation to the band for the honour paid him. The peal was also of special interest to Mr. Christopher Wallater, a member of the band, as his parents were married at this church about 72 years ago.

OBITUARY

MR. R. S. PHILPOTT

A brief reference was made in a previous issue to the death of Mr. Raymond Stuart Philpott, of Fairbourne, Runfold, Surrey, in the Farnham County Hospital on September 7th, aged 52 years.

As a young man he joined the band of Holy Trinity, Guildford, and for a number of years was an enthusiastic and successful peal ringer. He rang in the peal of 9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major at Guildford in 1931, and in 6,144 Guildford Surprise Major, both of which are the longest lengths yet rung in the methods. Of a studious nature, he was a genial companion, and his early death is mourned by many friends.

An ophthalmic optician by profession, he was a Fellow of the British Optical Association and a Fellow of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers. A Freemason, Mr. Philpott was installed as Master of a Woking lodge last year.

The funeral service was held at Seale Parish Church on September 13th, the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Ginever) officiating. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. A. H. Pulling 1-2, C. W. Denyer 3-4, R. Overy 5-6, W. H. Viggers 7-8.

Among the ringing friends present were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Mr. and Mrs. R. Overy, Messrs. C. E. Smith, G. Wootton, C. W. Denyer, W. Denyer, L. C. W. Hunter, J. W. Carter, Miss M. Cass and Miss B. Stewart.

MR. BERT CHALLEN

On September 13th the half-muffled bells of St. Mary-ad-Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea, marked the funeral of Mr. Bert Challen, a respected and long-standing leader of the local ringers, who died on September 8th, aged 82.

When Shoreham possessed only five bells, Bert, then ten years of age, first learned to handle a bell, and in 1880, when the bells were increased to six, he started change ringing. In 1896, when two more bells were added, he was elected leader, a position he held, except for two short periods, until his death.

A good ringer and striker, and above all a regular Sunday service ringer, he will be sadly missed. The family ringing tradition will be carried on by three sons and a grandson. He rang in about 50 peals, from Grandsire to Cambridge, mostly in his own tower.

Ringers from various towers attended his funeral, and a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by A. W. Bond 1-2, F. Bennett 3-4, F. Page 5-6, H. Stalham 7-8. During the evening the half-muffled bells were again manned by his old friends as a final token of respect.

A. W. B.

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RADLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Janet Steptoe 1, Hilary J. Eason (cond.) 2, Anne Humfrey 3, Ruth Paton 4, Janet Eason 5, Marie R. Cross 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Eason, also for the 13th birthday of the treble ringer and the 12th birthday of Susan Alexander.

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MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Will ringers coming to the University this October please contact Anne Muirhead, secretary, Westoe, Allport Road, Bromborough, Cheshire. Practice, Oct. 5th, 7.30 p.m., at Sacred Trinity, Salford. 5048

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 25th, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4993

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Poynton, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 5046

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Wirksworth (8) on Sept. 25th, at 3.15 p.m. 5050

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Holywell (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please look up Kelso Surprise.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5037

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea.—J. Fox, Walpole St. Andrew. 5031

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Buckland (6), Sept. 25th, 3 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 5041

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Sept. 25th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 5057

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Sept. 25th, Rushden, 2.30-4, Sandon, 3-7. Tea 5. Wallington after tea. Special method, Dunedin Delight. — E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5014

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Annual meeting at Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Parish Room. It is hoped all towers in District will send representatives. 4987

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, West Wycombe, Sept. 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Newbury Branches.—Combined practice at Thatcham, Sept. 25th, 6 p.m.—Mrs. E. Colley and Mrs. A. D. Cooper, Branch Secs. 5016

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements.—J. H. Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5015

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Swanage on Sept. 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify, by Sept. 22nd, I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Dorset. Kingston bells in the evening.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Stradbroke (10, 22 cwt.), Sept. 25th. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 5024

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Sept. 25th. Five bells. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Woodman Inn, Crawley, after tea. 4989

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices: Tuesday, Sept. 28th, 7.15, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway; Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 6.15, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park; Monday, Oct. 4th, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 2.30 to 4, St. Olave's, Hart Street, City. Service 4. Business 4.30. Tea 5.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 6.30 to 8. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5092

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Turvey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —Bryan Pattison. 5079

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by Sept. 29th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5076

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Aston Cantlow (6) on Oct. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 29th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 5075

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea arrangements.; cafes near.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5070

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Cotgrove, 32, Dawlish Drive, Leigh. 5030

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Staunton, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, near Coleford, Glos. 5072

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting. Wickwar (6), Oct. 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Sept. 29th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 5088

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify J. Martin, Crombie, Thornash Road, Horsell, for tea.—J. F. Dodson. 5065

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — Quarterly meeting at Clodock (near Abergavenny), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 28th to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please, by Thursday, Sept. 30th.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 5095

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Oct. 2nd. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15. St. Dunstan's and Cathedral bells available after tea only. St. Stephen's from 2.30. Tea, 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash, please, together with any nominations for district officers, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5026

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5060

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District. — Meeting at Spalding, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 27th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 5038

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at St. Matthew's, Walsall (12 bells), 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Bells available again during the evening. All welcome, but names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 28th, please, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 5089

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Hoddlesden on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bring your own food. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5073

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Lancaster Priory. Ringing 2 to 8. Meeting at 3. Tea at 4, price 2s. Names for tea to R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe. 5087

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Anstey on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th. General committee meet Sept. 30th, Cathedral, 7.30. Please note festival date—Oct. 23rd. New report, containing 86 new compositions and a few copies of previous report (182 compositions) available from General Secretary, W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Price 3s. and 1s. 6d. 5000

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District). — Meeting at Dunholme (6), Oct. 2nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5064

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY.—Meeting at Mereworth, Oct. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4. All members welcome, non-members cordially invited. Names for tea, 4.45, by Sept. 28th, to Pamela Butcher, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth. 5061

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. No tea arrangements; cafes available. Business meeting in tower.—J. Cotton. Tel. O'seal 264. 5084

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Holme Hale, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Numbers for tea, please notify S. H. Waterfield, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 5083

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5059

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Oct. 2nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. — E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 5035

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson 5082

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Oct. 2nd at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5067

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois-Weedon on Oct. 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 5034

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Guilsborough, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea before Sept. 28th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5091

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting at Edgbaston on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Spr. 1025. 5029

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting Oct. 2nd. Durnford (5) from 2.30. Woodford (6) from 6.15. Tea, Durnford, at 5 for those who notify me by Sept. 28th.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury 5044

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Old Bell, Holborn, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3,30-5 p.m.: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30-4 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5077

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Trowell (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5. Names by previous Wednesday to Rev. K. W. Jones, Trowell Rectory, Nottingham. 5052

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting. Old Coulsdon, Oct. 2nd. Bells (5) 3, Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by Sept. 29th to D. J. Parr, 3, Briar Grove, Sanderstead. 5093

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea, by Sept. 29th, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5085

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cefn Coed, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 5029

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District — Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (10) available from 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 5020

WALBERTON, NEAR ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Festival Ringers' Sunday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bells, Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. and after service. Service 3.30. All are welcome. 5086

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, at King George Hotel, Barnsley, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, obtainable from me. Please apply not later than Oct. 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5047

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Meeting at Binegar, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 5071

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Huntsham, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton. —W. Ware, Hon. Sec. 5021

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Oct. 9th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, to be obtained from General Secretary before Oct. 5th. Stamped addressed envelopes, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec. by previous Wednesday.—R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5096

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30 (Granada Cinema). Business meeting in Old College. Evensong 6. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. On Saturday, Oct. 23rd, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, 42, King Street, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills. 5078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual joint meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Lion Hotel (2s.). Shoreham bells expected available after tea. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 5th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.—A. Hill, W. Parrott, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5069

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly ringing meeting will be held at Southport on Oct. 9th. Christ Church and Emmanuel bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea in Christ Church Schools 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, before Wednesday, Oct. 6th, to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Rod, Birkdale, Southport. 5058

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Marsham on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5 p.m Names for tea, by Oct. 6th, to Rev. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marsham, Norwich. Also ringing meeting in Norwich on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. St. Giles' bells from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 5.30 till 8.30. No business meeting. No tea arrangements.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 6th, to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Names for tea, by Saturday, Oct. 2nd, to Mrs. C. Hall, School Street, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 5080

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton Seagrave (5), Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by Oct. 2nd, to D. Haynes. 5, London Road, Kettering. 5074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Chediston (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Oct. 6th, to R. S Payne, 21. Hotson Road, Southwold. 5081

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing festival, Saturday, Oct. 16th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Kenilworth (6) and Chilvers Coton (10), 2-4; Bedworth (8), Bulkington (8), Stoke (8) and Keresley (5), 3.30–5.30. Business meeting at 20, Broadgate, Coventry (entrance Pepper Lane), at 6. Dinner at The Wine Lodge Hotel, 17, The Burges, Coventry, at 6.45, followed by social and entertainment until 11 p.m. Tickets (10s. each) obtainable from district secretaries, tower secretaries and the general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5090

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MY FIRST RINGING TOUR

By A. MURIEL REAY

LOOKING back on my first ringing tour, several events stand out in a crowded week. The party was quite a varied one. There were three teachers who occasionally exchanged methods of introducing a little knowledge to the young. Then there were those said to keep their room-mate awake half the night discussing peal compositions and method construction. One ringer had a 'Mum' whose sayings would fill many volumes, while another well-known ringer was said to be unable to read.

Rochester stands out for the traffic jam in which we were involved. It was a hot morning and the ice-cream vendors were wandering in and out of the waiting cars making the most of this opportunity to sell their wares. We arrived at Gillingham in time for lunch instead of a peal.

From Gillingham to Northfleet we had views of the river and its shipping and dockyards. This was one face of Kent, but before the week was over we were to see most of this pleasant county. There were flattish areas near Thanet, with wide fields of wheat and oats rippling in the sunlight. The Weald was hillier and had hopfields with the vines trained up tall supports. In the orchards the apple trees were laden. Worcestershire has been called the Land of the Heavenly Spring, but the Garden of England must be her twin in blossom time. Added to all this natural beauty there were the villages with their old houses, inns and churches. Many of the churches had a sturdy tower with a turret over the stairs. Some had a broach spire, and one, High Halden, a tower and spire of wood. There were also the conical oast houses. No weald village seemed complete without one or two of these peeping out among the trees or behind a farmhouse.

We soon met the local ringers, and what a friendly crowd they were! They seemed pleased to have us there and gave us the freedom of their belfries. When they could, they came to listen to us, some rang with us in our peals and took us on 'tower-grabbing' excursions, the first of these being on the Sunday afternoon. On this occasion I was not in the peal. We locked the eight ringers in the belfry and my companion pocketed the key. We heard the start of the peal and then accepted Harry's invitation to try the bells of some nearby churches. Gathering up some more ringers, we set off, taking the key with us. 'If the peal breaks down,' we said, 'we shall at least know where to find the others when we return.' Perhaps it was fortunate for us that the peal did not break down.

I found Canterbury Cathedral a place of contrasts. When we arrived it was crowded with sightseers and echoed to the sound of their footsteps and whispered conversation. When we finished our peal the Cathedral was empty and very peaceful. Dim and mysterious in the evening light and now silent, it was incredibly lovely with the vaulted roof soaring up from the tall piers. Later, as we left Canterbury, I saw the floodlit Cathedral rising above the dark roofs of the city.

Quex Park was another highlight of the week. This tower is in the middle of a field and surrounded by trees. It has a ground floor belfry and no electric light. The bells are light with a fairly long draught of rope and, in spite of four sound shoots, are not very clear in the belfry. As the peal progressed and the daylight faded, the shadows became more prominent and the ropes less distinct. You often wondered whether you were coursing a shadow or a bell, and were tempted to ask irreverently, 'Art thou (s)he that cometh or look we for another?'

At Northfleet, where the first peal of the tour was rung, the men entered the belfry and had their coats off and shirt sleeves rolled up in no time. At Westerham, where the last attempt was to be made, it was rather different. By this time some of us were feeling rather tired and, as we were being joined by friends, had privately decided to relinquish our ropes in their favour. We tried the bells, ringing a few rounds. Then, while the others were talking six of us slipped out. I was the last to go, and as I did so someone inside called out, 'Come back, you're ringing this afternoon. Bring them back, George, we're one short.' Discretion being the better part of valour, I fled. Before me three ringers, solid, substantial men, simply vanished into thin air. Behind me the luckless victim was caught and drawn back into the belfry protesting volubly. The door closed on his threats and protests. Only one other ringer remained in the trim little churchyard and he was looking very virtuous. He had to catch a train home in half an hour. We waited for several minutes before the bells began to ring. Not until they were safely in changes did the other three truants return.

Yes, a ringing holiday is certainly an entertaining one. You will have little time for lazing, and none for shop-gazing or sunbathing, but you are not dependent on the weather. You will meet old friends and make new ones with interests similar to your own. You may be tired when you return home, but if you like ringing and an energetic holiday you will have had a most enjoyable time.

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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Thomas J. Lock	*Treble*	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Arthur V. Pearson	2	Cecil W. Pipe	7
*Dennis Knox	3	George W. Pipe	8
Albert J. Lancefield	4	William T. Beeson	9
Mark S. Lancefield	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal on ten bells.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

George W. Pipe	*Treble*	Mark S. Lancefield	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	George E. Fearn	6
Nolan Golden	3	*Bert Gogle	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Campanile of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

Mark S. Lancefield	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	6
*Barbara A. Mitchell	2	Albert J. Lancefield	7
Arthur V. Pearson	3	Thomas Cullingworth	8
Ronald H. Bullen	4	George W. Pipe	9
William T. Beeson	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
Alick Cutler	2	Dennis Knox	6
Diana M. Matthew	3	John R. Cooper	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutets,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Albert R. Lawrence	*Treble*	Mark S. Lancefield	5
Alick Cutler	2	William T. Beeson	6
Albert J. Lancefield	3	George W. Pipe	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gregory,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Ronald H. Bullen	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Barbara A. Mitchell	2	Nolan Golden	6
Dennis Knox	3	Bert Gogle	7
John R. Cooper	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of Canon Hughes as Rector.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Dennis Knox	6
John R. Cooper	3	Nolan Golden	7
Bert Gogle	4	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lambert,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E flat.

Mrs. Thomas J. Lock	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	6
Ronald H. Bullen	2	George W. Pipe	7
Arthur V. Pearson	3	Bert Gogle	8
Nolan Golden	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
William T. Beeson	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt. in G.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Albert J. Lancefield	5
*Barbara A. Mitchell	2	*Dennis Knox	6
John R. Cooper	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Alick Cutler	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Albert J. Lancefield	5
Alick Cutler	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Dennis Knox	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
James Bennett	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Barbara A. Mitchell	2	William T. Beeson	6
Alick Cutler	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

Albert J. Lancefield	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
*Diana M. Matthew	2	Ronald H. Bullen	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Dennis Knox	7
*John R. Cooper	4	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

Albert R. Lawrence	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
Ronald H. Bullen	3	John R. Cooper	6
Dennis Knox	3	William T. Beeson	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Cambridge and 1,632 Superlative, with 104 changes of method, and with all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
*George W. Pipe	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Albert J. Lancefield	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Assumption,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

Arthur V. Pearson	*Treble*	William T. Beeson	5
*Alick Cutler	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
*Thomas J. Lock	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
*Albert J. Lancefield	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

James Bennett	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	5
Leonard Stilwell	2	*Dennis Knox	6
*Ronald J. Sharp	3	*Ronald H. Bullen	7
*Barbara A. Mitchell	4	*George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Cecil W. Pipe	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Alick Cutler	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Dennis Knox	3	*George W. Pipe	7
Albert J. Lancefield	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal in the method and has now 'circled the tower.'

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Joyce A. Endland	*Treble*	Royden Davies	6
Ralph Bird	2	Frank E. Darby	7
Arthur G. Mason	3	Albert J. Adams	8
Frederick W. Housden	4	Herbert E. Audsley	9
*Alfred J. Clayton	5	Frederick J. Cullum	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* 100th peal for the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	*John R. Leeming	6
*Frances E. Ellison	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
*Alan Pendlebury	3	Edwin C. Birkett	8
Jack N. Brown	4	Percival W. Cave	9
*Geoffrey Pearson	5	†Alan Pearson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. Daltry. Conducted by Percival W. Cave.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.
Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival, and as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Anne Hollowood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7. Tenor 11 cwt.

Thomas Robinson	*Treble*	Percival W. Cave	5
*Frances E. Ellison	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	6
Lester L. Gray	3	*John R. Leeming	7
Alan P. Cave	4	Edwin C. Birkett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival W. Cave.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. T. Osborne, whose death occurred earlier in the week. He was a member of the Church Council and represented Halewood on the Liverpool Diocesan Conference.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

Harry Wingrove	*Treble*	Jesse Harrison	5
Dorothy R. Fletcher	2	Albert Bridges	6
*Imogen Darrell-Waters	3	Wilfred Edwards	7
Kathleen E. Fletcher	4	Walter Lee	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Harry Wingrove.
* First attempt for a peal.
Rung to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the opening of the bells as a ring of eight on September 9th, 1884.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt..

*David Armstrong	*Treble*	Gordon K. Chaddock	5
†Denise J. Shaw	2	Wilfred L. Robinson	6
Fred Jackson	3	John S. Seagar	7
Herbert O. Chaddock	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*John Hodgson	*Treble*	George H. Paulson	5
Benjamin Greatorex	2	Herbert E. Taylor	6
*David Mellor	3	Ronald H. Bullen	7
Frederick W. Adams	4	Rev. G. Gordon Graham	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by Rev. G. Gordon Graham.
* First peal of Major.
A farewell peal for David Mellor, who is shortly going overseas.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Muriel R. Pipe	*Treble*	Frank G. Bloomfield	5
Gwen I. Rusby	2	Harry D. Lister	6
Robert E. Lester	3	William J. Button	7
George E. Symonds	4	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
In memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
CHARLES H. MOORE	2	THOMAS SPIGHT	6
GEORGE H. MOORE	3	*JOHN MOORE	7
EILEEN G. BRACEY	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a farewell to John Moore, of Heston, Middlesex, who for the past 18 months has been a regular Sunday service ringer at this church.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Sept. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ELIZABETH BATE	5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
JOHN E. TURLEY	3	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	7
FREDERICK CARDWELL	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First in the method. The quickest peal on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkinson, who were married at Boulton, Derby, on August 1st, 1904.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
HAROLD J. HAZELL	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. KIPPIN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 15, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER S. BARRETT	*Treble*	*JESSIE K. BARRETT	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN NEVIN	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	†BERNARD H. HALL	7
*OLIVE W. BARRETT	4	JOHN H. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Stretch, B.A., C.F. (T.A.).

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
CYRIL C. DEEM	2	ERNEST W. ROWE	6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	FRANK WILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Prebendary E. V. Cox (who has been doing duty at Alphington for several months) and Miss A. H. Pope.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Robinson, 73 on September 16th, and A. H. Pulling, 74 on September 18th.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

BEN BARKER	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
W. RODNEY HARRISON	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung, as part of the celebrations, marking the 800th anniversary of the granting of the Charter of the Borough of Derby.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

HENRY L. BISHOP	*Treble*	FRANK REED	5
MRS. A. E. LOCK	2	*JAMES BLOND	6
ALBERT E. LOCK	3	MALCOLM CLOKE	7
BRIAN BLAYDON	4	ROBERT BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal in the method.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
W. NEVILLE BROWN	3	ROBERT BROWN	7
GEORGE E. FOSTER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21½ cwt. (approx.).

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER	6
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	†HARRY T. BROOKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.
* 25th peal on the bells. † First peal.
An 83rd birthday compliment to Arthur R. Miles, captain of the local band.

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NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FEARNLEY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	ALAN A. POTTS	6
ERNEST BENNETT	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

†*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	G. HARRY BRAY	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
††PETER JOHNSON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
†RALPH ELKINGTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 300th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.
Rung for the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. David Oliver Forshaw, M.A., curate of St. Thomas', which took place in Leicester Cathedral on Sunday, September 19th.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*ARTHUR D. SAYER	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
†MRS. A. D. SAYER	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	3	†S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4	MARY C. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CANON G. H. RIDOUT (Johannesburg).
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples in the method 'inside.'
A welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Sayer on their joining the local band.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5152 WARNHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*AUDREY M. TROTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	RAYMOND OVERY	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Association.

SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	4
GEORGE WATERMAN	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
MAX P. PAGE	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford, three extents of Kent and two extents of Plain. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

EILEEN BRACEY	*Treble*	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4
EDWARD G. CURSON	2	JOHN MOORE	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	3	CHARLES H. MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MOORE.
First peal as conductor.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*RAYMOND SWAN	*Treble*	COLIN HARWOOD	4
THOMAS LEONARD	2	JOHN CHURCH	5
GRAHAM PRATT	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal.

ST. MARY BOURNE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM KEWELL	*Treble*	MICHAEL H. MAISEY	4
*VERA SMART	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
†REGINALD RIVERS	3	*HENRY E. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael H. Goss, captain of the Burghclere tower, on his marriage a fortnight previously.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ALBERT I. WALPOLE	*Treble*	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	4
*WILLIAM E. WARNER	2	ERNEST A. LONG	5
JAMES W. FORDER	3	DONALD A. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD A. LONG.

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

Rung on the occasion of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kilbourne (local residents).

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER	*Treble*	LEWIS E. WOOTTON	4
BARRY E. SAUNDERS	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	3	GEORGE SHELLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon W. S. Pakenham-Walsh upon his retirement after completing over 60 years in Holy Orders; 30 years as a missionary in China and 30 years as Vicar of Sulgrave.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES R. TAYLOR	*Treble*	J. BANWELL LONG	4
†DAVID HOUGHTON	2	STEPHEN IVIN	5
*PETER J. SHIPTON	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

This is the first peal to be rung by a band consisting entirely of boys from Bedford Modern School and Bedford School. Average age 17½ years.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and 1,440 changes each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	4
MISS M. R. THOMPSON	2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
E. JACK PARISH	3	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. C. BLYTHE.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Gilbert, of Huntingdon.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 720 each of April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, one 720, consisting of 120 of each method.
Tenor 12 cwt.

ROGER COLES	*Treble*	TONY OTTER	4
ROBIN TREBILCOCK	2	TOM SMITH	5
JOHN HADFIELD	3	REGINALD BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM OTTER.

Rung by St. Andrew's, Headington, ringers as a welcome to the Rev. H. Cutler, formerly curate at Headington, to his new parish, Stanton Harcourt. Also a farewell to Malcolm Stone, R.A.F., and Tony Otter, who has been accepted by Kelham Theological College.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Treble*	ALFRED HANNINGTON	4
HARRY BOYCE	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	3	EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDMUND J. MORRIS.

First peal as conductor.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	4
A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
DAVID N. PENROSE	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal.

In memoriam Sidney Jose, father of the 5th ringer, who passed to his rest on September 2nd.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DENISE J. SHAW	*Treble*	*DAVID BRUNT	4
FRED JACKSON	2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	5
MARGARET RODGERS	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 6, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN S. HARRISON	1—2	W. RODNEY HARRISON	3—4
		MAURICE BAILEY	5—6

Conducted by JOHN S. HARRISON.

First peal as conductor.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

MALCOLM KING	1—2	JOHN KING	5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

The conductor's 100th peal, 75th upon handbells.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. King on their wedding anniversary.

WOODCHESTER BRIDAL COUPLE HEAR BELLS ON TELEPHONE

A Woodchester (Glos) couple, who were married on September 18th at their Parish Church, sat in their honeymoon hotel at Paignton, South Devon, at about 6.15 p.m. the following day and listened to the bells of their village church ringing out a quarter peal in honour of their wedding.

Both had expressed a wish to hear the bells and it was arranged that at that time a telephone call should be put through to a house near the church. The 'broadcast' was a great success, the ringing being heard quite clearly.

The bridegroom was Mr. Robert L. (Bob) Brunt, and his bride Miss Valerie Blakesley. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. D. Woolcott), and during the ceremony four young ringers—Ron Bowley, Nigel Birch, Anthony Burford and Brian Vanstone—played the hymn 'Love Divine' on handbells.

There was ringing on the tower bells both before and after the service, and the happy couple were later photographed with the bridegroom's ringing friends in the belfry.

Before they could attend the reception they had to negotiate a gate well tied up with a bell rope—this being achieved, much to the amusement of a large crowd of villagers.

On the Sunday a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung before Evensong:— W. J. S. Brunt 1, G. Latham 2, F. Garland 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, L. Cordwell 6.

The couple were presented with a hall set by the Woodchester ringers, who themselves—as is the custom—received a bottle of whisky from the bridegroom.

Weddings

MR. R. PEARCE—MISS B. BROWN

On September 4th at the Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln, Mr. Richard Pearce, of Regina, Canada, was married to Miss Betty Brown, of Lincoln. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by five bridesmaids.

The reception, which was held at Eastgate Court, was attended by many relatives and friends.

The bride was, without a doubt one of the outstanding lady ringers in Lincolnshire and had a number of peals in advanced methods to her credit. Those meriting particular mention are Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods, Wembley Surprise Royal (the first ever rung) and London Surprise Major (as conductor, at the age of 14). In all these peals she rang a working bell

The bells at St. Peter-at-Gowts Church were rung before and after the wedding service, and at Lincoln Cathedral later in the day a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to celebrate the event

The couple will make their home in Regina and sailed for Canada on September 17th.

MR. ALAN SHEPPARD—MISS MARY THORNTON

The wedding took place at Sherburn-in-Elmet Parish Church on September 4th of Mr. Alan Sheppard, a Sunday service ringer, to Miss Mary Thornton. After the ceremony the bells were rung in rounds and 'fired' by Miss D. M. Hawley 1, Alan Thornton 2, Miss Pat Render 3, J. F. Potts 4, L. Thornton 5, H. Paul 6. Derek Render 7, E. M. Bradley 8. The honeymoon was spent at Scarborough.

WORSLEY'S BELLS RING MERRILY

On September 20th, Mr. Alan Pearson, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearson, of Worsley, was married at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, to Miss Mary Ann Hollowood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hollowood, of Winton. The Vicar (the Rev. T. Billington) officiated, and in a reference to the bridegroom's ringing activities, expressed the wish that his husbandly duties would not unduly interfere with his hobby.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gold and parchment brocade ballerina length dress and carried a posy of pale yellow tea roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Marjorie Fletcher, carried pink carnations and was dressed in pale blue embossed nylon. The best man was Mr. Brian W. Hindley.

On the preceding Saturday the bridegroom rang his first peal, one of Stedman Caters conducted by Mr. P. W. Cave, and he also participated in a touch of Stedman Triples before the wedding service. Members of the local band assisted by ringing friends from Walkden, Bowdon, London, and also the bridegroom's brother, Geoffrey Pearson, now of Ashford, Kent, rang a course of Grandsire Caters before the service, and afterwards this famous and musical ring of bells pealed out a message of congratulations and good wishes in the time-honoured manner of rounds, Queens and 'firing.' This was followed by a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters.

Many congratulatory telegrams were received, including one from the local ringers, as follows:—'Here's one gone—no more single—Heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a long plain course in Doubles.'

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will be living in St. Helens at 13, Canterbury Street.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The sale of the Marble Arch Pavilion, London, and its demolition will possibly remove another of our carillons. The theatre organ here was unique for this country in that it contained a carillon of 32 bells (Bourdon, 10 cwt.) cast at the Croydon Foundry in 1929. It was mechanically played from the organ console.

We thank a ringer who forwards us his wage packet, for ringing at a wedding, for our 'Gratefully Acknowledged' list.

Best wishes of many friends will accompany R.Q.M.S. P. Tocock, who is leaving this country for a spell of duty in Germany.

A custom at Woodchester, Glos, is for the ringers at a wedding to receive a bottle of whisky from the bridegroom. Is this generally prevalent in Gloucestershire?

Errata.—In the report of the peal of Yorkshire Major rung at Brentwood, Essex, on August 28th last, and reported on page 579, the ringer of the third was Ernest W. Furbank, and not James, as printed.

By ringing the tenor (which she did excellently) at Syston, Leics, Mary C. Payne has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower. Her father, 'Ernest,' and brother, 'B. Stedman,' have already done this circle. Quite a family record! Owing to illness, Mr. E. Payne was unable to take part in this peal, but acted as timekeeper from his sick-bed!

We hear that some visiting ringers at a famous Suffolk tower recently did not exactly cover themselves with glory. It cannot be stressed too strongly that bands visiting strange towers on their outings should confine themselves to ringing, and methods well within their capacity. It often happens that practised ears are listening to their efforts.

Accompanying a quarter peal by the Combe Martin ringers on the occasion of Prebendary E. V. Cox completing 21 years as president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was a note which reads: 'We are very glad to have the opportunity of showing in a small way our very real appreciation of all our president is doing for the Guild and the help and encouragement he has given to us personally.'

Mr. T. Hammond, of Liverpool, now well over 70, has made a remarkable recovery from his recent serious operation, and last Friday, to the delight of the band, took part in a touch of Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas', Liverpool.

Mr. K. Dunstan, of 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley, has succeeded Mr. R. Bell as 'Ringing World' representative of the Watford District of the Herts County Association.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. W. J. Paice, of Wokingham, is now back at home after his operation. In thanking friends for kind inquiries, he writes: 'My progress back to normal health is slow but, I trust, sure.'

To mark the silver jubilee of the ordination of the Rev. P. Sands, Rector of Upton, Torquay, the bells were rung to Queens and Tittums on September 22nd. Both the Rector and Mrs. Sands were present in the ringing chamber during the ringing.

A correspondent writes:—'It should be noted that "Pipe's Pilgrims" tour of Cornwall was not the first time of meeting of the two young ringers referred to in the "Scribe's" comments. The affections shown on the tour have in no way been dampened, as has already been proved. This included an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Birmingham Cathedral, in which both took part.'

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SEVENTEEN PEALS IN A SUFFOLK WEEK

T. J. Lock's Tourists' Fine Achievement

"THE week in Suffolk was a week well spent —this was the verdict of a party of annual tourists who this year had decided to visit the eastern side of the country. And there we found sunshine, smiling faces, better countryside than we had expected, interesting and historical buildings and a warm welcome.

Although primarily a peal-ringing tour, with 17 attempts successful out of 25, the party of 27 rang in 36 towers in nine days, for some wished to take no part in lengths of 5,000 changes. Only two towers visited—Diss and Colchester—are not in Suffolk.

Commencing the tour on Saturday, August 28th, our headquarters, the Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich, were reached after we had started the programme. Bury St. Edmunds was the first stop and there, in the detached Norman tower of the Cathedral, we found that father and son, 'Jim' and George Pipe, had already spent some time in preparing the bells and ropes, and it was due to their efforts that we were able to record success—a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. At the same time another band were taken to Horringer, where after 45 minutes the ringing was stopped due to a miscall.

On Sunday morning we assisted in service ringing at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, and in the evening rang at Diss, where Albert Harrison welcomed us and had arranged a nice tea on arrival. Eight of the party, however, had stayed at Framsden to attempt a peal of London, but this failed after one and a half hours so, joined by Leslie Wightman, the band rang a touch of Spliced for the evening service, after having had an impromptu tea at the very kind invitation of an elderly lady.

Monday arrived and the party had to leave headquarters early to journey to the north of the county and there to meet some 'neighbours,' Nolan Golden and Bert Gogle, who shared in our peal attempts for three days. A peal of Bristol was registered on the pleasing octave at Halesworth, where ringing takes place on the ground floor. After luncheon we were Yorkshire 'happy,' recording a peal of Royal on Beccles' grand ten, and a peal of Major at Pakefield, where the churchyard is being encroached upon by the sea. The church building was subjected to war damage, and reconstruction work included covering the whole of the nave with thatching, or Norfolk reeds. Incidentally, Beccls afforded opportunity to ring a peal in a second detached tower within two days. In the evening we were welcomed to Lowestoft Parish Church, with its 120 feet high steeple, to join in the practice ringing.

AT LAVENHAM

The next day, with the weather still warm and morale high, the party set out eagerly with the score 4—2. One band rang an extent of Yorkshire at that delightful spot, Lavenham, with tenors renowned and with the bells hung in an anti-clockwise circle. Stedman H. Symonds welcomed us to the tower and the ringing was under the conductorship of Mark Lancefield, who may be regarded as one of the brilliant young men in the Exercise to-day. The other band visited St. Gregory's, Sudbury, and set out with the intention of producing the music at Watford Surprise, but it was either the ringers or the bells did not know the tune, and eventually a 5,088 Superlative was accomplished, which marked the 25th anniversary of Canon Hughes as Rector of the parish.

In the afternoon a much more formidable task confronted those chosen to attempt a peal of Cambridge on the heavier eight at the neighbouring parish of All Saints, but this was successfully concluded and earned the congratulations of the remainder of the party who had prematurely returned from Long Melford after ringing one and a half hours of London.

One of the principles adopted by Tom Lock in organising these tours is to include in the programme a peal attempt in the method named after the county being visited, and Long Melford was the tower chosen in which to ring Suffolk Surprise. This is one of the more difficult methods and although a few leads of the method were rung, there was clear evidence of 'stage fright,' and even London was decided upon with relief. No excuses are offered but the bright sunshine coming on to the faces of two of the ringers did not improve matters and it proved that for the first time in the series not one peal of London was to be rung. Upon our return to Ipswich in the evening we all had sufficient reserve to join in practice at St. Mary-le-Tower's to ring Cinques and Maximus.

To ring in the new month on the Wednesday we first called at Henley, where everyone was able to have a pull on the easy-going and pleasant light octave, and where within a stride of a tower wall we halted to read on a gravestone 'Rev. W. C. Pearson, M.A., died 1942, for 48 years vicar of this parish.' An attempt for Yorkshire was made but failed after one and three-quarter hours. Another morning attempt was at Stonham Aspal, and here an extent of Cambridge Royal was soon recorded on the lovely ring of ten bells which has recently been rehung on ball bearings. The non-peal ringers and those not engaged were conveyed to two rings of six at Otley and Ash Bocking, where various methods were rung.

TWELVE-BELL PEALS ELUSIVE

A fair amount of travelling was incurred for the afternoon attempts, but the visit to Cotton will not easily be forgotten by the band who rang the peal at Aldenham. Ringing takes place on the ground floor and the chamber really has only three walls, the fourth side being formed of wrought iron gates of open design which allows all kinds of weather, fine and foul, to enter. Having left the band at this remote village, the coach returned to Ipswich, where an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques was scheduled at St. Mary-le-Tower. Messrs. G. E. Symonds and C. J. Sedgley, two very young stalwarts with years of experience, completed the band and the latter was conductor. Although we did have a second start, everything went nicely until after the turning course, when the demon came and spoilt the effort which had lasted for two and three-quarter hours. Disappointed, though undismayed, the band had done their best and whilst some good twelve-bell ringing has taken place on these series of tours we have never as yet enjoyed the good fortune to record success.

With half the week gone by we still had plenty of famous place names to visit and on Thursday morning we first stopped at Debenham, where the Vicar was waiting to welcome us to his church. Here we recorded a peal of Cambridge whilst another band went to Framlingham to attempt a peal of Lincolnshire, but unfortunately experienced the first and only breakdown of the week when after one hour and five minutes, ringing was stopped through a broken clapper.

The afternoon session provided for ringing at Wilby and Fressingfield. At the former tower were the steepest winding steps and with the narrowest treads that the band had ever negotiated, and instinct dictated holding on to the rope which wound around the centre post when ascending to or descending from the ringing chamber. An extent of Rutland was rung here on the pleasant octave which gave the Vicar and churchwardens much pleasure as they had heard nothing quite so pleasing before. At the latter tower, the second visited with the bells hung in an anti-clockwise circle, a very good peal of Lincolnshire was achieved.

GEORGE PIPE EARNS A MEDAL

Friday was heralded with a degree of silence, the party being less communicative at breakfast table than had been usual, but there was a sufficient reason. A few extra copies of 'The Ringing World' had arrived and so reading took the place of talking. Travelling north-eastward we arrived at Kelsale, where, again ringing from the ground floor, a 5,000 of real Spliced Surprise, in which the composition made every bell do all the work of each method, was brought round in good style, George Pipe earning a medal by his excellent performance, this being his first peal of Spliced. Mark Lancefield again did a good job as conductor, and apropos the report of the ringing tour in Kent, we have no doubt that he would conduct the peal of Cambridge Maximus and know every lead end from start to finish. Whilst one band was enjoying itself at Kelsale another band was recording a peal of Cambridge at Leiston, the home of the Bailey family.

After lunch we had two pleasant rings to look forward to, at Ufford, where an extent of Ipswich Surprise was recorded, and at Woodbridge, where this very fine ring of eight was rung for three hours and 21 minutes to Southwell Surprise, no less than five of the band earning stars. In Ufford Church is a fine cover to the font, which rises like a decorated steeple right up to the roof with no visible means of being lifted.

The last full day of the tour still held fruits in store, but by evening time our average of successes had fallen. We saw a wet Suffolk for the first time although the weather improved to an extent indicated by a later related incident. Our first disappointment came after ringing for a little over one hour for a peal of Oakham Surprise Royal on Grundisburgh's light ten. For some reason we had not settled down to a desired rhythm and eventually we paid the penalty. We held ourselves responsible, for there can be no adverse comment regarding the bells, which are ideal for their weight.

A second band had visited Hollesley and had arrived before schedule, but by the time the necessary inspection of the bells had been made and attention given to the ropes an informant told the conductor that a wedding was to take place later, which meant no time in which to ring a peal. So the party eventually gathered at 'Easta,' where Mrs. Pipe had very kindly and generously invited all to partake of some substantial refreshments.

THE SIXPENNY PEAL FEE

The last opportunity of paying the newly imposed sixpenny peal fee on this organised trip arrived when one band visited Helmingham, and another band visited Stowmarket, whilst there was still another six-bell tower at Buxhall for the remainder. The former band were saved financially, for Yorkshire was lost after three-quarters of an hour. The second band willingly committed themselves to the fee by completing a good peal of Rutland on bells which went better than had been expected.

Many names have not been mentioned but who shared in ensuring that the tourists should have an enjoyable and successful tour. We thank them, the incumbents of the churches visited, Jim and George Pipe, and everyone who did anything towards what, we can sincerely assure them, was a thoroughly happy tour.

A MANY COUNTIES TOUR

Mid-Essex Ringers' Interesting Week

A TOUR which embraced ringing in six counties started from Danbury on August 14th by a party of mid-Essex ringers accompanied by Mr. H. J. Hazell, of Enfield. After lunch at Oxford, ringing took place at Burford and Northleach and the journey was via Evesham and Pershore to the Hop Market Hotel, Worcester, the headquarters for a busy week.

Sunday's programme included service ringing at Worcester Cathedral and All Saints'. The Worcester Beacon was climbed in the afternoon and some good Cambridge was rung at Great Malvern Priory for the evening service.

Monday's route was through the Vale of Evesham to Salford Priors (8, 15 cwt.), a village of black and white timber cottages. Then came the 15th century tower of Chipping Campden, towering above a village built of Cotswold limestone. The bells (tenor 24 cwt.) required some handling due, we think, to the sway of the tower. Lunch was partaken of at the model village of Bourton-on-the-Water, but the bells were not very good, Mr. J. D. Johnson and Mr. John Thomas met the party at Hinton-on-the-Green and the first course of Superlative on these superlative bells was, in our opinion, excellent. At Evesham bell tower, although we enjoyed these grand 12, our ringing was not up to standard.

The course of the Severn southwards was taken on Tuesday, proceedings being marred by trouble to our coach. Towers visited were Upton-on-Severn, Tewkesbury Abbey (which excited the admiration of architectural enthusiasts), St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester (and a visit to the Cathedral), Cheltenham, where Stedman Caters was rung on these tip-top bells, and finally Pershore Abbey.

Wednesday's programme started with a very pleasant hour at Malvern Link, followed by timber-gabled Ledbury and a reluctance to leave this fine octave. At Ross-on-Wye our best touch was Stedman Triples. Lunch was at the Wye Valley beauty spot, Symonds Yat, and afterwards a river trip was enjoyed. Belvedere Surprise was rung at Sandhurst, on the outskirts of Gloucester, and after dinner at Worcester we joined the local ringers at St. John-in-Bedwardine.

Thursday saw us heading in a westerly direction. Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal were successfully brought round at Leominster Priory. The five bells in the pretty village of Eardisland were enjoyed. Lunch was at Ludlow, and it was our regret that these supposedly fine bells were not available. The first six of the week were in the massive tower of Stanton Lacey, then came the warped and twisted wooden spire of Cleobury Mortimer, containing an excellent six on which were rung York and London Surprise. The ten at Claines were found to be tricky to ring.

By 9 a.m. on Friday were were again on the road heading for Warwickshire. We regarded Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, as one of the finest tens in the country for its weight (19 cwt.). Grandsire Caters was splendidly rung and also an excellent course of Cambridge Major. In pouring rain we arrived at Sherbourne, on the outskirts of Warwick. In Warwick a pleasant hour was spent on the fine ten at St. Mary's. Henley-in-Arden and Great Hampton were rung in the afternoon, and in the evening Powick.

There were glum faces as we packed for home on Saturday. On the homeward journey we rang at Hook Norton, where we met Mr. Ernest Pearson, Chipping Norton and All Saints', Oxford. Danbury was reached soon after 9 p.m., thus finishing a very pleasant tour of magnificent countryside and excellent bells. A gift was presented to Mr. A. H. Everett for his excellent arrangements, and also to Mr. J. E. G. Roast for his assistance. Thanks are due to incumbents, local ringers and our driver, Mr. Clarry.

J. E. G. R.

BEACONSFIELD BELLS

With the ringing of a peal to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the opening of Beaconsfield bells as a ring of eight, it is interesting to read the programme on September 9th, 1884, when the bells were dedicated.

A new treble and tenor were added to the original six, the treble in memory of Edmund Burke, and the tenor in memory of the Earl of Beaconsfield. The programme was as follows:—

3.30 p.m..—Christening Beaconsfield Church bells.

4 p.m.—First peal in honour of the 28th anniversary of Mr. G. A. Charsley's marriage.

4.30 p.m.—Second peal in honour of the marriage of Mr. F. W. Charsley with Emily, youngest daughter of General Gascoigne, C.B.

5 p.m.—The fatted calf pulls at the telegraph post, but not succeeding in pulling it down, is killed, quartered, sub-divided, and distributed amongst the deserving inhabitants, and especially the poor of Beaconsfield.

6 p.m.—Races between girls and boys. 12 prizes given by Mr. F. Charsley.

In the future—Clock erected in lieu of telegraph post on its site.

[As a clock was placed in the church tower shortly afterwards, the last item was not carried out.]

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual Hoylandswaine Cup contest was held at Hemsworth on September 11th. Three bands entered. The test piece was 720 changes and each band rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Mr. H. Chant was the judge and Mr. E. Atkinson the marker. The result of the ringing was as follows:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
Cawthorne ..	65	5	70
Shelley ..	101	0	101
Royston ..	132	10	142

The Rector presented the trophy to the Cawthorne team, and a ball pen to each member of the winning team.

A SHEFFIELD GOLDEN WEDDING

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkinson, of Handsworth, was celebrated by a peal on these bells on September 15th, of which he was the instigator of their installation in 1920 and was Ringing Master until the war.

During his Mastership not only did he bring the local band up to Surprise Major standard, but many other ringers in the Sheffield District owe much to him.

When the ban was lifted in 1944 he retired owing to ill-health. An improvement in health has enabled him to return to the fold and his successor values his assistance in training a band of youngsters and in trying to maintain the good standard which Mr. Watkinson started at Handsworth.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Branch at Whitchurch on September 11th was attended by 40 ringers, who included three from Worcester. The Branch Master, Mr. F. Bailey, saw to it that the youngsters had their full share of the bells, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rev W. D. Lewellyn, who also presided at the business meeting.

One new member and two life members were elected. The next meeting will be held at Cowbridge on December 4th, which will be a joint affair with the Southern and Brecon Guild.

The company were generously entertained to tea. Mr. Fred Hannington thanked those responsible for this kind gesture.

A NEW LANCASHIRE RING DEDICATED

Saturday, September 11th, was a great day in the history of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Farnworth and Kearsley, when the new ring of eight bells and new clock were dedicated.

The scene in the church was one of great beauty, the soft sunlight shining through the lovely stained glass windows on to the High Altar with its glistening central Cross and lighted candles.

The Bishop of Middleton, the parish priest and their attendants with full choir processed into the chancel and the service opened with the singing of the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell.' After prayers and responses the 150th Psalm was sung. The lesson was taken from Numbers x. During the singing of the Cantate Domine the Bishop and clergy, headed by the great Processional Cross, were conducted to the west door immediately under the tower.

One of the churchwardens then asked the Bishop to dedicate the recast bells and the new clock. The blessing of the bells was followed by the singing of the Doxology and immediately the eight bells were rung in rounds by the Parish Church ringers.

The Bishop, in a most inspiring sermon, mentioned that he once lived in Croydon and had a knowledge of the art and expressed a wish to visit the tower after the service and see the bells and ringers. He congratulated the church authorities on the fine effort which had been made to put the tower in order.

The opening touch on the new bells, one of Stedman Triples, was rung by Joseph Thornley 1, John Fidler 2, Sidney Leatherbarrow 3, Joseph Leatherbarrow 4, Albert Greenhalgh 5, Percy H. Derbyshire 6, Peter Crook sen. (conductor) 7, Henry Prescott 8.

The old bells were in F sharp (tenor 12¼ cwt.) by Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury; they were in a very good state as regards 'go' and tone. Messrs. Taylor have transformed them into a ring of eight in G (tenor 12¼ cwt.) The new clock, by William Potts, of Leeds, replaces one which had been in use for 130 years. Messrs. Taylor were represented by Mr. John Fidler, and William Potts by Mr. R. H. Dove.

Tea was served in the School after the service, about 300 people participating.

The donors of the new bells are:—

Treble.—The Parish Church Ringers.

Second.—Family of the late Frank and Gertrude Warburton.

Third.—Mrs. E. G. Botham in memory of her husband and son.

Fourth.—Family of late William and Sarah Ellen Watson.

Fifth.—Edith Whittaker in memory of her father and mother.

Sixth.—E. M. Coope in memory of her father, mother and sister.

Seventh.—John Proffitt and Clara Rostron in memory of their parents and William Rostron.

Tenor.—Parishioners in honour of the Coronation of Elizabeth II.

The bells are in two tiers as the tower is small, and are hung in what was formerly the clock room. The clock in turn has been placed in the former ringers' room. The ringers are now at gallery level in a comfortable room complete with modern lighting and carpeted floor. The sound of the bells is perfect and all can be heard distinctly.

The ringers are a young band under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Thornley, who is secretary of Bolton Branch.

A great number of visitors tried the bells and all expressed their complete satisfaction with them. Ringing was continued until 8 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'ON CONDUCTING'

Dear Sir,—Those who, like Mr. N. G. Hollingworth, found much both interesting and instructive in Mr. W. G. Wilson's recent articles on conducting, will be glad to know that, by arrangement with Mr. Wilson, these are being published by the Central Council in book form, and may be obtained from the hon. librarian at the modest price of one shilling, post free. (See the advertisement for C.C. publications on the back page of this issue.)

Mr. Wilson has very kindly offered that any profits arising from the sale of the book shall be given to 'The Ringing World.' I hope, therefore, that it will find a ready sale.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary,
The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

DOUBLE NORWICH AT ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—I am writing to confirm the statement in the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's letter ('The Ringing World,' September 17th) regarding peals of Double Norwich at St. Nicholas', Liverpool. The error and the omission in the note in 'Belfry Gossip' are regretted by those of us who were responsible for sending in the note to 'The Ringing World.'

If we had turned back a few pages in the St. Nicholas' peal book we should have discovered the 1922 peal, which incidentally was not a false peal. There were those of us who, relying on our memories, were certain that there could only have been one peal and, having found it, did not bother to search any further.

What amazes us, however, and compels our admiration, is the painstaking research on Mr. Felstead's part to find the true facts presumably from 'The Ringing World' reports. A system to enable one to allocate peals to towers, peals to Associations, peals to individuals, etc., etc., would tax the resources of a card index expert—so how did he do it?—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool. P. W. CAVE.

PEAL RINGING IN DEVON AND CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—I am most grateful to Mr. Roberts and Mr. Myers for their assistance in correcting errors in my records. Mr. Roberts is quite correct in his surmise—I had credited Truro Cathedral with the peal of Grandsire Triples in 1948 instead of Kenwyn. I know all will wish the Cornish ringers well in their attempt to pass the visitors' total of peals before their Guild's diamond jubilee.

In the case of Appledore, Devon, I find the peal Mr. Myers mentions had been credited to Appledore, Kent! I have tried to be careful about places with the same names, but I fear I slipped up on this one. I have checked on all the other peals I have recorded for Appledore, Kent (with one exception, which is in a volume of 'The Ringing World' I don't yet possess), and find no more errors, so it would appear that this 1913 peal is the only one ever rung at Appledore, Devon. If Mr. Myers knows of any more there I should be very pleased to learn about them. His surmise about the peal I have missed at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, is also correct. However, I wonder if this appeared in 'The Ringing World'? I have had a quick look at the issues in which it normally would have been recorded, but cannot find it. My figures are, of course, based entirely on the peals that have appeared in the ringing press.

Finally, I must ask the forgiveness of the Devonshire ringers about visitors ringing most peals there. I am happy to learn that I was wrong in this.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir.—I suppose it is inevitable that the emphasis in the discussion on Bob Triples should have shifted to a consideration of the merits or demerits of this particular method. More important, I think, is to consider the position of the Council members who will next Whitsun be called upon to give a definite ruling (deferred from the last meeting) on whether or not the peals of Bob Triples rung in 1953 should be included in the Council's analysis.

I would here contend that it is impossible for the Council to make an intelligent decision in this matter until members have had an opportunity to consider all rules and decisions made in the past on this and all other technical matters, so that any contradictions and anomalies may be properly sorted out. Otherwise if we make yet one more blind decision on a matter of this kind we shall again hold ourselves up to ridicule if it should afterwards emerge that there are any inconsistencies between the decision of 1903 or 1904 to which we have been referred and any that may have been taken later. Can we, therefore, be told by those responsible for the publication of the proposed handbook whether this will be available before the next Council meeting?

I would, incidentally, express sympathy with those who have now undertaken the production of this book. This onerous task is not made easier by the fact that others have tried to produce the book and have apparently failed. It will be realised, however, that it is virtually impossible for rank and file members of the Council to contribute intelligently to the Council's affairs without being able to acquire knowledge of the Council's rules and past decisions.

I feel that if it is impossible for the handbook to be available before the next Council meeting the Bob Triples decision should be deferred to 1956. Otherwise we shall only lend further point to charges levelled against us that we are a laughing stock of the Exercise.

I would in conclusion add that if ultimately it is decided to discount the 1953 peals from the Council's analysis we should be consistent and amend the analyses of all previous years from the time the decision was originally made in 1903 or 1904. In my personal opinion there is very little reason why people who wish to ring peals of Bob Triples should not do so, but the important point as far as the Council is concerned is that it is senseless to make decisions and recommendations if these are afterwards to be ignored without further consideration. For my part I would gladly support those who would like the 1903 or 1904 decision repealed if it has not already been at some time in the intervening years. If, however, it still does stand as a decision, do please let those of us who in the name of our Associations pledge loyalty to the Council honour our desire. — Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray.

A NOISY LITTER

Dear Sir,—You may be interested to know that the Campanologia Cairn terriers are in the news again—this time a brace of puppies are sailing to Trinidad, British West Indies, in October. These two are called 'Campanologia Called Wrong' (with apologies to Stedman) and 'Campanologia Cacophony' (with apologies to bad strikers). The other puppies from these litters are called 'Campanologia Into-the-hunt,' 'Campanologia Artful Dodger' and 'Campanologia Calliope.' Not, I think, unsuitable nomenclature for a very noisy crowd.—Yours faithfully,

M. SYBIL CHURCHILL.

Warmley, S. Glos.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SHANKLIN

Dear Sir,—Whilst on holiday recently in the Isle of Wight I visited the Church of St. Saviour-on-the-Cliff, Shanklin, which has a ring of eight with the bells in two tiers. I ascended the tower and found the belfry to be in a sorry condition. The bells themselves appeared to be in order but the fittings, especially the pulley wheels, were corroded and the usual havoc caused by pigeons was apparent. I also noticed that there were no ropes and the bells were chimed by an Ellacombe apparatus.

I was later informed by a churchman at Carisbrooke that Shanklin bells were not rung at the tower was unsafe. Remembering an article in a recent edition of 'The Ringing World' I am wondering if this is really the case or if it is just an old local story that has come to be regarded as true over the years. The tower and spire seem to me to be very solid and safe.

I should be interested to learn the truth about this as it seems a pity that Shanklin bells should remain silent on an island of keen bell-ringers.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. NEAL.

Clapton.

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL AT BASINGSTOKE

The Four Guilds Festival held at Basingstoke on August 28th was attended by over 120 ringers from a very wide area. Great enthusiasm was shown in visiting all the towers open for ringing, and the weather being on its best behaviour, the visitors were able to enjoy the beauties of the countryside as well as the fine churches and bells.

The service was held in St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, and was taken by the Rev. R. H. Arnold; the sermon being preached by the Rev. V. R. Ireland, Rector of Dummer. The Archdeacon of Basingstoke, the Ven. A. W. Chuter, was unfortunately unable to be present owing to unforeseen circumstances.

An excellent tea was provided by the Ladies' Committee under Mrs. E. P. Austin's direction, and those present very much appreciated the reasonable price. Ringing was continued until nine o'clock in a variety of methods, and most agreed that for meeting old friends and having a good day the Festival had been once more a success.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

First Visit to Cheswardine

The Shropshire Association, making their first visit to Cheswardine on September 11th, were given a cordial welcome from the local ringers and the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Forester Gardner). The beautiful old Church of St. Swithun with its magnificent views were much admired, as were the bells which most of the ringers were hearing for the first time.

Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, followed by Cambridge Surprise on the arrival of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard. These were followed by a short service in the church conducted by the Vicar.

A substantial tea, served in the Parish Hall, was enjoyed by 40 ringers. It was arranged by Mr. C. Edwards and fellow ringers with the help of ladies. At a short business meeting the Cheswardine ringers were proposed and accepted as members of the Association.

Mr. Pritchard mentioned that an invitation to visit Welshpool next year had been received, and suggested consideration of this before the annual meeting.

Mr. Farmer proposed that final discussion about 'The Ringing World' should take place at the last meeting in 1954, that at Clive on October 9th.

Returning to the church, the party found more ringers waiting, and Yorkshire, Superlative and London were rung.

THE COUNTRYSIDE IN AUTUMN

BURES AND DISTRICT

Promptly at 6.30 a.m. two coaches left Bures Church en route for Oundle (Northants), where the party were welcomed by Mrs. Clarke and some of her pupils. This being the first tower and the bells being very odd struck with an awkward circle, only the Stedman was up to our usual standard.

The long awaited Oakham (Rutland) tower was reached dead on time, where a very cordial welcome was received from Det.-Sergt. Hoy. The programme started with a good course of Rutland on these, a bell founder's masterpiece from the Croydon Foundry (1911). At the request of the 'locals,' we finished with Stedman.

Arriving at Market Harborough (Leics), Mr. Hector and Mr. Tyler stood in for Superlative. What promised to be perfectly-struck London was marred by one member trying to ring Rutland after making the thirds. Crossing the border into Northants, we discovered another good ring at Rothwell, where Mr. Baxter and Mr. Loke assisted in the raising and lowering in peal. Wellingborough was our next call, where neither Harry Millatt nor Edwin Hynard could be persuaded to turn the tenor in to Superlative, but Yorkshire sounded very nice. These are really Triples bells, and Mr. Lilley and Mr. Plowman enjoyed some Stedman with us.

The structure of the tower at Higham Ferrers was much admired, and the bells, in spite of the long draught, are a joy to ring. Mr. Deighton was full of apologies for keeping us waiting for three minutes, such is the grand feeling of fellowship to be found in this area.

Tea was taken at the Central Hall, Kettering, which proved a memorable occasion. Mr. James H. Edwards, on behalf of the company, expressed thanks to the organiser (Mr. Leslie D. Mills) for this, the seventh annual tour, which had been so enjoyable, and it gave him very great pleasure to ask him to accept a travelling clock as a token of esteem. Mr. Mills suitably replied.

In all 260 miles were travelled through eight counties. L. M.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Three towers in Somerset were visited on August 14th by 33 ringers and friends of St. Michael the Archangel's, Winterbourne, for their annual half-day outing. After a pleasant coach ride through Burrington Combe and Cheddar Gorge the six-bell tower of St. John-the-Baptist's, Axbridge, was reached on time. The pleasant-toned bells were soon set going to Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, with rounds and Queens for the younger ringers.

The journey was then continued to Burnham-on-Sea for tea. The next village to hear the skill of the Winterbourne ringers was East Brent, where the six bells of the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin rang out to Stedman Doubles and Little Bob Minor without error.

The last call of the day was to the Old Church, at Uphill. It was here that the younger ringers found difficulty in handling the very light six, and the older ringers found they had no energy left after the steep climb up to the little church. In spite of this, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were brought round with only slight mishap. Home was reached by midnight. W. F. S.

ST. GEORGE'S, CAMBERWELL

The ringers of this tower had their first annual outing on September 11th, when Mr. John Sansom at short notice enabled the party to ring at St. Mary's, Harmondsworth (with a glorious view from the roof), St. Leonard's, Heston, and St. Dunstan's, Cranford. Thanks are due to Mr. Cansom and Mr. Brooke Lunn for a really grand outing.

FINCHLEY

On September 11th the Finchley ringers with their families and friends climbed aboard the coach and set off for Berks and Bucks. Our speed was rather slower than estimated for, and St. Paul's, Wooburn, was reached 25 minutes late. The ringing period here had to be cut to half an hour but everyone enjoyed the bells.

Leaving at 10.30 a.m. we then went over the hills to Blewbury, where at St. Michael's Church some good ringing was again enjoyed.

The next run took us to lunch at Kingsclere, but once again running late, and to many members' utter dismay, we reached the Crown Hotel at exactly one minute past two o'clock. The proprietor was unable to quench thirsty throats and made his apologies. He said that the village had only that week been endowed with two new police constables. New brooms swept clean, and a good many of the local people, to their sorrow, had been made aware of this fact by the new recruits' alertness. An excellent hot lunch was enjoyed.

Before leaving the table Mr. F. Barker spoke of the Finchley ringers' pleasure at having the visitors with them. He spoke to the tower's eight youngsters, five girls and three boys, and said that it was only due to their keenness and their fast-improving progress that the outing this year was made possible. It gave him great satisfaction to know that the future of the band was so promising, and, most of all, that Sunday service ringing would, when the 'old 'uns' had disappeared, continue in capable hands. This year he would have completed 50 years at a Sunday service ringer at Finchley, during which time he had made many friends and had a good many experiences. He recalled the days when the Finchley outing consisted of a day, in the then country, with a horse-brake, and if they got as far as Mimms (approximately ten miles) they had had a wonderful trip.

Having 'dined,' but not 'wined,' we then made for St Mary's, at Reading. The bells were a joy to everyone, a very fine ring to handle and listen to. Here the menfolk were treated to an all-ladies' course of Grandsire Triples, our young girls being backed up by Mrs. A. Diserens, Miss A. Diserens, Mrs. P. Levington and our lady visitor, Mrs. Saunders. Reluctantly leaving the tower, a fine meat tea was taken at Parslow's, in West Street.

Our last tower was Burnham, where we were met by our old and genial friend, George Gilbert. Plenty of ringing here was enjoyed by all, after which the amenities of George's adjoining club were enjoyed to the full. L. E. T.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS

North Muskham ringers, with friends from Sutton-on-Trent, Southwell, Newark and one enthusiast from Duffield journeyed into Northamptonshire for their annual outing.

A late arrival and a wedding curtailed ringing on the exceptionally fine bells of Holy Trinity, Rothwell, which have recently been rehung. A fair show was made of Grandsire Caters at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, and with the aid of some local ringers Stedman Caters was rung.

Four towers were visited at Northampton—St. Edmund, King and Martyr (a good eight), St. Giles' (an exceptionally good ten), St. Peter's (a complete Rudhall eight), and All Saints' (where the fine tea just previous resulted in striking not being so good as could be expected).

On the homeward journey a call was made at Moulton to ring on the five bells of SS. Peter and Paul's. The party were very pleased that the local Vicar joined them in the ringing. Method and tune ringing on handbells enlivened the rest of the journey via Stamford and Grantham. Thanks are accorded incumbents and local ringers and also Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the organiser.

HARROW WEALD

The summer of 1954 lived up to its reputation when the Harrow Weald ringers left in heavy rain for their annual outing on September 4th. This in no way damped their spirits, although it was much appreciated when the sun broke through at lunch time, and continued to shine for the rest of the day.

The towers visited were Bicester, Adderbury, Banbury, Wicken and Woburn. As a wedding was in progress when the coach reached Adderbury, the ringers were able to wish Godspeed to the newly-married couple as they left the church with a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Lunch was taken at Banbury and tea at Stony Stratford, both meals being much appreciated after the early start and strenuous exercise.

The ringing at Woburn was half-muffled, happily not being any reflection of the party's spirits, but in memory of Mr. Ernest Herbert, who was interred there on the previous Wednesday. The ringing for the day concluded with two courses of Superlative, specially rung as a memorial touch to him. Mr. Douglas Harris, the well-known local stalwart and for many years a colleague of Mr. Herbert, took part in this act of homage.

The ringing throughout the day was good and ranged from Stedman Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, with Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal at Banbury.

MARKFIELD AND DISTRICT

Thirty-four ringers and friends from Markfield, Copt Oak, Whitwick, Ibstock and Oaks-in-Charnwood visited Derbyshire on September 12th for their annual outing.

At the first tower, Eckington (8) the party were met by good friends from Bolsover, who escorted them to Clowne (6) for 30 minutes' ringing and then to Bolsover. Here wives and friends of the ringers had prepared a grand reception for the visitors and around the tea table the Vicar of Bolsover accorded a warm welcome. Ringing ranging from rounds to Double Norwich followed at the Parish Church.

Accompanied by Bolsover ringers, Mansfield (8) and Mansfield Woodhouse (6), two excellent rings, were visited before farewells had to be said. The cordiality of the reception and the kindness of the many, coupled with the excellent weather, made the outing one not quickly forgotten.

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY

Fine weather, good bells and a warm welcome everywhere made the outing of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on September 4th, a memorable occasion. Instead of a coach four cars were used, these including the runabout of the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman), who contributed greatly to the proceedings.

Caters at Kidderminster was very much to our liking, but we could hear little of the trebles when ringing. The delightful church, village and bells of Claines were difficult to leave.

A visit to the Cathedral at Worcester was frustrated by a rehearsal of the Three Choirs Festival. A pleasant run brought us to Hanley Castle, where the Vicar (the Rev. M. Dean) entertained us and his ringers to tea. There is also a light, tuneful six by Mears at the Daughter Church of St. Gabriel. At Powick, the last call, the heavy bells were raised in peal and rung to standard methods. W. A. F.

BALDOCK AND NORTON

These two bands held the last of their outings for the year on September 18th and the journey took them into Bedfordshire and Hunts.

Ringing took place at Sandy, where the bells were rehung last Christmas, St. Neots, Godmanchester and St. Ives, where the long draught made control difficult for the inexperienced. Incumbents and those who met the visitors are thanked for their help and co-operation.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Castledine (cond., first in the method, aged 15) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, S. Bonnett 3, C. Harwood 4, D Sutcliffe 5, E. Buck 6, J. Dear 7, L. Hughes 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Evans 1, M. Helps 2, R. W. Perry 3, P. Bate (first quarter of Minor) 4, W. G. Brown (cond.) 5, L. Coles 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sept. 19th, at St. Illtyd's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. Bryant 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, E. W. Coles 5, H. Underhill 6, C. A. Gerrish 7, H. Preece 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. D. Rees James, a ringer at this church for 45 years.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Poston 1, R. Poston 2, C. G. Jones 3, Miss M. Tilbury 4, Miss J. Green 5, F. E. Roberts 6, J. Harris 7. For children's service.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Jeanes 1, L. Duffield 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. B. Long 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, J. R. Taylor 6. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Ward 1, J. B. Long 2, Miss Evelyn Steel 3, R. W. Stephens 4, B. F. Sims 5, S. Ivin 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, D. Bridges 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ernest Herbert, a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association, who died on August 28th.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Yeo 1, B. Boyle 2, K. Walters 3, F. Yeo 4, L. Walters (cond.) 5, A. Smallridge 6. For Evensong, and in gratitude to Preb. E. V. Cox on completing 21 years as president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Eldridge 1, Mrs. E. Smyth 2, J. Fowler 3, Miss J. Tilling 4, E. Eldridge 5, B. Lister 6, P. Tocock (cond.) 7, J. Lovejoy 8. First quarter for 4 and 8. Rung as a farewell to R.Q.M.S. Tocock, who is shortly leaving for duty in Germany.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Matthews 1, B. K. Lunn 2, G. Thrush 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Thrush.

CUDHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cox 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, Miss M. R. Andrews 3, I. H. Oram 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, D. Beresford 6.

CULHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wright 1, B. Davis 2, W. Davis 3, J. Greenwood 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, C. Davis (first quarter) 6. First quarter for an all Culham band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. Schofield 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, Mrs. R. Armstrong 3, L. S. Woods 4, I. Campbell 5, N. J. Fleetwood 6, J. R. Fleetwood 7, J. Armstrong (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday and the opening of Radio Mission to London in Essex.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Alvaston, on Sept. 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. M. Horton 1, M. J. Dyer 2, C. W. Walklate 3, S. Walklate 4, D. Walklate (cond.) 5, F. R. Lowe 6.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Absolom 1, A. Greenough 2, F. Smith 3, J. Godman 4, J. Blond 5, R. Blond 6, J. Berry 7, W. Tame 8. For morning service.

EASTRINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. S. Morley 2, J. J. Taylor 3, E. Philpot 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. J. P. Powls, who passed away on September 3rd.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Martin 1, E. Bourne (first quarter 'inside') 2, G. Taylor 3, H. Baker 4, G. Grant (cond.) 5, J. Paile (first quarter) 6.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Heaton 1, B. Sullivan 2, J. Armitage 3, G. Dixon 4, P. Whitaker 5, E. H. Simpson 6, A. Wear 7, W. Dixon (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Shirley J. Wilson and Mr. Bernard L. Elise.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ivin 1, Phyllis Gray 2, D. Houghton 3, P. Shipton 4, J. B. Long 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Grandsire, 120 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse St Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Old, 300 April Day): M. Eason 1, R. Trebilcock 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Otter 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 12th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Perkins 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, W. Seekings 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Eileen M. Ricketts (first of Stedman) 1, J. Chilcott 2, W. W. Webb 3, P. Betteridge 4, B. A. Rose 5, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 6, J. A. Moore 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Sept. 19th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, Miss M. Roberts 4, E. F. Pryor 5, R. Newman 6, W. F. Jarvis 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain, and to honour the birth of a daughter to Jean, wife of the Rev. F. A. H. Tomkins (curate).

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 1st, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, E. J. Parish 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. W. Lack 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to N. Mallett upon his 'demob' from H.M. Forces.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Twidale (first quarter except on covering bell) 1, R. Hodgson 2, Ruth Carey 3, Pat Forster 4, D. Jackson (first as cond.) 5, E. Wood (first quarter) 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells since 1911. Rung before Evensong, and as a compliment to the conductor. All the ringers belong to the Rye band except the ringer of the tenor, who comes from Iden.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson (cond.) 2, M. A. Richardson (first 'inside') 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.—On Sept. 1st, at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, A. W. Coles 4, M. Oakshett 5, G. A. Parsons 6, G. P. Peters 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. E. Parry 1, C. Geary 2, Shelagh Kilbourne 3, Wm. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, H. F. Makins 6, T. W. Robinson 7, R. G. Newsum 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, H. E. C. Goodenough 5, W. H. Poole 6, R. Keeley (100th quarter) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, A. Drake 2, H. Long 3, H. James 4, W. Upton 5, L. Bailey 6, D. Reed (cond.) 7, S. Moody 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Callaway, formerly a Newport ringer.

LATE NOTICES

ASTON CANTLOW. — Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Meeting postponed until Oct. 9th at the request of the Vicar. Any further names for tea by Oct. 6th, please.—H. M. Windsor, District Secretary. 5139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Annual district meeting, Northfleet (8), on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, by Wednesday, Oct. 13th. Nominations, with seconders, to me by Wednesday, Oct. 13th. — Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 5136

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Down 1, C. J. Turner 2, P. C. Davis 3, L. Hine 4, E. H. Marks 5, W. S. Burrow 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung as a compliment to Lord and Lady Coleridge on their golden wedding anniversary.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Coleman 1, W. H. Yates (first quarter 'inside') 2, Doreen M. Spokes 3, H. Jones 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, F. Pateman 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Gough, captain of Padbury ringers, on the occasion of his marriage to Mrs. Bandy.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen Nuttall (first quarter) 1, Beatrice Wood 2, Alwyn Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss M. Nuttall.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, R. A. Southwood 2, H. Harper 3, A. H. Eplett 4, Miss V. M. Matthews 5, D. Penrose 6, C. K. Brewer 7, A. E. Matthews 8.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Jose 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, P. Harding 3, B. A. Parkin 4, F. Roberts 5, D. N. Penrose 6, A. G. Matthews 1, A. Locke 8.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Pugh 1, E. J. Price 2, Miss W. Cockburn 3, Miss J. Cockburn 4, F. Tranter (first as cond.) 5, N. Daniels (first quarter) 6.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Brooks 1, R. C. Hide 2, F. P. Crese 3, J. Sexton 4, R. W. E. Dane 5, S. Ford 6, O. Wood (cond.) 7, J. Cole 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. J. Hurst, an old and respected member of the tower, who died the previous day.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Challen (first quarter) 1, R. Challen 2, Miss J. Pike 3, E. Marsh 4, O. Giles 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, H. Stalham 7, T. Drinkwater 8. Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. Bert Challen (82 years) and to Mr. Ernie Marsh (80 years).

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Johnson 1, D. Gullick 2, W. Brown 3, G. Cherry 4, A. Harris 5, D. Jones 6, M. Orme 7, P. Croft (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. J. H. King), who is leaving for Bedford.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, F. Lewis 2, Miss G. Brown 3, Miss P. A. Gaunt 4, R. F. Diserens 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. For harvest festival.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: P. Horwood 1, J. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, W. Twidell 4, D. Knox (cond.) 5, J. Sinfield 6. Rung in memoriam W. E. Herbert, member of the Beds Association for 65 years.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Chapple (first on 8) 1, Gillian E. Brown 2, R. F. Diserens 3, M. Maisey 4, H. Gregory 5, C. E. Lewington 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, F. W. Lewis 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. Chapman and Miss H. Young.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. Smith (first of Major) 1, E. Winifred Keys 2, E. J. Munday 3, S. Kathleen M. Knight (first of Surprise) 4, R. Baldwin 5, F. W. Burnett 6, R. G. Leale 7, B. J. Luff (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for all except the sixth. A birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the fourth.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, Jane Cotterill 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, F. Pickering 4, F. Barraclough 5, K. Clarke 6, J. N. Hadley 7, N. C. Reynolds 8. Rung as a compliment and farewell to Miss Jane Cotterill, who is proceeding to Nottingham University.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hayne 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. F. Symonds 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, H. J. Ford (first of Triples) 5, F. Precey (cond.) 6, Sergt E. J. Gower, R.E., T.A., 7, J. W. Rose 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Stedman, captain of Wyke Regis ringers, and a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor. Also for the engagement of R. F. Symonds and Miss D. Hill, members of the local band.

OBITUARY

MR. D. REES JAMES

With the passing of Mr. D. Rees James on September 17th at the age of 76 years, Bridgend, Glam, loses one of its oldest and best-known ringers.

He was a member of the Bridgend band for 45 years, but in recent years he was unable to ring owing to ill-health. He took part in most peals rung in this tower, his favourite method being Stedman Triples.

As a tribute of respect, touches of Grandsire Triples and a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, were rung to his memory. W. T. P.

CRANFORD'S MEMORIAL TO A BELOVED RECTOR

The memory of the Rev. Maurice Child, a great friend of ringers and lover of bells, has recently been perpetuated at Cranford, Middlesex. He was Rector here from 1935 to 1950, and the restoration of the beautiful little church in Cranford Park, for which he worked so hard during his incumbency, included the augmenting and restoration of the bells into a delightful ring of six.

It was at his request that the first peal on the bells was rung on a Sunday, when he knew that a peal was the height of achievement in ringing; he expressed the opinion that nothing could be better than to ring a peal to the glory of God on a Sunday. This peal was rung in 1943 on the Feast of the Assumption and on the anniversary of the death of Dr. Thomas Fuller, who was once Rector of Cranford.

On August 15th, 1954, the following members of the local band assisted by Mr. W. H. Coles (conductor of the first peal) rang 720 Bob Minor to mark the anniversary date:—Miss G. Zanelli (first 720) 1, Miss B. Thrush 2, Geoffrey Thrush (first 720 'inside') 3, Derek Fowles 4, Peter Woodgyer 5, William H. Coles 6.

On September 11th a beautiful Church Hall was opened at Cranford by Mr. Justice Vaisey, and dedicated in memory of the late Rector by the Lord Bishop of Kensington. As published in our peal columns a peal of Plain Bob Minor was afterwards rung, especially to record gratitude for the life and work of a beloved Rector and friend.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' October 2nd, 1914

LEISTON, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 22nd, 1914, in 2 hours and 35 minutes

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

5,040 CHANGES

Allen F. Bailey	1-2
Charles F. Bailey	3-4
Ernest S. Bailey	5-6
James M. Bailey	7-8
Edgar H. Bailey	9-10

Composed by G. Lindoff

Conducted by Charles F. Bailey

First peal of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' by all.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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MARRIAGE

FIDLER—LEE. — On Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1954, at Emmanuel Parish Church, Loughborough, Arthur, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Fidler, to Jean Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lee, 28, Nanpantan Road, Loughborough. 5138

DEATH

BENNETT.—Victor J. F. Bennett, hon. treasurer of the Oxford Society, died at the Radcliffe Infirmary on Thursday, September 23rd, 1954, aged 62, after only four days' illness. 5125

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Margaret E. L. Beamish, of 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton, is entering Southampton University on October 7th, and her address during term will be: Highfield Hall, Omdurman Road, Southampton. 5121

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Two octaves diatonic scale, tenor size 18 G, by John Taylor and Co., in new condition. £40.—J. O. Weller, Moor Cottage, Trotts Lane, Westerham, Kent. 5056

PUBLICATION

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 67a, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 4143

MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — First practice of term, Great St. Andrew's (opposite Christ's College), Oct. 6th, 8 p.m. Freshers especially welcome. For further information contact W. T. Cook, Hon. Sec., Jesus College. 5119

ST. GEORGE'S, BARKINGSIDE.—Eight bells (tenor 10¼ cwt.). Weekly practice has now been arranged to take place on Saturdays, commencing Oct. 2nd, from 3 until 4 p.m. until further notice. Everyone welcome. Nearest station is Gants Hill (Central Line). 5109

MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices: Saturday, October 2nd, 6.15, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park; Monday, Oct. 4th, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 2.30 to 4, St. Olave's, Hart Street, City. Service 4. Business 4.30. Tea 5.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 6.30 to 8. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5092

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Cotgrove, 32, Dawlish Drive, Leigh. 5030

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. F. Dodson. 5065

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea at the Copper Kettle 5 p.m.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 5095

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Oct. 2nd. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15. St. Dunstan's and Cathedral bells available after tea only. St. Stephen's from 2.30. Tea, 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5026

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 5060

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District). — Meeting at Dunholme (6), Oct. 2nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5064

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. No tea arrangements; cafes available. Business meeting in tower.—J. Cotton. Tel. O'seal 264. 5084

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Holme Hale, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5.—C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 5083

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity (8), Oct. 2nd. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford. 5114

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Old Bell, Holborn, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3,30-5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30-4 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5077

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Old Coulsdon, Oct. 2nd. Bells (5). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. 5093

WALBERTON, NEAR ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Festival Ringers' Sunday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bells, Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. and after service. Service 3.30. All are welcome. 5086

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, Oct. 4th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5118

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, October 9th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5133

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Meeting at Binegar, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 5071

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Weston (8), on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 5055

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Fivehead, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Notify for tea; usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 5102

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Annable's London.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 5103

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.1-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 6th, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5129

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (quarterly meeting) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea available for those who notify, by October 6th, S. Scattergood, Sheffield Road, Sheepbride, Chesterfield.—N. Chaddock and A. B. Cooper. 5128

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Huntsham, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton. —W. Ware, Hon. Sec. 5021

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Hurworth, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 7th, to M. Stewart, 5, Emmerson Road, Hurworth-on-Tees.—E. P. Rock. 5135

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th, to Mr. A. B. Williamson, 30, Neale Street, Fulwell, Sunderland. 5116

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge, Hunts and Ely Districts.—Joint meeting, Long Stanton (8), Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5123

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Oct. 9th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, to be obtained from General Secretary before Oct. 5th. Stamped addressed envelopes, please. Writtle (8) and Great Baddow (8) available. The Cathedral bells are available at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. at which it is hoped as many members as possible will attend. Cathedral bells available again after Evensong.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 5063

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Widford (8), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Mount Cafe.—A. H. Everett, Sec. 5113

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Norton (8), Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea certain Oct. 6th.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote. 5106

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Purton (heavy six), Oct. 9th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 5108

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec. by previous Wednesday.—R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5096

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Oct. 4th, to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden. No names, no tea. 5130

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30 (Granada Cinema). Business meeting in Old College. Evensong 6. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. On Saturday, Oct. 23rd, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, 42, King Street, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills. 5078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual joint meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Lion Hotel (2s.). Shoreham bells expected available after tea. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 5th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.—A. Hill, W. Parrott, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5069

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Quarterly meeting, Abergavenny, Monday, Oct. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, as soon as possible, please, to Miss L. Temlett, Park Villa, Hereford Road, Abergavenny, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 5098

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly ringing meeting will be held at Southport on Oct. 9th. Christ Church and Emmanuel bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea in Christ Church Schools 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, before Wednesday, Oct. 6th, to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Rod, Birkdale, Southport. 5058

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Light refreshments provided. Names to Mr. P. Ashcroft, 6, Edge Hall Road, Orrell, near Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5101

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham, Oct. 9th. Bells available 2 to 3, 3.30 to 5, and after tea. Sandwich tea.—F. Pritchard. 5127

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. followed by business. Service 6 p.m. Ringing again afterwards.—T. J. Lock. 5117

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Marsham on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5 p.m Names for tea, by Oct. 6th. to Rev. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marsham, Norwich. Also ringing meeting in Norwich on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. St. Giles' bells from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 5.30 till 8.30. No business meeting. No tea arrangements.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 6th, to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Kingham after tea. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 5134

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton Seagrave (5), Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by Oct. 2nd, to D. Haynes. 5, London Road, Kettering. 5074

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Last meeting this year, Clive (6, 25 cwt.), Oct. 9th. Make it a good one. Names for tea—W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 5132

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Please notify for tea, not later than Oct. 5th, Mrs. E. Walker, Blacksmith Arms, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 5120

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—Surprise practise, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. S. 5107

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Chediston (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Oct. 6th, to R. S Payne, 21. Hotson Road, Southwold. 5081

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Fittleworth (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 2.30. Names for tea, please by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5126

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Eling on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Oct. 5th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 5112

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing festival, Saturday, Oct. 16th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Kenilworth (6) and Chilvers Coton (10), 2–4: Bedworth (8), Bulkington (8), Stoke (8) and Keresley (5), 3.30–5.30. Business meeting at 20, Broadgate, Coventry (entrance Pepper Lane), at 6. Dinner at The Wine Lodge Hotel, 17. The Burges, Coventry, at 6.45, followed by social and entertainment until 11 p.m. Tickets (10s. each) obtainable from district secretaries, tower secretaries and the general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton. 5090

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Lincoln, St. Giles' (8), Oct. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5099

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 13th, certain, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aston Clinton, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Stoke Mandeville bells available after tea. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 5124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Croughton, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Please notify, not later than Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea. —A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 5104

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD and ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Elton (5), Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 11th, to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 5105

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham (6) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to E. E. Gibson, Esteam, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 5097

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tisbury (6), Oct. 16th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send names, by Oct. 12th, to Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 5122

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Brewood, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 13th, to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, Kingsnorth, Coven Road, Brewood, near Stafford. Tickets for the Annual Dinner on Nov. 13th will be available at this meeting. 5111

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tues., Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, Branch Secs. or Gen. Sec. Accommodation for 250. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3-5 p.m. (provisionally) and All Saints' (10) 3-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5111

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, Nov. 6th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5137

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AMONGST THE VILLAGE BELLS IN DEVON

By F. C. SMALE

IN Devon it is a case of 'up hill and down dale' if you travel from village to village 'tower hunting.' The winding lanes flanked by high hedgerows are often narrow and the motorist has to take each bend and corner with care. But the villages are quaint with white-faced thatched cottages dotted here and there by the wayside. All this adds interest even to a change ringer, and the charm of such village churches as Loxhore or Shirwell in the Exmoor country and the quaintness of Stoke-in-Teignhead or Combe-in-Teignhead remain in memory. Each of our trips this summer has finished up, over a parting drink, with the remark, 'This tour is the best ever,' which is an indication of what our party think of such outings. Remarkably, each has been favoured by beautiful sunny weather.

On April 28th we assembled at Honiton St. Paul's (eight, 13 cwt.), which Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. Atkins and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott thought was St. Michael's; Messrs. Myers from Plymouth, Miss B. M. Boyle's party from Combe Martin and Mr. W. H. R. Smale with Mr. E. W. Ryall were in good time. After touches of Triples our itinerary took us to Offwell (9 cwt.), recently rehung and treble added to make six, Cottleigh (8 cwt.), also treble added, Stockland (14 cwt.), a fine six, Upottery (19 cwt.), a fine six by Mears 1819, Monkton (7 cwt.), Plymtree (11 cwt.) and Clyst Hydon (11 cwt.). It was whispered that there was some very good cider in Stockland.

On May 19th we visited Churston Ferrers (13 cwt.), a good six; Brixham (16¾ cwt.), a good octave with spacious ringing chamber; Dartmouth St. Saviour's (18 cwt.), another fine eight; St. Petrox (9 cwt.), a handy six, near the entrance to the harbour, and Townstall (8½ cwt.), another six. Here Mr. Atkins, Mr. Poyntz and Mr. P. Crook left us and we went on to Slapton (five, 9 cwt.), near the famous beach, and to Malborough (11 cwt.), a good six. Crossing the ferry with cars on board, the tide-filled harbour of Dartmouth and the wonderful stretch of Slapton sands are phenomena to be seen to be realised.

We met at Crediton (27 cwt.) on June 30th. After raising the octave piecemeal, we rang respectable touches of Triples and proceeded to Sandford (9 cwt.), a tuneful six, and Poughill (11 cwt.), another good six. At Cruwys Morchard we were met by the Rector, the Rev. G. J. Bidgood, who gave us a hearty welcome. The 14 cwt. tenor was experimented with, for even the full weight of some of the less heavy members would not pull her out. The 16 stone writer, however, had no difficulty. Good touches were rung on the tuneful six. Passing through South Molton, we came to North Molton, which has a most beautiful church and a very fine six with tenor 20 cwt. Some of the best striking of the day was done on these bells. After tea the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews left us and we went to High Bray (12 cwt.) and thence to West Buckland (10 cwt.).

That doyen of Devon ringers, Mr. A. W. Searle, met us at Goodleigh (8 cwt.) on August 4th. We were indeed pleased to have Mr. Searle with us once more, though he rings very little now. The Goodleigh (8 cwt.) six go well and some good touches of Doubles came round. The next point of call was Bratton Fleming, a favoured place for well-to-do residents. The six (tenor 16 cwt.) are notorious as going badly and we found this true. There is a very low doorway from the church to the ringing chamber and there was much merriment amongst the young agile members of the party when Uncle Fred was compelled to enter walking on his knees. Our next call was Loxhore (6 cwt.). We were directed to this interesting church by an octogenarian tailor who cycles six miles or so to ring at the Barnstaple Parish Church each Sunday. Loxhore Church was approached through a farm lane and what Prebendary Cox and Mr. J. Arbury thought of the rough watery ride we only imagine!

On the west side of the deep valley we found Shirwell (14 cwt.), with the low tower at the south-east corner of the church. The bells went like tops and the church had much of interest. The transept arch of wood is unique and the porch, which has a dropping roof, attracted attention. Following the main Lynton road, we came to Arlington (11 cwt.), a very handy six. At Kentisbury we were met by the Rector, the Rev. H. G. Ayre, who had so kindly organised tea for us in the church schoolroom. The newly-hung and augmented six, tenor 7 cwt., were very pleasing. Here Mr. A. W. Searle rang a few rounds on the treble with all his old skill. After tea, so ably provided by Mrs. Ayre and lady helpers, some of the party proceeded to West Down (10 cwt.). The church, with its Norman font found buried under the floor, is of peculiar interest. Here we rang touches of Doubles and Minor and the round ringers present listened without criticism, and these men

have a fame for good striking. Two of them, one a ringer in Newport (Mon), accompanied us to Braunton and helped us to ring quite good touches of Grandsire Triples.

Our last trip, on September 8th, took us to Bishopsteignton (11 cwt., cast by Mears 1840), Stoke-in-Teignhead (10 cwt.), Combe-in-Teignhead (10 cwt.), Coffinswell (11 cwt.) and Abbots Kerswell (10 cwt.), all interesting sixes. We admired each of these churches, especially the columns of sandstone and limestone at Stoke-in-Teignhead. The combes are of romantic interest. We found Coffinswell Church almost in the courtyard of the old manor house. We concluded the trip with an hour's ring at Chudleigh (12¾ cwt.), a very good octave. So ended a very happy series of ringing tours for 1954.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ..	7
*STELLA HUGHES	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ..	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER..	3	EDGAR T. SMITH	9
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	HARRY GRIFFITHS	10
W. GEORGE PAGE	5	GEORGE W. HUGHES ..	11
ERNEST STITCH	6	GORDON HOWLETT	*Tenor*

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* First peal on twelve bells.
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THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	7
M. ANGELA CARTER ..	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ..	8
MARIE R. CROSS	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	9
JAMES HIGGINS	4	ALAN R. PINK	10
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ..	5	FRANCIS A. WHITE	11
PHILIP WALKER	6	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung half-muffled, by his friends and colleagues of the Cathedral belfry, as a sincere tribute to Victor J. F. Bennett, who passed away on September 23rd after only three days' illness.

TEN BELL PEAL

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5022 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST..	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	7
WILLIAM LOVE	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	8
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	9
GEORGE SAYER	5	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD W. CONDUCT ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. RHODES ..	5
CHRISTINE SILKE	2	WILLIAM J. HOVEY	6
D. L. HOOPER	3	WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT ..	7
LESLIE L. WILLIS	4	WILLIAM T. SHELTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RHODES.
Rung half-muffled for W E. Hailstone, warden and lay reader at the Parish Church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	2	†HAROLD G. JENNEY ..	6
*HAROLD J. HAZELL	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING ..	5
CHARLES W. LOOME ..	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST..	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN,
A birthday compliment to Mr. Albert E. Sellers, of Beverley.

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On Sun., Sept. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WALTER FORD	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
HERBERT F. LASKEY	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST..	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

REV. J. E. F. TREDENNICK	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	3	*ARTHUR G. BASON	7
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A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*GILLIAN H. LUNNON	*Treble*	†PETER R. JOHNSON	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*OWEN T. NORTHWOOD	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	WINIFRED M. BURTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
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A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	6
HERBERT HOWLETT	3	BERT GOGLE	7
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Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES SANGWIN	*Treble*	DOUGLAS BURNETT	5
HARRY MILES	2	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY	6
A. WILLIAM MYERS	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
WILLIAM H. HIBBERT	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

GORDON BENFIELD	*Treble*	WILFRED LEE	5
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
SYDNEY KEIGHLEY	3	JOHN W. GIBSON	7
MRS. A. E. MARSH	4	JOHN AMBLER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. H. Hall, verger of the church, and Mrs. Hall. A welcome home to the ringer of the 2nd after service in B.A.O.R.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	DIANA M. MATTHEW	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 50th peal for Suffolk Guild. James Bennett has 'circled this tower' to peals.
Rung in honour of the engagement of John W. Blythe to Miss Margot Thompson, both Sunday service ringers at Southwold Parish Church.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MADELEINE CHAPPLE	*Treble*	†H. GEORGE HART	5
†PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	†PETER D. BEEDIE	6
†ELSIE K. FULTON	3	†SYDNEY A. WARWICK	7
CECIL C. MAYNE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	HAROLD L. PARFREY	6
*ALBERT M. TYLER	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	4	PHILIP W. WEEKS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	*DORIS E. COLGATE	5
*KENNETH SNELLING	2	*ROBERT COLLINS	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	*RAYMOND OVERY	7
*FRANK H. HICKS	4	*WALTER H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

SHEILA M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	RALPH BEAUMONT	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
JOHN F. BRYANT	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
Rung by the Sunday service band. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN M. HARROP	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	5
*SUSAN HARROP	2	G. FRED TERRY	6
ARTHUR TATE	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	7
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	4	EDWARD PHILPOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*ALBERT MATTHEWS	*Treble*	†HENRY HUBBALL	5
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	2	DAVID M. LEES	6
HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	†WILLIAM DAVIES	7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	*WILLIAM R. J. HENDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal and first attempt. † 25th peal together. The quarterly peal for the Association.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
DENNIS COOPER	2	SAM SCATTERGOOD	6
*HAROLD PADDISON	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
ARTHUR B. COOPER	4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM.
* First peal.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. NASH	*Treble*	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
*PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	ERNEST J. GOWER	7
†WALTER WILKINSON	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

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

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	ROGER BALDWIN	5
*RICHARD H. SMITH	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4	†CHARLES W. POUND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First tower bell peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. St. J. Garniss as Vicar of Hawkley.

SIX BELL PEALS

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 6¾ cwt.

TREVOR E. MARKS	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
*JACK W. DREW	2	ALBERT W. DYER	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 60th peal.

SHROBROOKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Fri., Sept. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

CYRIL C. DEEM	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	4
SIDNEY SKINNER	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
JOHN QUICK	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

A wedding peal for Mr. John H. Glanvill and Miss D. Ayres, who were married at this church on September 8th, 1954.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*G. JOHN CAVELL	*Treble*	ALFRED W. BODIAM	4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL	2	MAURICE G. WHITE	5
*VESEY A. DAVOREN	3	EDWARD G. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal.

DONERAILE, CO. CORK.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*CYRIL W. GALBRAITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. DUKES	4
†FREDERICK BOGAN	2	*G. HARRY ELLIS	5
MRS. F. E. DUKES	3	*WILLIAM EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. First peal on the bells since their installation in 1889.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Buckley, mothers of seven local ringers.

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 22 120's (10 callings) and ten 240's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*KENNETH TUNNICLIFF	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
†MICHAEL J. DYER	3	‡JOHN FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside' in method. ‡ First peal.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.
(R.A.F. Station.)
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*RAY GREEN	*Treble*	REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA	4
DOUGLAS F. DRIVER	2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	5
HUBERT EPLETT	3	*J PHILIP BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MICHAEL SAGE	*Treble*	JEAN C. BROWN	4
†MOLLIE MAY	2	SYDNEY SAGE	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Edward Holdsworth to Sheila Mary Cardin, and the 83rd birthday of Mr. H. Leigh, of Stockport, both on September 18th.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MRS. G. BISHOP	*Treble*	†C. BISHOP	4
T. W. HARRIS	2	†R. E. SMITH	5
*MISS R. COOK	3	J. OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. OWEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 3rd.

BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four 720's of Cambridge and three 720's of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

BRYAN C. STIRLAND	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	4
FRANK W. LEWIS	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	5
CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

The first peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 six-scores and four 240's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROYSTON G. BRYANT	*Treble*	JOHN M. STALLARD	4
SIDNEY G. RICHES	2	†ARTHUR J. TRUE	5
†KENNETH W. PRICE	3	WALTER H. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY G. RICHES.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the rededication of the church on the site of Mina Road, after its removal from Corn Street, City, in September, 1879.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	*KEVIN S. HOHL	4
*GEORGE FRY	2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
*IVAN A. C. BUTCHER ..	3	*JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in three methods.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Peareth, wife of the Vicar.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*FREDA ROBINSON	*Treble*	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4
HAROLD DENMAN	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Norwich Surprise on the bells.

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240, and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

DAVID W. EVANS	*Treble*	*EDGAR W. COLES	4
WILLIAM T. PETTY	2	ROBERT E. COLES	5
JOHN TROUT	3	†JOLO D. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and to his god-child, Miss Jane Williams, one year old.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*MICHAEL TRUMPER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY LEWIS	4
*ELISABETH LEWIS	2	HARRY COLE	5
*DAVID TRUMPER	3	FRED HYDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

BRIAN BUSWELL	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
*CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*SIDNEY F. PALMER ..	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 200th peal together.
A birthday compliment to S. F. Palmer on attaining the age of 80.

ELMESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 4, WORTLEY COTTAGES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (three callings). Tenor size 15 in D.

MALCOLM J. ABBOTT ..	1—2	C. ROGER HAYWARD ..	3—4
JOHN VERNON	5—6		

Conducted by J. VERNON. Witnessed by MICHAEL VERNON.
First peal 'in hand' by all.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 28, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS'.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 of Grandsire and 2,520 of Plain Bob (14 changes of method).

D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6		

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

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ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, S. Jones 2, J. Southey 3, C. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Wootton 5, W. Inwood 6, L. North 7, N. Jenkins 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Judith Eleaner Colthurst (daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Colthurst) and Mr. Thomas Simpson. Rung immediately after the service.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. H. Paine (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, H. W. Brown 4, M. W. Stephenson 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Godley, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. W. Wiffen 1, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis 2, H. G. Felton 3, J. Warner 4, C. Barker 5, E. Bright 6, H. W. Smith 7, T. Earle (cond.) 8.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Braithwaite 1, G. McKay 2, A. Capstick 3, J. Bagnall 4, N. M. Newby 5, R. Agg (first of Kent Treble Bob) 6, H. Wilson 7, J. E. Burles 8. Rung after two failures at a peal of Stedman.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Deacon 1, D. Robinson 2, G. Rouse 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. Burton and Miss I. Gordon. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. M. Rashbrook (80) 1, Miss P. A. Nice 2, E. J. Butler 3, Miss B. M. Balls (first in method) 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, J. H. Edwards 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. Rung for Evensong.

CROSTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Cutsforth 1, N. Heaps 2, P. Crook, jun., 3, E. Ashcroft 4, J. Rothwell 5, T. Rothwell 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, E. Rothwell 8. For a special Masonic service. Rung by Master Masons.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Wills 1, Miss P. Prowse 2, C. H. Drewett 3, Miss M. Mundy 4, D. Beacham 5, F. Wreford 6, E. W. Biffen (cond.) 7, W. A. Wills 8. For harvest festival. Also at St. David's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris 1, R. Keeley 2, G. Gaylard 3, B. Pidgeon 4, H. P. Burton 5, W. J. Ridgman 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. Wreford 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Nickola Savage (first quarter) 1, A. Richardson 2, F. Barker 3, A. Goodall 4, F. Goodall 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. For Evensong on 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. Ellis 4, B. Lunn 5, James Phillips 6, J. Stephenson (cond.) 7, J. Allsop 8. Rung in early anticipation of Mr. John Phillips' birthday.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Grant 1, L. King 2, P. H. Jonason 3, J. Barnes 4, W. G. Saunders 5, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. Archibald Knox and Miss Heather Laurie.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, R. Hall 3, G. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Hall, mother of the ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. G. Hales (first of Minor) 1, Betty Mansfield 2, A. Booth 3, C. Rigby 4, G. Mansfield 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. White 1, A. H. Pulling (cond.) 2, W. J. Robinson 3, G. L. Clode 4, H. Hutton 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, F. A. Munday 7, R. J. C. Hagley 8. Rung for the dedication festival, and also as a golden wedding compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Pulling.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,200 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Patricia M. Howard 1, Elsie F. Feltwell 2, I. A. C. Butcher 3, D. A. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5. First in the method by all. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. Harry R. Smart) and Mrs. Smart.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hatfield 1, W. Stoker 2, G. W. Burt 3, J. J. Tune 4, E. D. Tune 5, G. F. Terry (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Jupp 1, B. L. Crook (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. Cruttenden 3, E. Lish 4, E. F. Packham 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, F. E. Cruttenden 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 19th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Twinn (cond.) 1, Mrs. Manship 2, N. D. Robinson (first quarter) 3, E. A. Turley 4, T. G. Bannister 5, A. R. Turley 6, F. C. Price 7, C. Ashpool 8. Rung to commemorate the gift of a daughter to the ringer of the sixth and grand-daughter to the ringer of the fourth.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. H. Cooper 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, H. J. Millatt 3, Rosemary Seabrook 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, J. H. Edwards 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, D. L. Mills 8. First of Stedman for 1, 4 and 5.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 13th, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Norwich Surprise: Miss M. R. Thompson 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, B. F. Sims 4, H. S. Peacock 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, L. Nice 2, R. Rose 3, H. King 4, A. Ballam 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Hewlett 1, Mrs. K. Watts 2, A. C. Morris (cond.) 3, J. Lightfoot 4, A. A. Upton 5, B. Nix 6. For the wedding of Mr. A. Rumbold and Miss P. Sandeman, and the 31st wedding anniversary of the ringer of the tenor.

LITTLEHAM, EXMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Deem 1, S. Skinner 2, J. L. S. Glanvill 3, W. J. Harvey 4, K. Dawe (first 'inside' of Triples) 5, C. Deem (cond.) 6, J. Quick 7, S. Elliott 8.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Sept 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, Pat Lewington 5, D. Martin 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. R. J. Hicks (captain of the tower) and Mrs. Hicks, who is also a ringing member.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Boyce 1, R. P. Selway 2, F. Strickland 3, R. Fox 4, A. W. Dyer 5, S. W. White 6, W. E. Turner (cond.) 7, W. Turk 8. First quarter for 1 and 6.

NEWPORT, SALOP.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pritchard 1, Shelagh K. Seery 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, F. H. Bennett 4, L. Hewett 5, G. A. Packer 6, R. D. Langford (cond.) 7, W. F. Stenson 8. A compliment to Cclr. Mrs. I. E. Stephens, J.P., chairman (third year) Newport (Salop) Urban District Council, and Mr. Albert Crawley for his 76th birthday.

NITON, I.O.W.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Flower 1, F. Taylor 2, W. Upton 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, F. A. Green 5. Rung in memoriam John Henderson, for many years a ringer at this church.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sept. 11th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Parker (first quarter) 1, J. D. Harris 2, A. Lawrey 3, R. H. R. Parker 4, R. Baldwin 5, A. York-Bramble 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, R. G. Leale 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 2, Audrey B. Diserens 3, A. Diserens 4, R. G. Turner (first in method) 5, E. W. Colley 6, F. W. Lewis 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Buckley 1, A. Hilton (first quarter) 2, Alwyn Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Andrew's Parish Church, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 420 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's, 120 New): Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, W. J. Vann (cond.) 2, G. A. Peck 3, J. G. Underwood 4, A. E. Barlow 5. Rung for the institution of the Rector (the Rev. P. C. A. Carnegy) as Canon Theologian of Coventry Cathedral.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Ward (first quarter) 1, J. H. Joyner 2, G. Ingham 3, E. Edginton 4, J. R. Joyner (cond.) 5, E. H. Norman 6. Also on Sept 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rundle (first quarter) 1, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 2, Miss V. Cubley (first quarter) 3, G. Ingham 4, J. R. Joyner 5, E. H. Norman 6. Both rung for 'Battle of Britain' week, and also as a farewell to J. R. Joyner, who has joined H.M. Forces.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Ive 1, Elsie Savory 2, C. Poulter 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Bunce 6, Thomas Collins (cond.) 7, W. Picthall 8. For harvest festival, and also to celebrate 50 years of ringing in St. Martin's, Ruislip, by Mr. Tom Collins.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and 720 Plain Bob): Shelagh Kilbourn 1, Wm. Simpson 2, R. A. Hickton 3, P. Parry 4, C. Geary 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Hancock (first quarter) 1, W. A. Goldstone 2, Miss D. M. Gibbons 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, H. Hancock 6.

SMITHFIELD, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Lunn (cond.) 1, H. Belcher 2, John Phillips 3, J. Waters 4, T. Setter 5.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Jelley 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, R. Jelley 3, B. S. Chapman 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, J. M. Jelley 7, J. R. Norman 8.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. Rea 3, S. Howard 4, J. Chapman 5, R. Sanders 6, C. D. Nichols (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. For harvest festival, also a farewell quarter to Canon D. M. Salmon, Rector and Rural Dean, who preached his last sermon before retirement after 22 years at St. Leonard's.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. Gardner 1, W. W. Daniell 2, P. Manning 3, R. G. Townsend 4, J. Berry 5, I. J. Dickin (first quarter Stedman Caters) 6, E. Sutton 7, G. Wells 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For harvest festival Evensong.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doris Vine (first quarter) 1, M. Noad (first 'inside') 2, Beryl Churchill 3, R. Baker 4, B. Vine (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. Also 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Beryl Churchill 1, Pamela Smith 2, B. Vine 3, R. Baker 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, G. Perry 6. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for harvest festival.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Sept. 26th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the patronal festival and in celebration of the wedding of Michael Sinden and Shirley Harvey, which took place the previous day at Holy Trinity, West Hill.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Hunt 1, J. Froome (first of Major 'inside') 2, Mrs. A. J. Rance 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, B. C. Castle 5, W. J. Parker 6, A. J. Rance 7, Geo. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Bob Royal: H. W. Knight 1, P. J. King 2, Marjorie Legg 3, T. W. Kimber 4, G. Prescott 5, L. Derrick 6, V. G. Roberts 7, W. H. Kingcott 8, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 9, H. J. Sanger 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Sims 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, B. Rice 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking (first of Major) 8. Rung for the 'Battle of Britain' service.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsifre Doubles: R. Leak (14, first quarter) 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, E. Williams 3, L. G. N. Williams 4, H. Runyard 5, A. Dorey 6. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Minor (180 St. Clement's Bob and 1,080 Plain Bob): H. J. Wilde (first of Minor in two methods) 1, Patricia M. Howard 2, Elsie F. Feltwell 3, J. A. Howard 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 2, 3 and 4.

Truro Diocesan Guild

The first ringing festival of the newly-formed Stratton Branch was held at Week St. Mary on September 11th and was very successful, between 60 and 70 ringers attending from the following towers:—Stratton, Poughill, Launcells, Morwenstowe, Poundstock, Marhamchurch and Week S. Mary with visitors from Launceston and Crantock.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. A. F. Townend, M.A.), the lesson read by the Rev. A. T. M. Jasper (Rector of Marhamchurch), and the sermon preached by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewellan (Vicar of Crantock and hon. secretary of the Truro Guild). A collection for Branch funds amounted to £1 10s. 6d.

A grand tea was served by a committee of ringers' wives and friends. In a speech the Rev. W. H. R. Trewellan said it was a memorable occasion as it was the first meeting of the new Branch. He thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and all who had helped to make the afternoon a success.

Ringing during the afternoon consisted of Stedman, Grandsire, call changes and rounds.

R. J, H.

Beverley and District Society

Twenty-two members attended their Society's meeting at Patrington on September 11th, the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. E. Jones) conducting the service.

Tea was taken in the Church Room, followed by the business meeting at which the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, welcomed the visitor, Mr. R. Birch, of Sheffield.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m., bringing another successful meeting to a close.

Miss Margaret Taylor Married

The wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Corston, near Bath, on August 28th, of Mr. Lionel J. de Jong and Miss Margaret J. Taylor. The bride, who is the Master of the South-West Branch of the Ladies' Guild, was given in marriage by her father, Mr. L. R. G. Taylor, who is a member of the Corston band of ringers. As the bride and bridegroom left the church in brilliant sunshine the bells rang out a musical touch of Stedman Triples.

The many ringing guests at the reception included the general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, Mr. R. O. Fry. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed in witty vein by the bride's uncle, Mr. E. J. Taylor, the general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells during the cake-cutting ceremony.

After the happy couple had left for the honeymoon at Maenporth, near Falmouth, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Corston, but unfortunately came to grief after two hours' good ringing.

Herts County Association

Two towers—Rushden and Sandon—were available for the Northern District meeting on September 25th. The service at Sandon was taken by the Rector (the Rev. D. Bickerton), and 22 ringers and friends enjoyed the tea provided by Mrs. Coles. At the business meeting Mr. T. Leonard was elected a non-resident life member, and arrangements were made for the meeting at Hitchin on Oct. 23rd, and Norton on November 27th. Methods rung ranged from rounds to York and London Surprise.

A Loughborough Wedding

Mr. Arthur Fidler, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Fidler, who, like his father, is in the employ of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was married to Miss Jean Margaret Lee at the Church of the Emmanuel, Loughborough, on September 25th. The Rev. E. Smith officiated at the service, which was choral. Numerous friends were present.

Following the reception at the Scout Hall, Nanpantan, the couple had a rousing send off. A 'decorated' car with fittings attached that were never designed by a motor engineer, but were more suitable for the dust bin, took them to Adderbury on the first stage of their journey to the Isle of Alderney, where the honeymoon was to be spent.

During the afternoon the bells of Loughborough Parish Church were rung. There was also a peal attempt at the Bell Foundry but this unfortunately came to grief about halfway.

A Day in Northamptonshire

Twelve young ringers from the Bedford area spent an enjoyable day on September 7th cycling and ringing in Northamptonshire.

Towers visited were Bozeat, Castle Ashby (the heaviest five in the Peterborough Diocese), Whiston (where the only bad ringing of the day took place and one of the party gave an excellent demonstration of fly fishing as he tried to catch the sally), Cogenhoe, Earl's Barton (the only eight of the day), Wilby (an anti-clockwise six), Great Doddington (where the Vicar led the party in prayer before ringing), and finally Wollaston to end a perfect day. Thanks are expressed to incumbents and tower captains.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The many friends of Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, now in No. 5 Ward, Colindale Hospital, N.W.9, will be pleased to learn that he is now making steady progress after his severe operation. Mr. Turner hopes to be out of hospital by the end of November.

Geographical note.—Gislingham is in Suffolk and not Norfolk. (Page 426 under Peal Boards.)

The new Coronation treble at Tannington weighs 3 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., and not 1 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. as appeared in the form of service at the dedication. (Page 333.)

The dedication of the new ring at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, will take place on October 31st at 11 a.m. The Archdeacon of Kingston (the Ven. P. D. Robb) will officiate.

Inst. Commander R. G. Cross, R.N., has taken up an Admiralty appointment in London. His help would be much appreciated in many of the struggling towers.

The Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister, will preach at the Branch meeting to be held at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath, on October 9th.

The peal of Doubles at Bearsted, Kent, was rung following the wedding of Miss June Monckton, a popular member of the tower. Immediately before the ceremony it was found that Minor could not be attempted owing to the absence of one of the band, so the ringer of the treble, a local learner aged 14, was pressed into service. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by the bride's parents.

Referring to Mr. Wilfrid Moreton's achievement in reaching his 500th peal at the age of 30, a correspondent suggests that the youngest ringer to accomplish this would have been either Bertram Prewett, who reached 700 in 1911 at the age of 32, or Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was 27 when he rang his 500th in 1946.

For months a certain ringer wished to become a postal subscriber to 'The Ringing World' but did not like to cancel his long-standing order with his newsagent. Eventually he plucked up courage and did so. The next week his newsagent sold up and went into retirement!

Congratulations to Bryan E. Carson, of Llangranog, in gaining a place at Harper Adams Agriculture Colleges. His friends are looking forward to seeing his name in the peal lists for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. William Judd, a former leader of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, is seriously ill at his home at Boyne Hill. Mr. Edward Harding (87), of Fulmer, is in St. Luke's Hospital, Maidenhead, and is also seriously ill.

Fourteen-year-old Miss Stella Hughes rang her first peal, one of Stedman Cinques, at Walsall, on September 25th. To her delight another member of the band was Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, who is nearing his 82nd year.

During Evensong service on September 19th a Coronation peal board in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Sapcote, was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. C. G. Powell). The board was unveiled by Mr. C. W. Brown, former Ringing Master for over 25 years, and was beautifully hand-carved by Mr. W. Grain, of Sapcote.

Misfortune came to the band who attempted to ring a commemoration peal of Double Norwich Caters at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on September 25th. The peal was to have been in honour of the 60th anniversary of the first peal in the method on Saturday, September 22nd, 1894. It is proposed to make another attempt in the near future which it is hoped will be successful.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Scarborough

THE autumn general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on September 18th, and attracted some 50 members and friends covering the four Districts. Fortunately the weather was most considerate and did much to make the visit to one of Yorkshire's most famous seaside resorts all the more enjoyable.

Following the committee meeting the Vicar of Scarborough (Canon F. E. Ford) conducted a ringers' service and extended the Association a most cordial welcome. During the course of a most interesting address he referred to people who complained about the bells, saying that it always struck him that the root cause of the complaints was in most cases a guilty conscience, and a sense of resentment at being thus reminded that they were failing in their duty to God.

Mr. Sutton had arranged an excellent tea at the Northcliffe Hotel, and had most kindly used his good offices for the meeting to take place there immediately afterwards.

In the unavoidable absence of the president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison) the chair was taken by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who, with Mrs. Johnson, was looking quite refreshed after spending a fortnight at this delectable spot. The date proved to be an unfortunate one for most of the principal officers and District secretaries, and apologies for absence were received from the president, the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Messrs. A. E. Marsh, H. S. Morley, E. Hudson, J. J. L. Gilbert, S. F. Palmer, W. Barton, A. E. Sellers and H. Chant.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar (Canon F. E. Ford), the churchwardens and organist was moved by the chairman, who recalled a former Association meeting there at which the Association was to be accorded a civic welcome. Unfortunately on that occasion also, the attendance was very disappointing. Mr. J. Ambler seconded and this was carried with applause.

A similar vote of thanks to Mr. Sutton and the local company was moved by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. A. Johnson and carried. In acknowledgment Mr. Sutton said he was sorry the Vicar was unable to attend the meeting, but would gladly pass on to him, also the churchwardens and organist the vote of thanks that had been accorded. The local company were always glad to do whatever they could to entertain the Association.

Mr. J. Ambler moved that an invitation from St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, to hold the next meeting there on January 22nd be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. S. H. Steel and carried.

The secretary reported that the committee had considered applications for grants from the Bell Repair Fund received from Sowerby, near Halifax, and Acomb, near York, and had voted a £5 grant in each case. Correspondence from the Marsden company concerning the dedication of the augmented ring of bells (eight to ten) was read, and the hope expressed that it would be possible to arrange a general meeting there next year. The launching of the augmentation scheme and the successful culmination of it was largely due to the commendable enthusiasm of the local ringers, who were to be heartily congratulated upon their exemplary efforts.

The secretary reported that the committee had decided to postpone until the next meeting a recommendation that a further supply of Association badges be purchased.

Mr. F. A. Staveley reported that arrangements were well advanced for the Snowdon Dinner, which is to take place at Doncaster on October 30th. They aimed at putting on the best possible show and hoped that members and friends would help to ensure its success by supporting it. Mr. P. J. Johnson said he had been actively associated with these affairs for many years and hoped that the members would rally round and make it as great a success as their Sheffield friends had done last year.

John Lilliker and Horace Hall, of All Saints', Sheffield, were elected members of the Association.

Mr. H. Lofthouse raised the matter of railway fares, pointing out that he was able on this occasion, by travelling on a morning train, to obtain a return ticket for 11s. 6d., but to anyone travelling on a later train, and incidentally having less time to spend at Scarborough, was charged 19s. 10d. It did seem to him an anomaly which quite often was reflected in the attendances at meetings.

This concluded the business and a return to the tower was then made, where members were able to enjoy more ringing on these recently-restored bells.

MR. HERBERT BULLOUGH GOING TO LEICESTER

It is with mixed feelings that North Staffordshire ringers and particularly the members of the band at St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme, learned of the promotion of Mr. Herbert Bullough, at present District Commercial Superintendent of the British Railways, London Midland Region, at Stoke-on-Trent, to the corresponding post at Leicester.

Mr. Bullough came to Stoke-on-Trent in 1946, and since that time has been an active ringer at St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme. He is not a peal ringer, but one of that steadfast band of regular Sunday service ringers so invaluable to the Exercise. Except when out of the district on business or more rarely on pleasure, he seldom missed attending the belfry for practice and on Sundays.

During his stay in Stoke-on-Trent he has taken a very active part in the business life of the city. He is a member of several transport consultative and other bodies as well as the North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce.

When he leaves to take up his new duties early in October he will carry with him the warmest congratulations of North Staffordshire ringers on his promotion as well as their regrets at losing a good friend and counsellor.

A SHEFFIELD STALWART

Friends from all over the country will extend their good wishes to Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, of Totley, near Sheffield, who celebrated his 80th birthday on September 19th. He is one of the remaining links between the days of C. H. Hattersley, W. Lomas and other stalwarts of half a century ago, who were regarded as the aristocrats of the Exercise.

Born at Great Bowden, Leics, where he learned to handle a bell at the age of 12, he moved to Sheffield in 1901. He became a change ringer on the six at St. Mary's, Walkley, and was later invited to join the band at Sheffield Cathedral. Except for a break during World War I. his service has been continuous to this tower.

His work for the Exercise is outstanding. Apart from his membership of the Central Council, he was hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association for 18 years and is still a trustee, hon. secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, secretary to the Cathedral Company for 25 years and a member of the Sheffield Diocesan Advisory Committee for matters relating to bells.

During his wide experience he has rung in over 300 towers and his peals total 292, including one of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral in 1925.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

Annual Meeting at Little Dorrit's Vestry

THE National Guild of Police Ringers met in London on September 18th for their annual meeting. A conducted tour of the Houses of Parliament had been arranged by Inspector Prior, of the Metropolitan Police, who was at Victoria Tower to meet members and their friends upon arrival for 11 a.m.

The party then visited the South Kensington Science Museum, where Mr. Douglas Hughes demonstrated the Carter Ringing Machine. This ingenious masterpiece of engineering skill proved to be a real attraction and kept the party keenly interested. After Mr. Hughes had explained the working principle of the machine a few adjustments were made and some Stedman Cinques were heard with uncanny perfection. The President, Inspector H. J. Poole, called a touch of Stedman Triples, and thanked Mr. Hughes for the demonstration. By this time the Manchester members had joined the party and lunch was taken in a nearby Corner House.

The business meeting was held in the 'Little Dorrit' Vestry of St. George the Martyr Church, The Borough. The Secretary reported that two serving members had joined the Guild and the membership stood at 109.

The funds of the Guild remain good, and the year ended with a balance of £16 13s. 2d. No peals were recorded during 1953. The committee were re-elected en bloc. The President gave a brief account of the Central Council meeting at Newcastle.

Sixteen new members and one policewoman were elected members of the Guild.

The President proposed that the next annual meeting be held at Northampton; this was agreed to, the date being September 17th.

It was then decided to amend the rules to transfer members who had reached a great age or contributed valuable service to the Guild to life membership. The President proposed ex-P.C. J. Sanderson, of Blackburn, and ex-P.C. J. Carter, of Oldham, be elected life members. On the proposition of Inspector Prior, seconded by Inspector Mead, it was agreed to amend Rule 2 to enable past and present members of the Special Constabulary and Police Cadets, whilst serving as such, to become associate members of the Guild subject to certain conditions.

Ex-Chief Inspector Bottrill reminded the meeting that it was at this church the Guild was formed, and he believed it was their first meeting there since. This concluded the business and members made their way to the belfry and to Southwark Cathedral, where some good ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon.

Dinner had been arranged at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, where a good company enjoyed an excellent meal.

The guests included Mr. H. P. Ralph (Deputy Commissioner No. 3 District), the Rev. C. E. V. Bowkett (Rector of St. George the Martyr), Mr. J. E. Chilcott (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

The President, in welcoming the guests, said it was a feature of the Police Guild to be informal. It was a great pleasure to see the Church, the Force and two of the oldest Societies of Ringers represented at the dinner. Mr. H. P. Ralph, Rev. C. E. V. Bowkett and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne suitably replied.

The social evening had been arranged by P.C. Norman Bagworth with members of the Metropolitan Police Choir. An excellent programme was supported by handbell ringing and tune ringing by the 'youngsters' of the Manchester party.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District Ringing Master Retires

The annual meeting of the Ashford District brought 60 members and friends to Ashford on September 25th. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and were soon put to good use. At 4.30 the Vicar (Canon H. Duncan Bowen) conducted the service in the Parish Church, assisted by the Rev. Cyril Munt (one of the Ashford band).

Tea had been arranged in the Parish Room and the catering was most efficiently (one might almost say overwhelmingly) carried out by the verger (Mr. Harris) and his wife.

The business meeting followed. The secretary, in his report, stated that although there had been a slight increase in the number of members during the past twelve months, it was of vital necessity to maintain a steady flow of recruits to all towers. Once a band disintegrated it was extremely difficult to build up again. A number of towers in the district were instructing recruits, but there were others which would be silent if efforts were not made to introduce fresh blood. After paying a tribute to the co-operation of the clergy in the district he said he hoped the quantity and quality of Sunday service ringing would at least equal that of practice nights.

Peal ringing in the District had been an improvement on that of last year. Thirty-three peals had been rung in 33 towers, and they included the first for the Association of Whitchurch Surprise and eight Spliced Surprise Major. An agreeable feature of the peals had been the progress made by two of the younger members — John Cooper and Geoffrey Pearson.

Before the election of officers, Mr. Walter Everett, who was retiring from the position of Ringing Master after holding it for over 30 years, was presented with a cheque. Mr. Willis spoke of the esteem in which Walter had been held by all over this long period, and the Vicar, in making the presentation, endorsed these sentiments. Mr. T. Cullingworth was elected the new Ringing Master, whilst Mr. W. P. Garner continues as secretary, and Mr. J. Cooper and Mr. G. Waters carry on as District representatives.

Geoffrey Waters has arranged a series of practice meetings to be held on certain Wednesday evenings in the western half of the District.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to the verger and ladies who had arranged and served the tea.

W. P. G.

A Visitor's Helpfulness

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Hethersett on September 12th was a farewell peal to John Moore, of Heston, Middlesex, who for the past 18 months has been working in the Norwich area and has been a regular Sunday service ringer at Hethersett. John has set the very fine record during that time of ringing for no less than 182 services there. This is all the more creditable as it has, on most occasions, entailed a round trip of ten miles for each service ring. John has been presented with a leather-bound 'Peal Record Book' by the Rector, churchwardens and the St. Remigius Company

GUILDFORD GOLDEN WEDDING

THE golden wedding smile of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, of 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, who celebrated 50 happy years of married life on September 26th. Their wedding was at Warboys, Hunts.

At the age of 12, 62 years ago, Mr. Pulling started ringing at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and he has a continuous record of Sunday service. His peal tally has now reached 1,491, and he is looking forward to the day when he can join that exclusive band of those who have rung 1,500 peals. He was a member of the band of 1,000 pealers who rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on February 15th, 1936. Of the band only Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. Pulling are now with us.

MR. & MRS. A. H. PULLING
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Heading his list of long lengths is the record peal on handbells of 19,738 changes. He has rung handbells in the Market Square at Dunkirk, at the Menin Gate and was one of the party to ring at the tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey in the early 1920's.

His membership of the Central Council extends over 40 years; the Guildford Diocesan Guild have honoured him by electing him a vice-president. In his prime he was one of the leading conductors in the country—he sensed a trip before it was made!

For the golden wedding anniversary Mr. Pulling called a quarter of Stedman on his much-loved bells of Holy Trinity before evening service. Ringing with him was his friend of boyhood days, Mr. Harry Hutton. The association between the two is unique. Mr. Hutton rang in the peal for Mr. Pulling's wedding and also in the peal for his silver wedding anniversary, and finally in the golden wedding quarter.

His other great interest in life is the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, of which he was caretaker from 1908 until 1949.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival at Stamford

The historic town of Stamford was the scene of a great gathering of ringers from a wide area on September 18th, on the occasion of the Guild's Summer Festival.

Members and visitors from the surrounding Dioceses of Lincoln, Ely, Coventry, and Leicester, to the number of 140 or more, assembled in St. Martin's Church for the service arranged and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. P. Stewart, who has been in the parish but a few months and was experiencing his first ringers' meeting.

The Church Room, which was intended to be the place for tea, was found to be too small, and last minute accommodation had to be provided in the assembly room, which was also taxed to the limit. Before dispersing, the Guild Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore, expressed thanks to the Vicar, Mr. J. H. Bluff, of Stamford, the incumbents and steeplekeepers of the towers open for ringing, and all others, including the general secretary, who had made the day so enjoyable.

Twelve towers in the Peterborough, Oundle, Kettering and Rutland branches, on the Eastern, Southern and Western approaches were open at various times and at least one party visited ten. Quite a number of 'First in this tower' were recorded.

The parish of St. Martin's, Stamford, is the only one in the town which is in the Diocese of Peterborough, the others being in the Diocese of Lincoln. The church contains the tomb of the great Elizabethan statesman, Cecil, the first Lord Burghley, who began the building of nearby Burghley House, now the home of the Marquis of Exeter.

The town itself was, of course, well known over 300 years ago, when the bell foundry of Tobie Norris was supplying bells to churches in the area. He lies buried in the north aisle of St. George's Church, his death having taken place on Nov. 2nd, 1626.

EBBW VALE ANNIVERSARY

The annual ringing week-end at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, was held on the 17th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of eight bells. On September 11th the ringers visited Hereford and district, where they were met by Wilfrid Moreton, who had kindly organised the day's tour. Ringing took place at Lugwardine and Withington, and Canon and Mrs. Moreton entertained the 16 ringers to a sumptuous tea at their home in the Cathedral Close. After tea there was ringing at All Saints', Hereford, and at Burghill, which included a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

On Sunday, called locally Bell Sunday, the Evensong was a service of thanksgiving for the dedication of the bells. During the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the chancel steps by four of the young lady ringers, viz: Avril Evans 1-2, Audrey Stephens 3-4, Delwyn Evans 5-6, Barbara Stephens 7-8. The Archdeacon of Newport, the guest preacher, said that it was good to hear the bells taking part in the service in days when so many activities had become separated from the Church.

B. D. P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary, Central Council, was good enough to give some information on this matter. He states that 'the question of a subsidy by Associations to "The Ringing World" has not arisen,' and adds 'There certainly seems to be no reason for such a scheme to be turned down as impracticable.' Coming from such a source there can be no question as to correctness, and we may now proceed to discuss another method of ensuring financial security without anyone being able to state that this has been considered already and turned down as unsuitable.

Mr. Barnett seems to express a belief that security lies in a big increase in the number of postal subscribers. By all means let us get as many postal subscribers as we can, but the statement to date shows only 293 newcomers, and the field of recruitment is a very limited one, determined by the special nature of the journal. Few people outside the Exercise could find anything of interest in 'The Ringing World.'

The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee presented at Newcastle contains these words:—Every possible economy has been effected, but without the generous support which has been given by the Exercise in **donations and voluntary levies** we should have ended the year with an adverse balance.' Yes, Sir, £264, and the year before, £185. Mr. Barnett's figures, but available to all in the Income and Expenditure Accounts. Lower down, the 1953 report continues: 'It would be unwise to expect that the donations, voluntary levies, etc., will continue indefinitely . . . . we cannot reasonably continue to depend on them.' A permanent solution of the problem is urgently needed.

No one will dispute the fact that when the late John S. Goldsmith passed away he left behind him a magnificent achievement in the work he had done, **for all ringers,** in the establishment of a highly-specialised publication, and that the Central Council did the only sensible thing open to them when they secured possession, again **for all ringers.** In taking over the rights and duties of publication the Council acted on behalf of all the members of their constituent Guilds, Associations and Societies, and we should do well to remember the feeling of relief and satisfaction which pervaded the Exercise when the decision became known, and we realised that 'The Ringing World' would carry on, instead of dying untimely.

The owner of a property of any description is usually charged with the duty and cost of maintaining it. And since the members of all bodies affiliated to the Central Council are part owners of 'The Ringing World,' the responsibility for maintenance rests alike on all.

The only reasonable and businesslike method of maintaining 'The Ringing World' will eventually be found, when all the temporary expedients have petered out, in a contribution from the funds of each associated body, based on numerical membership.

I suggest that at the next Central Council meeting at Bristol, the Editorial Committee should be instructed to estimate annually income and expenditure for a year ahead. This has to be done by all the sub-committees of public bodies such as County Councils. Education Committees, Borough Councils, and the like, and with the existing accounts as a guide should present no difficulty. If the original terms of reference or instructions to the Editorial Committee are not wide enough to cover this action, revision by Central Council resolution would settle that point. Having arrived at an approximation to the amount required in full, this figure divided by 20,000, which Mr. Barnett gives as a reasonable figure for the total membership of all affiliated Societies, would show the very small contribution per member which is required to keep 'The Ringing World' on a sound financial basis. For example, 1953 deficit without donations, £264. £264 divided by 20,000 = just under 3¼d. Contribution required from a 500-member association would be 500 x 3¼d. = Approximately £7 5s.

Having been a ringer for nearly 60 years I know full well that any scheme which involves a regular payment from Association Funds is usually regarded with dislike and suspicion, but the plan put forward has at any rate the merit of spreading the expense over the widest possible number of potential contributors, and ensures that the burden is equally shared.

Now, come on the critics!—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WILLIS.

Folkestone.

NATIONAL SERVICEMAN'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—As a National Serviceman I appreciated J. A. A.'s article on 'National Service' ('Ringing World,' September 17th). Two years spent in different parts of the country afford great opportunity for making new friends, expanding tower and peal totals and bewildering companions with diagrams and figures.

To a raw recruit the occasional evening practice is a solace from the apparent 'hell let loose.' To any ringers the generous welcome afforded at every tower brings home the fact that ringers are friends everywhere. Finally, frequent impromptu lectures in the billet—aided by 'The Ringing World' and diagrams—help to dispel the widespread ignorance of our noble art, and perhaps to gain a much-needed recruit.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. RUCK.

B.A.O.R.

RUGELEY'S EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—I would like to support the advice to towers in the vicinity of Service camps in your leading article of September 17th.

We in Rugeley have had the pleasure of welcoming many young ringers who have been doing their basic training at the R.A.F. camp at Hednesford, and we hope they have happy memories of their visits to us. We do know, also, how they appreciate the glimpses of home life we have been able to give to them.

We have found that on account of the many changes which are always taking place in the staff of the camp, it is difficult to ensure that information about ringing is always available to recruits arriving at the camp. However, as the natural thing for a ringer to do as soon as he can get out of camp is to find churches where, either from his copy of 'Dove' or the appearance of the tower, it seems likely that there is a ring of bells, we have placed a notice in our church porch giving details of Sunday ringing, practices and the name and address of the tower captain. This we have found very useful, not only to ringers in the Services, but also to other ringers on holidays, etc., in the district. We know this is done in many churches, but we would commend the suggestion to all towers, especially those near Service camps or in holiday resorts.

We have a greater than ever interest in this question now that one of our own ringers has joined the R.A.F., and we are confident that he will find the same welcome in other towers that we have always extended at Rugeley.—Yours sincerely,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Although Mr. Pulling addresses to Loughborough his query concerning rumours of an attempt at the Foundry for the full extent of Major, I feel that I ought to clarify the position. I have been considering for some time the possibility of arranging this attempt, and in fact have plans for it made before the end of the year. Proper notice will be given, of course, in 'The Ringing World' at the appropriate time. I agree with Mr. Pulling that it is a tall order, but we intend to have no substitutes. This scheme is connected in no way with Peterborough.

I agree most emphatically that our own Press should be the first to receive news of any attempt of this nature, and would recommend this view to whoever was responsible for passing on premature information to the daily papers. I can assure Mr. Pulling that it was not my doing, nor do I think any other member of the band wittingly gave the information.

With regard to his last question I can assure him that it is by no means a 'leg-pull'; though it may well turn out to be wishful thinking.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster, Yorks.

THE BELLS OF LUNDY ISLAND

Dear Sir,—Since writing my letter which appeared in your issue of September 10th, I have been over to Lundy, and can only confirm what has been stated by the Editor and myself. I would add that we have both put the facts somewhat mildly and to give a full account would occupy too much space.

Mr. Gade, the agent on the Island, takes little interest in the church and states that it is not his responsibility, but he will generally let a ringer have the key of the tower after due warning of the risks involved in going up aloft.

Edith Lomas suggests that the bells might be disposed of. I am inclined to agree, but who would bear the heavy costs involved and what is the use of a mass of rusty metal to anyone?

D. A. Newcombe quotes 'the guide book of Lundy,' which states that the bells have been taken down. This is not correct, they have never been taken down but some are supported by wood joists to prevent them falling down due to rust having eaten through the gudgeons and bearings.

Mr. Paice is correct as regards the general state of the church. I would add that the main west window has glass missing, and rain from that quarter (which is the prevailing quarter) pours in and does damage to the seats and other fittings.

Mr. Rowe states that the bells were clocked for the recent wedding. It must have been a very risky business and one which I would not have liked to attempt.

The east end of the church was in better condition than last year and, above all, the brass was clean, which is something I have never seen before.

The peal board is all the better for the attention given it by my son and myself last year. Can we make a proper job of it next year?

H. J. CANN, Major.

Kilve, Somerset.

'WINCHESTER MAJOR AND ROYAL'

Dear Sir,—Why does the author of 'Winchester Major and Royal' hide his light under a bushel. There is nothing in the method more objectionable than there is in Cambridge, and that is not likely to be thrown out by the Exercise as 'rubbish.' Perhaps the author will now come into the open and make known his identity.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

LETTERS—Continued

PEAL RINGING IN DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Messrs. Richards and Paulson for their comments on my articles on Derbyshire. I am sorry I omitted to mention the towers they name. One of my difficulties in the case of a county where there is so much material to talk about, like Derbyshire, is to know where to draw the line. In this case it seemed a peal total of 90 was indicated, but since I mention all 10-bell towers, Derby St. Andrew's came in with 89, and Netherseale and Overseale were brought in as examples of the most flourishing towers to-day, although their totals were under 90. Looking back, I realise I ought to have slipped Darley Dale in, for it was very near the 90 (88 as I wrote, 89 now—Mr. Paulson says 90, and if he would kindly write to me I would like to check up on the total). For his information I came across no peals on the six bells. The first eight-bell tower I have was on September 12th, 1903, and I recorded 49 in all up to 1915. I have 21 since the last war, so it would appear the discrepancy lies here. (Mr. Paulson says 22.)

As for the six-bell towers, Morton and Blackwell, I can confirm there were no peals at the former when it was a five-bell tower. Again my count is one less than Mr. Richards' for I make it 29 (18 between 1924 and 1931 and 11 since the war). Perhaps he, too, would be so kind as to check up with me on this. I have now 32 at Blackwell, and Mr. Richards is correct in his guess about the number rung when it was a five-bell tower. Twenty-two were rung then, which is a very high number for a five-bell tower. When my article on Essex appears, it will be seen that the highest total of peals in any five-bell tower in the country is 31 at Warkton (Northants) and only one other such tower has more than 22. So Mr. Richards' note is timely.

Finally, I should be grateful for information of a peal at Wingerworth. I have looked up my records and cannot find one. Perhaps all the discrepancies are due to peals not being published in 'The Ringing World'! If 'The Ringing World' ceased publication I should be 'sunk'!—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,

Southampton.

P.S.—The next peals I record at Coalbrookdale and Chester Cathedral will be the 100th and 50th respectively. The peal at St. Eval (Cornwall) was, I think, the first in the tower. —K. W. H. F.

COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS AND CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby's letter prompts me to ask how many of our County Associations could raise a resident band for Cambridge Surprise Maximus at the present time? An Essex band rang Cambridge at the Chelmsford Cathedral practice on September 25th, although the standard of striking was below that required for a peal. If our promising younger ringers are given the right encouragement, it may not be so long before such a peal is rung in Essex.—Yours faithfully,

D. W. BEARD.

East Ham.

A LINCOLNSHIRE RHYME

Dear Sir,—The following is an old couplet describing the bells of four Lincolnshire villages:—

'Marton's cracked pancheons
And Torksey's egge-shelles,
Saxilby's ding-dong
And Stow Mary bells.'

Yours sincerely,

C. GLENN.

Nottingham

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' October 9th, 1914

STEDMAN

'. . . Turning to Stedman, what is usually rung and called Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques is not Stedman at all, it is not even a principle. Stedman is a real legitimate principle, and must consist on 7, 9 and 11 bells of the same elements as Stedman's own six-score. The six-score consists of quick sixes, which are equivalent to bobs; slow sixes, which are equivalent to plain leads; and singles which cause three bells to make places in 1-2-3 in the middle of a six. . .

'I cannot repeat the proofs, it would fill up too much space, but I would again ask the Exercise to put prejudice aside and study the proofs, and, while I hope to go on ringing Norwich Stedman Triples and consider it well worth ringing, I can never admit that it is really Stedman Triples at all.—Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.'

[The theory that the extensions or Stedman Doubles which we ring are incorrect was propounded by the Rev. H. Law James with much vigour for a number of years, but he never gained any support for it.]

CHURCH AND STATE RINGING

Since last May a peal attempt had been arranged at St. Nicholas', Newport (Salop), as a compliment to 'a very gracious lady,' Councillor Mrs. I. E. Stephens, J.P., in appreciation of her third term of service as chairman of the Urban District Council, and also to Mr. Albert Crawley, former ringer of Crewe, who celebrated his 76th birthday on September 26th.

A band representative of the Shropshire and North Staffs Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild met on September 25th at Newport to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. All went well for the first hour and then, without warning, 'up it went.' As the conductor, Mr. R. D. Langford, afterwards remarked, Stedman Triples is one of the most inflammable methods to ring—it only requires a spark and up it goes.

The band consisted of Mr. A. Pritchard (Ringing Master, Shropshire Association), Mr. F. H. Bennett (Deputy Master), Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst (former Ringing Master), Miss Shelagh K. Seery (Uttoxeter), Messrs. L. Hewett (Hadley), R. D. Langford, G. A. Packer and W. Frank Stenson (all of Crewe). After the failure a quarter peal in the method was rung in 46 minutes.

After the ringing Councillor Mrs. Stephens kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the Bull's Head. The function was also attended by the Rector (the Rev. P. H. L. Bradley), the hon. sec. of the P.C.C. (Mr. D. Keddie) and Mr. Stephens. Thanks to all who had made the attempt possible were voiced by Mr. A. Prichard, who especially mentioned Mrs. Stephens, Mr. T. Talbot, the local tower keeper, and Mr. E. Wickstead.

Mrs. Stephens, in acknowledging, said she thought the thanks should be the other way round—to the ringers— especially the organiser. She greatly appreciated the thought that prompted the peal in her honour. The Rector also replied and hoped the visitors would come again and be more successful.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

A welcome visitor to the summer District meeting at Overton on September 11th was Major J. G. Stilwell, a former Branch hon. secretary, who has been away for a long period and unfortunately has moved from the district.

Overton ringers did everything to ensure the success of the gathering. The Rector (the Rev. F. R. Sanders) conducted the service, and the tea provided was much appreciated, especially by the young ringers. Standard methods were practised and every help possible given to the beginners.

DEDICATIONS

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS

On September 26th the restored ring of six bells of St. Mary's Church, Hambleden, Bucks, was rededicated by the Rural Dean (the Vicar of Great Marlow), assisted by the Rector of Hambleden (the Rev. W. E. Watts). During and after the service the bells were rung by the local band of call change ringers.

The bells and inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—'Georgius Rex A: D: 1724. D: Iones, R: Lane, Ch:W: R: Phelps Made Me. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.'

Second.—'Feare God X634. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.'

Third.—'George Deane Gave Thxs Bell X634. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb.'

Fourth.—'John Warner & Sons, Crescent Foundry, London. 1857. (Royal Arms) Patent. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.'

Fifth.—'Pack & Chapman of London. Fecit. 1778. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.'

Tenor.—'Ora Mente Pia Pro Nobis Virgo Maria (Crowned Capitals). 11 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.'

The second and third bells are by Ellis Knight, of Reading, and the tenor is from the Wokingham Foundry c. 1420.

The bells have just been eighth-turned, tuned and rehung with cast iron headstocks and all new fittings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Previously the ravages of woodworm had made them unsafe to ring and they had been silent for a year.

A new bell is to be added as a treble to a future octave, it will be inscribed: 'Thomas de Cantelupe, Sainted Son of Hambleden.' This is to commemorate England's last pre-Reformation saint, born here in 1218.

The tower has been modified to improve sound dispersal, and the ringing circle has been much improved.

An interesting feature of the restoration was the rediscovery of the old saunce bell, stolen from the church in 1793.

Everyone who has tried the bells since the restoration agrees that the Whitechapel Foundry has turned out yet another excellent job, both tone and 'go' being much improved.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

A new treble bell was dedicated at Packington, Leicestershire, on September 9th by the Archdeacon of Loughborough (the Rev. R. B. Cole) and the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Rigg), assisted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. A. R. Meakin). Representatives of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Association were present.

The new bell was cast by Taylors and brings the ring to six bells. A new frame had been made and the old bells retuned and hung on ball bearings. Much of the £850 needed was given in the will of Mr. George Hatton, a local ringer. The church clock has also been overhauled; it was made by John Decon, a local craftsman, about 1700.

Packington Church dates from Saxon times and the first known mention of the bells was in 1552, when there were three. These were recast and increased to four in 1685, at Nottingham. The present fourth bell is the only one of these remaining and bears the inscription, 'Let the Gospell Florish. 1695.' In 1790 the bells rang out during the night and it was found that the tenor had been broken by lightning. This was recast and bears the inscription, 'Robert Hastings, Vicar. Thomas Potter and Richard Harrison, Churchwardens. E. Arnold Leicester, Fecit, 1793.' The third and fifth were recast and the second was added by Taylors in 1876. The treble has the inscription 'Sound Forth God's Praises. 1954.'

A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

FARINGDON, BERKS

Ringers from All Saints', Faringdon, Shrivenham, Marcham and Buckland had a most enjoyable outing on September 11th, visiting Burford, Stroud, and St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester. Tea was taken at Gloucester. The outing was a great success and was arranged by Mr. F. H. Whipp and Mr. D. Vincent. F. H. W.

CARDIFF

On September 25th ringers from Cardiff, Hillingdon (Middlesex), Porthkerry and Whitchurch enjoyed an outing in the Llynfi Valley. Faulty map reading landed the 'convoy' into a mountainside farmyard, the renowned 'Green Van' taking a beating up one in six or seven. The Church of St. Cynwyd, Llangynwyd, on the mountain top was eventually reached. In the chancel of this old and historic church is the grave of 'The Maid of Cefn Ydfa.'

After an hour's ring on this delightful six, rehung by Gillett and Johnston last year, the party doubled back to Bridgend for tea. Thence to St. Mary's, Coity, another splendid-going but rather noisy six. Many Minor methods were rung for the first time by the party, who wish to thank Messrs. J. Hale and C. Gerrish for assisting in the arrangements. F. J. B.

LICHFIELD

The Dean of Lichfield, the Very Rev. W. S. MacPherson, accompanied the Cathedral ringers on their outing on September 11th, the first time a member of the Cathedral Chapter had participated in such a function. His presence, with that of Prebendary H. S. Cresswell (Vicar of St. Mary's), was much appreciated.

Ringing took place at Grantham, Boston, Surfleet and Newark. At the tea at Newark the guests were welcomed by Mr. G. E. Oliver. The Dean and Prebendary Cresswell replied, and Mr. R. Wealthy, on behalf of Alrewas ringers, and Mr. D. R. Carlisle, for the Derby party, also spoke. Mr. Oliver was thanked for his excellent arrangements.

The outing was regarded as 'the best ever' in the history of the Cathedral ringers.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET

On Saturday, September 18th, ringers and friends from Somerton and neighbouring villages sallied forth into the north-west of the county to visit three eight-bell and three six-bell towers.

The day began well at Chewton Mendip with a good touch of Grandsire Triples, but Bob Major was not a success; perhaps this glorious eight should have been reserved for later in the day. One more 'Chew' before lunch—Chew Stoke (6), where we hope the 100 or more carved angels were not too much offended by our efforts!

After lunch, overlooking the Channel at Portishead, we had a good ring on the eight bells there, recently overhauled and going beautifully. The Rector even suggested we might eat our tea off the newly-painted frames! Another good light eight at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, was visited before going to Kingston Seymour (6), which had been chosen because of the programme televised there some time ago.

After our own rather heavy bells some of us were a little afraid of the light six at Locking (7¼ cwt.), but we need not have feared, and this was voted by some the most enjoyable ring of the day.

Home was reached at a late hour; suffice it to say that the street-lighting had been switched off some time before our return. S. M. A.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH

Twerton ringers, accompanied by friends from Chew Magna, Corston and Weston (Bath) held their outing on September 11th, the first for many years.

The first tower was Uphill, where the party were met by Mr. George Prescott, the Ringing Master of this area. The bells are a good six and hang in a church situated at the top of a hill overlooking the sea. The bells at St. Paul's, Kewstoke, the next tower, go very well and sound very quiet and mellow to those in the ground floor ringing chamber.

Tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, and we owe them and their helpers a sincere 'thank you' for the magnificent spread they provided.

The last tower was St. John's, Pilton, where the party were welcomed by the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister), the Vicar of Pilton. The bells here are a pleasure to ring.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Roger Fry, for organising the outing, and the incumbents. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. L.

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

The Society of Cambridge Youths held their annual outing on September 18th, a party of about 30 travelling to Suffolk.

Debenham was reached on time and here everyone had a pull. At Grundisburgh Mr. and Mrs. Pipe and George were waiting to welcome the party. The pleasure of ringing here was equalled by the joy of reminiscences with old friends.

After an excellent lunch at Woodbridge the keen young men rushed to ring before a wedding ceremony. Here also one of the older members missed a pull on the bells because he could not do without his after-dinner nap; he was awakened by the 'firing' of the bells as the couple left the church!

Mr. C. J. Sedgley met the party at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and was not too critical of the attempts on the 12. What a record of 12-bell peals is seen on the peal boards here!

After tea St. Margaret's was visited and more old friends met. Then faces were turned homeward and Stowmarket was the last call of the day.

Mr. J. W. R. Quinney, the secretary and organiser of the outing, expressed the hope that all had had an enjoyable time. Mr. M. Ginn, on behalf of the visitors, Mr. E. G. Hibbens and Mr. J. R. Dennis replied, saying how much all owed to Mr. Quinney for making such excellent arrangements.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

St. George's Church, Fordington, Dorchester, beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables in preparation for the coming harvest festival, was the scene of the autumn meeting on September 25th, when the Vicar of Fordington (the Rev. G. L. O. Jessop) conducted the Guild service and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers.

Tea was served in the Moule Institute by Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. House and other lady helpers, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the Branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby.

Mr. Derek Cox and Mr. Richard Sturmey, of Charminster, were elected ringing members of the Guild.

Canon Markby stated that Mr. S. J. Bryant, son of the Rector of Upwey and for many years a ringing member of the Branch, was being ordained a deacon by the Bishop of London at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sept. 29th. This was the first instance he could recall in all his long connection with the Branch of a ringing member offering himself for ordination, and the meeting agreed that when writing to Mr. Bryant, the chairman be asked to convey their good wishes. Mr. Bryant will also be remembered for his athletic prowess during his Army training and also as a member of the Oxford University team.

An invitation to visit Litton Cheney for the next meeting, November 13th, was accepted, and the next Branch practice was fixed for October 9th at Cattistock, if convenient.

Canon Markby thanked the Vicar for his welcome and the address, and the ladies for a most excellent tea, and also Miss E. Kingman for her services at the organ.

Mention was made of the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples recently rung at Wyke Regis in honour of the birthdays of Mr. F. Stedman (80) and Mr. F. Precey (70), Deputy Ringing Master and Ringing Master respectively, also to mark the engagement of two well-known members of the Wyke Regis band, Mr. R. F. Symonds and Miss Doreen Hill.

St. Peter's bells being available, ringing was resumed at both towers in the evening. J. H. H.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Visit Attleborough

A meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Attleborough on September 18th attracted 33 ringers, including Mr. Rodenhurst, of Shropshire. The Rector (the Rev. I. F. Webb) conducted the service, which was fully choral with the choir in attendance, after which the tea and meeting took place in the Church Hall.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided, supported by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, the Rev. I. F. Webb, Mr. A. G. Harrison (Branch secretary), Messrs. C. E. G. Banham and C. F. W. Phillippo and ringers from 14 different parishes.

Miss Bridget Mutimer, of Saxlingham, and Mr. Peter Ireland, of Saxlingham, were elected ringing members.

Congratulations were extended to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow and Miss Hook on their recent engagement. It was decided to visit Bergh Apton for the last meeting of the year on December 4th.

Mr. C. Banham and Mr. L. Lawrence were thanked for making local arrangements.

NORTH FOREST CHURCHES

Six ringers from St. George's, Brockworth, joined by a member of the R.A.F. at Gloucester and an ex-member of the same station, had a tour of North Forest churches on August 28th.

Ringing took place at Hartpury (6), Corse (6), Staunton (6), Eldersfield (6), Tirley (6) and Hasfield (6).

OBITUARY

MR. GILBERT PEARCE

Bristol has lost one of its ringing personalities by the passing of Mr. Gilbert Pearce, who died on September 13th, aged 85 years. He was for many years a member of St. James' Guild and until quite recently turned up for Sunday service ringing regularly.

In his early days he visited America and was one of the band to ring the first peal in the Dominion of Canada—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Vancouver in 1911 for the Coronation of King George V. The actual number of peals Gilbert rang has not been recorded but they ran into hundreds.

The funeral service was held at St. James' Church on September 17th, followed by cremation. Besides the family mourners there was a very representative gathering of ringing friends. Those attending included Mr. Percy Portch, Mr. H. Way and son, Mr. Frank Gooding and Mr. George Trew (past members of St. James' Guild), Mr. Coles, Mr. Mason, Miss Barbara Johnston and Mr. A. V. Bennett (present members), Professor J. R. Brocklehurst (chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. Edgar Guise (past hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. F. G. Leaker, Mr. Frank Hansford, Mr. A. A. Hilliar, Mr. A. E. Reeves and Mr. F. Skidmore.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

MR. RAYMOND PHILPOTT

Mr. H. Badger (Thame) writes: 'I was very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Raymond Philpott. I knew him many years ago at Basingstoke, and he and Mr. George Gilbert, who were for a time in camp near Basingstoke, were both of great assistance to us in St. Nicholas' belfry.

'In our Masonic peal at Berkhamsted earlier in the year we had intended ringing it for W. Bro. Philpott's installation, but, unfortunately, owing no doubt to ill-health, he was unable to "stand in" at the last moment.

'He must have died during his year of office, being installed, I believe, last October.'

MR. W. C. PARKER

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow writes: 'I read in the issue of September 24th Mr. William Shepherd's appreciation of the services to ringing, particularly at St. Peter's, Staines, of the late William C. Parker. It was a kindly tribute to one who gave so much time and labour to his tower, to one whose bells were his pride and joy and who was never more happy than when able to offer the hospitality of his tower to visiting ringers.

'I have joyful memories of the fun and banter that used to pass between Bill Parker and his old friend, Jack Preston (the long and the short of it!), and one felt in those days that a visit to Staines would always be enlivened by these two. Alas! one seldom meets such characters nowadays!

'By an unfortunate twist of circumstances many of his Middlesex friends were unaware of his death until it was reported in "The Ringing World." An intimation of his death and funeral was sent to me, as District secretary, when I was away from home for a few days, and it did not get into my hands until after the funeral.'

Neglected Painting!

When the steel frame was installed at Helston Parish Church, Cornwall, about 50 years ago, says the Rev. A. D. Moon, it was not thought necessary to give it a coat of paint. Now the elements, abetted by the salty winds, have eaten into the metal to such an extent that it would be dangerous to ring the bells. In consequence the bells will remain silent until £850 is raised to provide a new frame of oak.

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Mr. E. Nobles' address is now 3, Stanfield Estate, Millway, Duston, Northants. 5141

The Rev. and Mrs. J. G. M. Scott are now living at 44, St. Leonard's Road, Newton Abbot, S. Devon. 5149

The new and permanent address of A. York-Bramble is now Hazleton, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea, Hants. Telephone number: Portsmouth 31974. 5174

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Two octaves diatonic scale, tenor size 18 G, by John Taylor and Co., in new condition. £40.—J. O. Weller, Moor Cottage, Trotts Lane, Westerham, Kent. 5056

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The attention of conductors is drawn to Rule XI.—'Compositions must be submitted to the Peals Secretary within 14 days of ringing the peal.'—F. V. G. 5140

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 2.30 to 4, St. Olave's, Hart Street, City. Service 4. Business 4.30. Tea 5.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 6.30 to 8. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5092

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Meeting at Binegar, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 5071

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly Meeting, Fivehead, Saturday, Oct. 9th; usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 5102

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (quarterly meeting) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—N. Chaddock and A. B. Cooper. 5128

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge, Hunts and Ely Districts.—Joint meeting, Long Stanton (8), Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5123

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, October 9th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, to be obtained from the General Secretary. Stamped addressed envelopes, please. Writtle (8) and Great Baddow (8) available. The Cathedral bells are available at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. at which it is hoped as many members as possible will attend. Cathedral bells available again after Evensong.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 5063

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5096

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddresden. No names, no tea. 5130

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30 (Granada Cinema). Business meeting in Old College. Evensong 6. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. On Saturday, Oct. 23rd, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, 42, King Street, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills. 5078

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Quarterly meeting, Abergavenny, Oct 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 5098

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. followed by business. Service 6 p.m. Ringing again afterwards.—T. J. Lock. 5117

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Marsham on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5 p.m Names for tea, by Oct. 6th. to Rev. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marsham, Norwich. Also ringing meeting in Norwich on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. St. Giles' bells from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 5.30 till 8.30. No business meeting. No tea arrangements.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 6th, to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Kingham after tea. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 5134

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Last meeting this year, Clive (6, 25 cwt.), Oct. 9th. Make it a good one.—W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 5132

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—Surprise practise, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. S. 5107

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Chediston (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Names to R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 5081

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, Oct. 12th, will be at 7.30, not 6.30. Next business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 4. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5171

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Magna, October 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5157

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Oct. 16th, Wallasey St. Nicholas. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea **free, only** for those notifying by 13th. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5175

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 16th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 5167

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing festival, Saturday, Oct. 16th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Kenilworth (6) and Chilvers Coton (10), 2–4: Bedworth (8), Bulkington (8), Stoke (8) and Keresley (5), 3.30–5.30. Business meeting at 20, Broadgate, Coventry (entrance Pepper Lane), at 6. Dinner at The Wine Lodge Hotel, 17, The Burges, Coventry, at 6.45, followed by social and entertainment until 11 p.m. Latest date for applications, Tues., Oct. 12th. Tickets (10s. each) obtainable from district secretaries, tower secretaries and the general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5090

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. with business to follow—all at Newcastle Cathedral. Bells: Fenham 2-3 p.m.; St. John's 2.45-4 p.m. and 8.15–9 p.m.; St. Stephen's 2.30–4 p.m.; Gateshead 7-8 p.m.; Cathedral 7-9 p.m. Names for tea (price 4s. 6d.) must be sent, by Wednesday previous, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 5166

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER
LION HOTEL, GUILDFORD
Saturday, October 16th, at 6.30 p.m.
Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, Farnborough, Hants

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Frittenden (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 13th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5147

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Northaw (6 bells), Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 3 p.m. Tea at The Two Brewers, 4 p.m. Ringing after. —S. Huckle, District Sec. 5173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Annual district meeting, Northfleet (8), on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, by Wednesday, Oct. 13th. Nominations, with seconders, to me by Wednesday, Oct. 13th. — Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 5136

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Kendal Parish Church, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. N. Nightingale, 34, Green Gate, Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5170

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) from 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 5169

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Brownedge St. Mary's R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, Oct. 16th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 5143

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury on Saturday, October 16th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 5165

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, Oct. 16th (Desford not available). Bells 3. Tea in Village Hall 5. Service 6.15. Notify by Oct. 13th.—Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street. 5168

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Kibworth, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5158

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton and Syston Districts.—Annual joint meeting at Twyford, Saturday, October 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, please, by the 13th, to Mr. R. M. Spencer, Twyford. Ashby Folville bells available after tea.—J. H. Cook. 5160

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Lincoln, St. Giles' (8), Oct. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5099

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 13th, certain, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aston Clinton, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Stoke Mandeville bells available after tea. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 5124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham (6) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to E. E. Gibson, Esteam, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 5097

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irchester, Saturday, October 16th. Names for tea to: A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 5148

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tisbury (6), Oct. 16th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send names, by Oct. 12th, to Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 5122

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Practice meeting at Netherbury on the newly rehung six bells on Oct. 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify before Oct. 12th.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5150

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Brewood, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 13th, to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, Kingsnorth, Coven Road, Brewood, near Stafford. Tickets for the Annual Dinner on Nov. 13th will be available at this meeting. 5110

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting, Kelsale (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th. 2.30 p.m., and Saxmundham 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by October 13th, to A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. 5161

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cropthorne, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, please, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 5162

CAWTHORNE.—Rededication of bells by Very Rev. Noel Hopkins, Provost of Wakefield Cathedral, at Evensong on Sunday, Oct. 17th, 6.30 p.m. Ringers' Day, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 5146

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A bell-ringers' service will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Oct. 17th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. 5155

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at East Coker on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5159

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashtead, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church School. Numbers, by Oct. 21st, to Mr. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. 5151

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Dinner and Social on Oct. 23rd. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 dinner at Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 10s. (number limited) from W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Apply early with remittance, latest date Oct. 19th. 5164

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of local Districts at Hillingdon on Oct. 23rd. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, and social 8 in St. John's Hall. Names, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Bells: St. John's (10) 3-4.45 and after tea; St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30-4.—F. W. Goodfellow and W. F. Butler, Hon. Secs. 5156

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James' (6), Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 19th, certain. — G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5152

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 23rd, Hursley. Bells (8) 3–7. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 5172

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tues., Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, Branch Secs. or Gen. Sec. Accommodation for 250. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3-5 p.m. (provisionally) and All Saints' (10) 3-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5111

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Dedication of new trebles on Oct. 24th at 2.30 p.m. Bells available 1.30 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. Open day Nov. 20th. Bells 1.15 p.m. till 8 p.m. 5153

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Free tea. Names to John Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Smithills, Bolton, Lancs. —J. Thornley, Sec. 5144

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, Nov. 6th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5137

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (4 extents of Plain Bob, 6th Grandsire): R. Newsum (first away from tenor) 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, P. Parry (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, Wm. Simpson 4, D. Marshall 5, O. Cripps 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (back eight): R. Begrie (cond.) 1, Miss M. Andrews 2, P. Spice 3, K. Burbridge 4, J. Philips 5, B. Aldridge 6, M. Oakshett 7, R. Boyce 8.

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MY GREATEST JOY IN RINGING

By JOHN E. COOK

WHAT vast and inexhaustible sources of pleasure we gain from our art. Its branches are almost too numerous to quote. Yet I should like to dwell on one branch that gives me the most pleasure. I shall for clarity put it in the form of an account of a tower we visited.

We cycled along a narrow country lane, and the calm and peacefulness of the whole scene made a marked impression upon us all. Then, as if breaking into our train of thought, appeared the village and dominating the scene was our objective, the church. Not a magnificent building as some of its city brethren, but nevertheless possessing a quiet dignity all of its own.

After obtaining the key from the ivy enshrouded rectory, we proceeded from the warmth of the summer's day into the refreshing coolness of the old church. Here one could certainly rest and feel at peace with man and nature.

The key we had obtained was rusty and turned with a protesting creak in the lock of the tower door. The door swung open groaning on its hinges as we began to climb the dust-covered stairs; the windows are but pale murky lights, the dust of years clinging to them. At length the ringing chamber is reached. Here we find a picture of stark desolation. Two bell ropes hang down from their holes in the ceiling and the remaining few holes stand out like eyeless sockets. On the wall stands a peal board bringing back the memory of a generation of ringers long passed away, and everywhere is dust and decay as if this room itself died with ringers who shared its day of glory.

After leaving the ringing chamber we made our final climb to the bells. Here the birds had certainly found a resting place, and here in comparison with the rest of the tower life still goes on.

After an hour of hard work the bells are cleared of their encumbering shroud of sticks. Tools are brought out, headstocks tightened, rims nailed back on wheels and bearings cleaned and oiled. At last after almost three hours on the bells we descend to the chamber to adjust the new rope which we have brought with us. 'Look to' is called and the bells one after the other rise in peal, and out across the village and countryside the bells sound their message for the first time in this century. After a quarter has been rung the bells are lowered, the ropes being left behind as a gift.

The Rector is delighted to hear his bells for the first time and promises to do all in his power to provide the bells with ringers. One day we shall probably hear of the bells being rehung and a new generation will carry the torch which went out so many years ago.

This illustrates my greatest joy in ringing; probably by many I shall be dubbed a crank. But, nevertheless, true happiness is found in doing that which you love the best.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of October 16th, 1914

THE 'G.O.M.' OF RINGING

The ringers of Sheffield and district on Saturday honoured, in the person of Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, one who for many years has been looked upon as one of the pillars of the Exercise. Last month Mr. Hattersley reached the age of 70 years, and it was but natural that his friends should desire fittingly to mark the auspicious occasion . . . . for Mr. Hattersley has merited as few men have done the appreciation of ringers throughout the country. . . .

[Though best remembered by his compositions, Mr. Hattersley was a highly skilled practical ringer. He called his first peal in 1863 at the age of 19, which was considered a clever performance at that time of day, and altogether took part in some 200 peals, among them the 120 course-ends peal of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 8 hours 20 minutes, in which he related that for a period of five hours no word of correction had to be spoken.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, E.C.3.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt.

Brooke K. Lunn	*Treble*	John B. Sansom	7
*John Waters	2	George W. Cecil	8
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	Frank E. Darby	9
Alfred B. Peck	4	Cyril G. J. Watts	10
Brian D. Threlfall	5	John Phillips	11
Herbert Langdon	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Herbert Langdon.
* First peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Julia M. Preston (St. Anne's)	*Treble*
Shirley V. Rymer (St. Hugh's)	2
Robin G. Turner (Jesus)	3
Rodney B. Meadows (Exeter)	4
William H. Jackson (Christ Church)	5
John E. Spice (New College)	6
Derek P. Jones (St. Edmund Hall)	7
*Ewart H. Edge (St. Edmund Hall)	8
Peter Border (Hertford)	9
Wilfrid F. Moreton (St. John's)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. The first peal of Surprise Royal for the Society.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Alan Pendlebury	6
Jack N. Brown	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
Thomas Lee	3	Edwin C. Birkett	8
Alexander J. Martin	4	Percival W. Cave	9
Thomas C. Larkey	5	Thomas Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Percival W. Cave.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ambrose,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Alan E. Pedler	*Treble*	A. Charles Baker	5
Reginald G. Hooper	2	†Brian Grinter	6
Enid L. Roberts	3	Albert M. Tyler	7
Eric Sutton	4	*John F. Pedler	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John F. Pedler.
* First peal on eight tower bells. † First peal in the method. First peal on tower bells as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to John F. Pedler and Miss R. Ann Clarke on their forthcoming marriage. Also to celebrate the birth of a son (Simon Antony Huntingford) to the Rev. Richard H. Easton (curate of St. Ambrose) and Mrs. Easton.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Susan Jackson	*Treble*	*John J. Stanier	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Reginald Woodyatt	6
R. George Morris	3	Thomas W. Lewis	7
John Thomas	4	Allan Morgan	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal 'inside.'

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Frank E. Walker	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
John L. Morris	3	Herbert E. Audsley	7
Denis Beresford	4	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. Charles Turner	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
Winifred M. Burton	2	*Samuel J. Haynes	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	Ernest W. Rawson	7
Roland Beniston	4	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth
* First peal in the method.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Egwin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

John Thomas	*Treble*	Patrick Harris	5
Ralph Harris	2	Joseph D. Johnson	6
E. Trevor Newbury	3	Joseph E. Newman	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Edward Moore	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor calling his first peal of Stedman.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

Edward C. Barton	*Treble*	Wilfrid S. Palin	5
Francis J. Cheal	2	George A. Naylor	6
*Cyril J. Eades	3	George Kenward	7
Stanley V. Rayfield	4	Albert J. Dunk	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Biddleston. Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. B. Crouch, M.A., R.D., after 20 years as Vicar of Borden. Also for the silver wedding of the Vicar and Mrs. Crouch, and for the former's 70th birthday, and for the 21st birthday of his daughter, Mary.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composer's Rutland No. 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Mrs. K. F. J. Parr	*Treble*	Squire Croft	5
*Mrs. O. L. Rogers	2	Alan F. Thirst	6
Thomas E. Davies	3	David J. Charnley	7
Wilfrid G. Wilson	4	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* 51st peal on these bells. First peal of Rutland Surprise Major on the bells, for the Association and by all, except ringers of 3rd and 6th. All are members of the Isleworth company.
A birthday compliment to Christopher Rogers, also to Mr. F. Precey, of Wool, Dorset, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

Jack Dafters	*Treble*	George J. Butcher	5
Ralph Bird	2	Richard F. B. Speed	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Frederick J. Cullum	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*Donald A. Theedom	*Treble*	†Terence Bollingbroke	5
Harold J. Poole	2	S. Antony Jesson	6
Mrs. F. E. Wilson	3	Frederick E. Wilson	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	John Daniels	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss J. E. Wilson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson, and Sergt. J. R. Birks, R.C.M.P.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Ivor Scott	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Robin G. Turner	2	John Worth	6
Basil Jones	3	Peter Laflin	7
James Fernley	4	Alan A. Potts	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
A wedding compliment to Arthur Fidler and Jean Margaret Lee, married at Loughborough on September 25th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 UFFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
John R. Mayne	2	Brian D. Threlfall	6
Barbara A. Mitchell	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alfred J. House	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
The first peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Donald A. Theedom	*Treble*	William Thornley, jun.	5
Harold J. Poole	2	John A. Acres	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Ernest W. Rawson	7
Winifred M. Burton	4	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Major.
A 65th birthday compliment to George Broughton, captain of the local band, and a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Betty Nolder	*Treble*	Squire Croft	5
†Daphne Luke	2	Nevil G. Hollingworth	6
Olive L. Rogers	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
J. E. Lewis Cockey	4	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and as a farewell compliment to Prebendary H. Claude Harland, M.A., Hon. C.F., Vicar of St. Stephen's, 1941-1954, Rural Dean of Ealing 1947-1954.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5120 ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

William H. Jackson	*Treble*	Gordon Benfield	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Wilfred L. Robinson	6
Howard Scott	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
The first peal in the method. Renamed Elford instead of Lindoff's London.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 20¾ cwt.

*Stanley Prestidge	*Treble*	R. Arthur Peakman	5
C. Frederick Jukes	2	Frederick G. Handley	6
*Henry Hubball	3	William Davies	7
Norman G. Leech	4	David M. Lees	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Davies.
* 25th peal together.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Alick Cutler	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Fulton	2	Cecil C. Mayne	6
D. Kay Adkins	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
*Peter D. Beedie	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the dedication of St. Barnabas', a daughter church of the parish of Harrow Weald. Also to mark the 1,350th anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of London.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Pamela M. Wood	*Treble*	Thomas W. Strangeway	5
†Arnold Bowers	2	‡Martin T. J. Axford	6
‡Fred Bennett	3	Irvin Slack	7
John W. Milner	4	‡Roger F. E. Axford	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Thomas W. Strangeway.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in method.
Rung for Gift Day. Also an 86th birthday compliment to H. Rowley, for 65 years a ringer at Horbury. A birthday compliment to J. W. Milner.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*David Cornwall	*Treble*	Antony E. Cox	5
Doreen Coker	2	Percy Newton	6
Roland Biggs	3	Arthur Newton	7
Walter Lee	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

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NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	TERENCE G. MORTON	5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	EDWIN J. UPTON	7
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Canon Guy Beech, always a friend of ringers, who is going into semi-retirement at Petworth, and for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

PENTRE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOSEPH LOVETT	*Treble*	A. RYAN PRICE	5
WILLIAM L. LAMBERT	2	†ROY BRABHAM	6
*KEITH G. JONES	3	†KENNETH HARTNOLL	7
*TUDOR EDWARDS	4	HARRY CRABB	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

A 72nd birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd; also a farewell to Roger Jones, a local ringer, leaving to join H.M. Forces.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS G. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	FRANK VERNON	5
*MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	6
GEORGE FOSTER	3	HAROLD DENMAN	7
NATHANIEL T. MOXON	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* 200th peal and 200th peal together. First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

ALBERT CATTERWELL	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	TERRY EARLE	6
*GEORGE W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
DIANA M. MATTHEW	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* 100th peal of Major.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET, QUEEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
*THOMAS E. SONE	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
†BERNARD G. MOORE	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* 150th peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative.

A farewell to the Rev. D. P. Hall, O.B.E., M.A., on his retirement.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	*ALAN J. BROWN	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
BASIL JONES	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	4
A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
DAVID N. PENROSE	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal.

In memoriam Sidney Jose, father of the 5th ringer, who passed to his rest on September 2nd.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 8½ cwt.

PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	*Treble*	J. EDMUND HENDERSON	4
*MAVIS WILSON	2	WILLIAM TYSON	5
RICHARD OLIVER	3	ROBERT B. SKELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.

* First peal 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Mr. John C. Carpenter and Miss Ann E. Pannell, whose marriage took place at the Church of St. Martin of Tours, Chelsfield, Kent, on July 24th.

LITTLE BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 8 extents of St. Simon's, 8 of Plain Bob, 6 of April Day and 20 of Grandsire, two of each calling in all methods.
Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE BAILEY	*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY	3
ETHEL WISE	2	VICTOR NEAL	4
HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

This is the first peal on these bells. First peal of Doubles in four methods for ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th.

TERLING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in seven methods, six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3
MARY DOWSETT	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	4
DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in seven Doubles methods by all the band.

A 16th birthday compliment to Miss Mary Dowsett.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

BARRIE HENRY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	4
JOHN KING	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
BURLEY P. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN R. BRINSON	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
ALBERT PETERS	2	*JOHN E. CURRELL	5
*KENNETH COLLIER	3	FRANK S. PARRAMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. V. L. M. Lawson on his retirement.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MICHAEL P. CLEAVES	*Treble*	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	4
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	MARIE K. ROBERTS	5
*DAVID P. STUBBINGS	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

BECKFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
*MISS A. BAILEY	2	J. ATTWOOD	5
*MISS J. NEWBURY	3	E. T. NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in Surprise method. First peal on bells since restoration. Rung as a compliment to Miss J. Newbury on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, * Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM M. MANN	*Treble*	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*BRYN O. HUGHES	*Treble*	†JOHN R. MAYNE	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	*RICHARD G. OUSTON	5
*DAVID J. L. WARD	3	‡HAROLD E. CLAYTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and the first peal on the bells for 23 years.

Rung for the wedding of Dr. Robert W. Rowan to Miss Jane Dentith, which took place on September 18th at the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT J. ANDREWS	*Treble*	ROY COLLINS	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	JACK R. WORRALL	5
JOHN A. MARTIN	3	JAMES F. DODSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 6 cwt.

*CHARLES J. COPP	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	W. NEVILLE BROWN	5
†DENNIS SIMPSON (13)	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Canon G. W. Clarkson, Vicar of Newark-on-Trent, upon his appointment as Bishop of Pontefract.

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UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*ROY COLEMAN	*Treble*	†HOWARD COLLINGS	4
*MARION E. HUNT	2	KENNETH MEDWAY	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

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

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Wavertree College, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain.
Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

Rung with best wishes to the conductor on his leaving to study at Bristol University.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, College Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*PAMELA LEANING	*Treble*	*REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	4
*MRS. B. HOLMES	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
*HAROLD WAGSTAFF	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal in five methods.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*CECIL DARBY	*Treble*	*PERCY TURNER	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	†ALFRED E. HINMAN	5
J. HARRY COOK	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

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

Rung by his fellow ringers for the wedding of Mr. John Morris, captain of the Eaton ringers, and Miss Gertrude Annie Hazelwood.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN W. MEADE	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
*GEORGE FRY	2	*KEVIN S. HOHL	5
*COLIN A. TESTER	3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal as conductor in more than one Minor method.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

LITTLE HADHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CECILIA,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in eight methods, called differently: Four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, eight each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, three of Stedman and seven of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

MICHAEL ORME	*Treble*	DAVID SUTCLIFFE	3
RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	PHILIP MEHEW	4
DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal ever rung on the bells.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD WOOLLARD	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
RAYMOND PECK	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	WILLIAM F. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*DRUMMOND M. RANDALL	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	†STEWART F. W. KIMBER	5
MARY FULLER	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Cambridge, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	PETER HALLAM	4
WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	C. ROGER HAYWARD	5
JOHN A. SMITH	3	JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* 150th peal

Rung as a welcome to Father Manson at the Harvest Thanksgiving and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Ball on the birth of a daughter.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 six-scores, four 240's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	CLEMENT W. JOSE	4
FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	2	VIVYAN WILLIAMS	5
DOUGLAS BURNETT	3	*RAYMOND H. MOYLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by VIVYAN WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Kea.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*SUSAN JACKSON	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	*R. GEORGE MORRIS	7—8

Composed by A. M. TYLER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BEDFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE, MIDDLESEX AND LONDON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 33 *Minutes,*
In a Motor Coach travelling between Henlow and Stepney,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
JOHN KING	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

It is a good thing that the Farnham District have Joint Ringing Masters as was proved at the meeting on September 11th at Holy Trinity, Hawley. Owing to a slight mishap Mr. Tom Page was unavoidably late in reaching the meeting, but Mr. John Wells was able to 'hold the fort.'

Despite the shocking weather and the traffic for Farnborough Air Display there was a good attendance. After the ringers' service, conducted by the Rev. K. C. Davis, tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by a short business meeting during which five new members were elected.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was fair, methods ranging from rounds to Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The bells were 'rung down' at 8.30 p.m. M. A. C.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first autumn meeting of the St. Albans District was held on September 18th at Hatfield. During the afternoon several young ringers from Kimpton and Hertford made full use of the opportunity of ringing with more experienced ringers.

After a service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. E. Woods), about two dozen ringers sat down to an excellent tea kindly provided by ladies of the parish. During the business meeting it was announced that Kimpton has altered its practice night to Saturday, 7 to 8 p.m. The District now has a tower to visit whenever there is no other meeting in the area.

Methods up to Cambridge Royal were rung before having to lower the bells at 7.30 p.m., when handbells were rung to round off the evening. G. D.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Twenty-six members and friends visited Benhilton on September 25th for the quarterly District meeting. In the absence on holiday of the Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, ringing was under the direction of Mr. A. J. Adams. An encouraging feature of the meeting was the high proportion of learners present.

Following tea at the Red Lion, Sutton, the General Master, Mr. R. Davies, took the chair for the routine business meeting. One new member was elected. 'The Ringing World' representative expressed the opinion that the response for new readers in Surrey was disappointing and in such a densely populated district better results ought to be attained.

After the meeting those present took part in Evensong at Benhilton, followed by ringing to 7.45. Carshalton bells were also available.

A FIRST PEAL IN CHESHIRE

Inspired by the article of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, the first peal has been rung at Little Budworth, Cheshire. The bells are a mixed lot—three of Rudhall's, one of Barwell's and one of Warner's—and they swing in an oak frame. A short run revealed defects. A thorough examination in daylight followed. The clappers were taken out, greased and packed and replaced, the bearings were well greased and the frame tightened and wedged. After a couple of extents of Doubles the bells went better than expected and a good peal was rung. As the result of the peal an attempt to teach a new band will be made in the near future.

RINGERS' STAND AT CHELTENHAM EXHIBITION

Prestbury ringers had a stand at the Cheltenham Hobbies Exhibition, which was visited by over 9,000 people. To show the public how a church bell rings a flat wood model of a bell, complete with wheel, stay and slider, and hung on plain bearings, was exhibited..

Four posters were made and headed 'Why We Ring,' 'What We Ring' and 'Our Organisation,' and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles set out in full with an explanation. Members of the public interested were invited to visit us at practice. The artist member of the band made a lovely banner to head the stand, which was decorated with red, white and blue crepe paper twisted to resemble sallies.

Twenty-four copies of 'The Ringing World' were used to paper the table, showing various pages, and also the following books were fixed so that they could be studied by those who were interested: The Central Council's 'Handbook on Preservation, Etc.' 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' 'Village Bells,' W. G. Wilson's 'Notes for Beginners,' A. Waddington's 'Beginners' Grandsire' and 'Hints on Girl Guide Badges—No. 4, Bell Ringer.'

The stand was manned each evening except on Tuesday, and most people in the hall had a look; quite a large number read the posters and asked questions. One man wanted to know of a book containing all the changes possible on eight bells, so that he could learn them. It transpired on questioning him that he was responsible for chiming the hemispherical bells at Brilley, in Worcestershire, and wanted to be able to ring the changes there. He went away satisfield that it would not be possible, but with a list of books to get so that he can chime plain courses in various methods by making out charts. C. R.

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A FINAL REMINDER

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With deep regret we announce the death of Flying Officer Eric A. Dench, when a Marathon crashed near Calne, Wiltshire, on September 30th. He was 26 years of age. An appreciation of his life will appear in our next issue.

With a peal at Edgware on September 29th Mr. John R. Mayne has rung peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

Congratulations to Mr. L. Stilwell, of Horsham. He conducted a peal at Pulborough on October 6th, which was the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

September 24th was an important landmark in the ringing record of Mr. J. Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green. It was the 50th anniversary of his first peal. He conducted a peal of Stedman Triples at Norton on that day.

'Market Harborough Advertiser' had a feature article on the Peterborough Guild meeting at Guilsborough. Here there are only four ringers for the six bells. We trust the article will stimulate recruits.

At the Hatfield ringers' annual service on September 12th a peal book, presented 'in memory of past members of the Hatfield Guild of College Youths called to higher service,' was dedicated. The first peal for the Guild was in 1790.

Mr. Tom Collins, who has held several offices in the Middlesex Association and is a well-known Cumberland, was thanked for his 50 years' work in the belfry for St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, by the curate (the Rev. Lloyd Jones) prior to the sermon at Evensong on September 26th. Tom is captain and secretary of the Ruislip ringers, and his friends wish him many more years of active service.

Two ringers who left England many years ago and are now living in Toronto, Canada, paid visits to their old towers last week. Mr. Bernard Swinson, a well-known St. Albans Cathedral ringer and composer, proved he had forgotten very little in the way of methods. Mr. Harris Burgess, who helped to introduce change ringing to Harpenden and left there 27 years ago, handled his bell well despite his age of 79. Neither knew the other was in England or in Canada!

Mr. F. Nurden, of Dumbleton, who has been in Tewkesbury Hospital for the past two months suffering from severe burns, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on September 1st was the first peal in the method for Ernest J. Jelley and the 200th peal for John A. Acres. There was a transposition in the report appearing on page 595.

On account of the weight and 'go' of their bells, the Powick band of ringers rang a farewell peal to David Trumper, who is taking up his studies at Birmingham University, at Mathon, Herefordshire, on September 26th. The permission of the incumbent was much appreciated.

Cycling overnight on September 11th, three Leicester Guild enthusiasts arrived at Winchester Cathedral at 10 a.m., only to find that the service had started earlier than expected. This was a prelude to a cycling tour of the Isle of Wight, in which ringing was enjoyed at Ryde, Freshwater and Godshill. At the last tower they were impressed by the ability of a gentleman to ring Surprise methods although he had been totally blind for several years.

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THE CUMBERLANDS AT DINNER

Ringers' Service to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch

From as far afield as Newcastle-on-Tyne, members attended the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the Old Bell, Holborn, on October 2nd. Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, the Master, was a genial chairman; he was accompanied by Mrs. Hawthorne. Other officers of the Society present were Mr. T. H. Francis (senior steward), Mr. F. J. Matthews (junior steward), Mr. P. N. Bond (hon. secretary), Mr. W. R. Winterton (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. A. R. Ling (trustees) and Mr. R. F. Deal and Mr. H. E. Audsley (auditors).

Mr. Peter Bond, who proposed the toast of 'The Church,' reminded the assembly of 'the diversity of gifts' in the service of the Church, and he felt that theirs, as ringers, was no small one. Service ringing was their main task, although they all found ringing a fascinating hobby. Their thanks were due to incumbents for the use of bells—and at times it was a case of short notice, as some of those who indulged in 'tower snatching' knew. He had never been refused permission to ring on bells.

To-day there was a great movement towards synthetic or recorded bells, particularly in small towers. Only that day he heard of a certain vicar at Lincoln who had installed such apparatus without a faculty. He was afraid he would be up against a famous ringer who was on the Faculty Committee. One great criticism of synthetic bells was that it took away people from the service of the Church. In coupling the Rev. Meredith Davies' name with the toast, he thanked the Vicars of St. Martin's and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, for their friendship to the Society.

PUSH BUTTON BELLS IN THE STATES

The Rev. Meredith Davies, in his reply, said he had just returned from the United States. In the churches he visited there was never a belfry. It was 'push button' bells. They had no idea in the States of ritual in a service or that bell ringing was a form of service to the Church.

He would like to pay a tribute to the Cumberland Youths who came to St. Leonard's. They not only rang the bells but also greased them. One young man had scraped and painted the belfry—for the love of the Church. While they had men of that calibre he had no fear but that the Church would go on.

When he returned home the bells of St. Leonard's were rung as a welcome to him. Last year a recording was taken of St. Leonard's bells and he took it with him to America. When he met the English wives of G.I.'s they always spoke of the bells at home.

The toast of 'The Society' was submitted by the Master. He prefaced his remarks with the regret all felt that Mr. George Cross, the past Master of the Society, was not with them. In a letter to him expressing his regret, Mr. Cross wrote that this was the first he had missed since the dinners were recommenced in 1935. Another apology was from probably their oldest member, Mr. Albert E. Edwards, who joined the Society in 1894.

The current year had been most successful. Five peals had been rung and 32 new members made and there were others in prospect. Meetings had been held at Sevenoaks, Windsor, a joint one with the Middlesex at Twickenham, and at Croydon.

As to their Sunday ringing, he hoped that they would be able shortly to ring for one service each Sunday at St. Martin's and Shoreditch. That should not be impossible if they could all get together and let Mr. Tom Francis know if they had any spare time. One of his ambitions was to arrange with their co-partners, the Ancient Society of College Youths, to form bands to ring at most London churches on Sundays. That was a great task but it should not be beyond the realm of possibility if the two Societies got together.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was wittily proposed by Mr. F. J. Matthews. He had a special word of welcome for Cumberlands from Newark-on-Trent, whom he suspected of trying to get their Vicar back, as the Rev. Charles Edwardes came from Newark to St. Martin's, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuiness from Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Mrs. J. D. Matthews and Mrs. Smith, the widows of two stalwarts of the Society, the singers and tune bell ringers, who were from the neighbourhood of Thames Ditton.

Two College Youths present came in for a special greeting from Mr. Matthews—Mr. W. T. Elston and the Master, Mr. John Chilcott. Speaking of the Master, he said he was the youngest Master in the history of the Society. He had shown that his standards were very high and he carried out his duties with skill and diplomacy. He also welcomed the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

RINGER'S FIRST DUTY ON A SUNDAY

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. Chilcott said there were many in the room who were just as much his friends as members of the College Youths. While the two Societies were, by tradition, rivals, that rivalry to-day was of a friendly and sporting nature—each trying to do a little better than the other.

Mr. Hawthorne, he said, had referred to the need for co-operation in ringing in City towers. That co-operation did exist because College Youths, Cumberlands and other Societies did ring on Sunday evenings in City churches. He felt very strongly that on a Sunday a ringer's loyalty was first to his own band, then to his Society and finally to ringing in general.

Mr. T. W. White also replied. In a reference to 'The Ringing World's' drive for new postal subscribers he mentioned that 300 had been enrolled. It was encouraging, but with goodwill and enthusiasm it could be easily improved upon. The responsibility rested on each one of them to increase the circulation of the journal.

The entertainment was delightful and varied. Two good touches 'in hand' were rung by St. Martin's ringers, Thames Ditton handbell ringers rang tunes, Mr. Norman Joyce was an able pianist of classical music, and Mr. and Mrs. Halsey delighted with duets.

BELL LOST 161 YEARS AGO, FOUND

Story of a Gambling Debt

In answer to an appeal to his parishioners for scrap iron, the Rev. Wilfred Watts, Rector of St. Mary's, Hambleden, near Oxford, has found a 51 lb. church bell, missing from his church for 161 years, in the clock at Greenlands, a Thames-side mansion.

The story revolves around an 18th century game of cards between the rectors of Hambleden and Fingest. The Rector of Fingest first lost his money, then his furniture and finally gambled away the church bells.

The winner decided that Fingest's bells should be melted down and made into one bell for his Church of St. Mary, Hambleden. But although he won at cards he thought he was the loser to the bell founder, whom he accused of stealing scrap metal from the bells he had melted down.

In retribution the bell founder made the Rector the small church bell, which later disappeared and has now been found. It will be used for christenings.

ANOTHER COLUMN OF BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Raymond Overy gave a talk to the Burgess Hill Rotary Club on September 17th on bell-ringing. St. Peter's, Brighton, ringers kindly lent him a model bell for demonstration purposes.

After the peal at Borden on September 25th the Vicar and Mrs. Crouch were waiting for the band to take them to the Maypole Inn opposite the church. In good Kentish beer a silver wedding toast was drunk to them and also 70th birthday honours to the Rev. W. J. B. Crouch.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes: Peals at All Saints', Halifax, are few and far between. Eighteen were rung from 1891 to 1906, but the recent peal is only the third since then. The other two were in 1924 and 1926. The Shobrooke peal was the first on the bells.

In the band that rang the first peal of Surprise Royal for Oxford University Society at Macclesfield on September 25th was Miss Julia Preston, who was on three weeks' holiday from Switzerland. She has since returned for another year. The band thank Mr. John Worth for making the tower available. He had postponed a local attempt to make it possible.

A member of the Lawton, Cheshire, band for many years, Mr. John Boffey, was married at St. Mary's, Sandbach, on September 25th to Miss Vera Bourne, of Sandbach. The following ringers from Lawton took part in the ringing after the ceremony: Mr. and Mrs. W. Longman, Nancy Longman (13), David Longman (10), Mr. E. Harper, Mr. J. Booth and Mr. G. Bossons.

After a lapse of nearly nine years, a peal has again been rung at St. Peter's, Pentre, in which four junior members rang their first of Grandsire. Sixty peals have been rung on these bells since 1900, but this was the first rung for a harvest festival.

A new band, St. Giles', Ashtead, celebrated its second birthday on October 1st by a quarter of Grandsire Doubles. The last quarter of Doubles by a resident Sunday service band was rung here 50 years ago. They hope shortly to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. The Society have recruited a junior section from choirboys, who recently gave a recital on handbells.

A recording was taken of the ringing of the bells at Blunsden, Wilts, for the wedding of Mr. Donald H. Henge, an American ex-Service man, and Miss Pam Cresser for despatch to the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Heth, of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, U.S.A. Rounds, Queen's and Stedman Doubles were rung. The organist (Mr. J. Manners) and five members of the choir at the wedding were ringers.

The peal of Superlative Surprise rung at Buxted on Sunday, October 3rd, enabled Mr. William Rogers to complete the circle at this tower after 31 years. Fortune was kind to the band, for after about 45 minutes the 6th rope began unravelling, but it held to the end. Its ringer, Mr. Leonard Stilwell, was covered with fluff, and deserves credit for the way in which he handled his bell to avoid any unnecessary strain on the rope.

A week-end feature in the Irish ringing calendar is the annual service at St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork. The service on September 19th was attended by a large number of ringers. For one and a half hours before the service and for some time afterwards the eight bells of the Cathedral were rung. Tape recordings of the ringing were played back to the company, who assembled for a sumptuous tea in the school house, where they were welcomed by the Dean of Cork. On the previous day a peal was rung at Doneraile, a nice six upon which no peals had ever been previously attempted.

OXFORD GUILD VETERAN'S 78 YEARS' SERVICE

Mr. F. V. H. Sinkins Leaves Slough

At their practice on September 30th Slough Parish Church bellringers bade an official farewell to Mr. Frank Sinkins, whose long ringing career began and ended in their tower. Since the death of his housekeeper, 18 months ago. 89-year-old Mr. Sinkins has been living alone and, much against his wishes, his daughter has persuaded him to leave Slough and to live with her at Streatham.

Born in 1865, Mr. Sinkins learned to ring, in company with the late William H. Fussell, at Slough when he was eleven years old. He rang regularly every Sunday and practice night.

To mark his 78 years' service to the belfry, the Slough ringers presented him with an enlarged framed photograph of himself taken on their 1954 annual outing. The belfry captain, Mr. W. Birmingham, referred to his claim to fame as the son of Mrs. Sinkins, whose pink is known to every lover of flowers and which is incorporated in Slough's Borough Coat of Arms. His departure would sever an historical link with the town. He spoke of his work as a workhouse master, as a professional musician who knew Edward German, Lionel Monkton and Sir John Stainer, and said that despite his being a 'musician' he was an excellent ringer and striker, which didn't always follow. Not many people, he said, could fall downstairs and break a collarbone at 87 and get away with it. The augmentation of Slough bells to ten was, he said, entirely due to Mr. Sinkins' inspiration.

Mr. Sinkins had rung eight peals at Slough and was the last survivor of names on most of the peal boards. His first peal was rung at Slough in April, 1888, and although he had not rung a peal on the ten he came very near to it by ringing for over three hours before he was taken ill. He was still ringing quarter peals, having rung one the previous week, and was to attempt another as a farewell the coming week. It was a great pity his very old friend, Bill Judd, with whom he rang for many years at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, had recently been ill and could not be with them that evening.

The Rector of Slough (the Rev. Claude Williams) then congratulated Mr. Sinkins on his splendid record, and on behalf of his ringers presented Mr. Sinkins with the photograph, and from himself a gramophone record token.

In his reply Mr. Sinkins said how greatly he would treasure this gift and how much he wished he could remain in Slough, and promised, if possible, to visit Slough when he celebrated his 90th birthday in January.

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A PEAL RUNG IN FOUR COUNTIES!

An outing to London on October 2nd will long be remembered by a party of ringers from the Kettering and Bedford Districts, perhaps not least for the handbell ringing in the back of the bus. After the last man had been picked up at Henlow it was suggested that a handbell peal of Minor be attempted there and then, and after one hour and 33 minutes, and after travelling through Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex and London County, rounds came up for the seventh time outside St. Dunstan's, Stepney. The band were fairly comfortable except when passing over the rough road in Enfield, when some of the backstrokes came down rather hard on to their knees!

The lovely ten at St. Dunstan's were very soon going well, and Cambridge Royal was among the methods rung. A run through Cable Street, over Tower Bridge, brought us to St. George's, Camberwell, where we were allowed to ring through the kindness of the local captain. After lunch came the fine 12 at Southwark Cathedral, where, after getting used to the bells, we rang some quite good Stedman Caters and half a course of Cambridge Major on the back eight.

Next came an hour on the lovely new eight at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, which had only been rung about six times before our visit since their rehanging by the Whitechapel Foundry. These bells were ideal for Major ringing, and we rang Superlative and Yorkshire in fine style. After tea in the Strand, we set off towards St. Luke's, Chelsea, where we were awaited by Mr. Lott and some of the local ringers. The ten bells obliged us by going well to a good course of Cambridge Royal and the standard methods. As the last tower of the day, we were privileged to use St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells for over an hour, and were delighted to renew acquaintances with some old friends.

P. I. C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Sowerby's New Bells Give Pleasure

Over 50 members of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association accepted the invitation of St. Peter's, Sowerby, to ring on the recently recast octave on September 25th. Visitors included friends from across the Lancashire border and Mr. Paul L. Taylor, who was complimented on another excellent job by the Loughborough Foundry.

The quarterly business meeting followed an excellent tea, and Canon Sykes (the Vicar) welcomed the Association to Sowerby and reminded the members of ringers' responsibilities to the Church.

The last item on the agenda was the presentation by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, of a donation from the Association's Bell Repair Fund towards the cost of the recasting of the bells. This was gratefully accepted by Mr. G. A. Briggs on behalf of the local company.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT BEVERLEY

Good use was made of the fine ten at St. Mary's, Beverley, on October 2nd, when the Eastern District held their autumn meeting at the church.

Four new members were elected at the business meeting presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers (vice-president). These were Miss Lidgeley (Hull), Mr. C. Hart (Patrington), Messrs. P. Newstill and K. Heptonstall (Selby).

Sympathy was expressed with Mr. J. P. Powls, of Eastrington, in the death of his wife, and to the relatives of the late Mr. H. Lake, former leader of St. Mary's, Beverley.

Goole was selected for the next meeting, and the chairman appealed for support for the Snowdon Dinner to be held at Doncaster on October 30th.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY IN CANADA

A Meeting With Ringers

When the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Fisher arrived at Victoria, British Columbia, on H.M.C.S. 'Ontario' on September 7th, they were welcomed by the Cathedral bells, and stopped at the Cathedral on their way to Government House, where they were the guests of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province. During the evening the bells of Christ Church Cathedral were again specially rung from 8.30 to 10 p.m.

On Sunday, September 12,h, during the morning service, the Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated the memorial window in the bell tower to the late Bishop of London, the Right Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, in whose memory the tower has been built. During his sermon His Grace specially mentioned his appreciation of the ringing of the Cathedral bells and how church bells formed such an important part of the church services in the United Kingdom, and how pleased he was to learn that the same tradition was being carried out in Victoria.

After the service the Premier of British Columbia, Mr. W. A. C. Bennett, presented His Grace with three British Columbia jewels, to be set in the Archbishop's special cross. Immediately after the presentation by the Premier, the bellringers were introduced to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had a personal talk with each member. The ringers then returned to the belfry and rang a 30-minute touch of Grandsire Triples.

Owing to the large number of people who were unable to be accommodated in the Cathedral, the service was broadcast outside as well as on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network all over Canada.

On the Sunday evening there was a special service held in the Memorial Arena and approximately 8,000 people attended. A broadcast ribbon of the Cathedral bell ringing was made a few days before this special service and this was put over the amplifying system of the Arena, so that the ringing of the bells was heard both inside and outside the building previous to the service.

Those taking part in the ringing were:—Mrs. C. C. Guthrie, Miss Margaret Izard, Miss Margaret Horne, Miss Ann Duggan. Dr. D. Longridge, A. Izard, C. Millard, J. V. Donaldson, Godfrey White, Alex. Hogg, Douglas Boniface, and Miss Mary Emmerton.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Congratulations were extended by Miss Thompson (vice-president), who presided at the Midland District meeting at Bottesford, Leics, on September 25th, to Mrs. H. J. Poole on ringing her 500th peal. Good wishes were extended to Mrs. I. Hitchborne on her recent marriage, and the secretary was asked to write to Mrs. J. R. Smith, who has now left the Leicester district to live in Norfolk, and send her the members' best wishes. Mrs. Smith has been one of the most loyal members of the District since its formation in 1946 and both she and her husband, John, will be missed very much.

West Midland District

Good use was made of the ring of 12 at St. Matthew's, Walsall, when the West Midland District visited this tower on October 2nd. Preb. A. T. Jenkins conducted a service in the Lady Chapel and tea was served by members of the Church Refreshment Committee. Three new members—two from King's Norton and one from Walsall—were elected.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A SURVEY OF ALL RESOLUTIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Corby, I have not been able to consult Mr. C. K. Lewis before writing this, but I do not think he will object if I give an assurance that, even though the handbook itself may not be available before the next Council meeting, a survey of the various decisions made by the Council since its inception will appear in 'The Ringing World' in sufficient time for members and others to form their own opinions on them. I entirely agree that they cannot at present do so.

Mr. Lewis and I are in the process of listing all the resolutions which the Council has passed. I fear we are going over old ground here, but we judge this to be the only way to set about the job. The actual handbook as originally conceived is a rather ambitious project, but considerable progress towards collecting the material was made by Dr. Hatcher. Mr. Corby and ringers generally may rest assured that both Mr. Lewis and I are only too anxious to complete the task.

Perhaps I may at the same time comment on the recent letter from Mr. Blagrove. The Doubles Collection will be complete so far as methods are concerned—offhand I am not sure about principles—within the agreed limits (see 'Ringing World' of June 16th, 1950, page 378), and it is because a careful re-check that all are included is being made that publication has been delayed. I presume his reference to the incompleteness of the Minor Collection is to a number of Alliance Methods which were omitted when the third edition was brought out in 1939. The re-inclusion of these in the next edition is being considered by the Methods Committee. So far as the Plain Major Collection is concerned, I should have thought that the 359 methods which are given were likely to prove sufficient for most ringers, but if anyone wishes to go beyond this I can supply the figures of the remaining 469 which come within the scope of the Council's definition of a legitimate method.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

WHO DECIDED TO 'CLAMP DOWN' AND WHY?

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Corby's letter in your issue of October 1st and agree with most of it. Whatever course they may deem fit to pursue in future, however. I do think it would be just too absurd for the Council to try to enforce in retrospect a decision which for some 50 years has been so consistently and generally ignored as to render it for all practical purposes obsolete.

Next Whitsun is still a long way off and there is as yet plenty of time to argue in these columns if necessary as to the wisdom or otherwise of accepting peals of Bob Triples.

As a preliminary, however. I am sure many of us would like to know who, after all these years, prompted the Analysis Committee suddenly to clamp down on Bob Triples and why?—Yours faithfully,

G. L. GROVER.
Former Member,
Peals Analysis Committee.

East Clandon, Surrey.

STEDMAN CINQUES AT OLDHAM

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Oldham on August 2nd was, as claimed, the first peal in the method on the bells. The earlier peal of which the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has a note was, of course, rung on the old bells, which were recast some 30 years ago.—Yours, etc.,

S. H. DEARDEN.

Croydon.

ELFORD SUPPLANTS LINDOFF'S LONDON

Dear Sir,—It will have been noticed from the peal columns that we in Yorkshire rang the first peal recently of a method which to date has been known as Lindoff's London. The band felt that that name, although not absolutely unsuitable, did not really conform to present-day practice. We therefore decided to rename the method 'Elford,' which name has a certain connection with Lindoff himself. If anyone keeps records of compositions appearing in 'The Ringing World,' he might like to note that the name will need amending in some of my compositions of Spliced Surprise which have been published, viz.: 5,088 36-Spliced ('R.W.' 5.3.54), 5,120 32-Spliced ('R.W.' 26.3.54), 5,088 42-Spliced ('R.W.' 18.6.54), and 5,088 48-Spliced ('R.W.' 16.7.54). — Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

THE CONDUCTOR'S APOLOGIES

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' apologise to the rest of the band who stood in a peal attempt for Bob Royal at Southover, Sussex, on October 2nd? There were six 'first attempts' for a ten-bell peal among them and it must have been very disappointing to have lost it through no fault of theirs. On checking up the figures afterwards I found I had miscalled it, and in bringing it into rounds we were three courses short of a peal.

This attempt had been specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Norris, who entertained the band to a delicious tea afterwards, and all I can say is I'm sorry to have let him down and hope to do better in the next attempt on December 4th.—Yours sincerely,

W. ROGERS.

Crowborough, Sussex.

QUEX PARK BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest Miss Muriel Reay's account of her recent peal ringing tour in Kent, particularly her description of Quex Park bells, of which she says, '. . . in spite of four sound shutes are not particularly clear in the belfry.' Unless the recently recast trebles have made a big difference, this, I think, is an understatement.

I have rung quite a number of peals at Quex Park in days gone by with the brothers Pye and J. H. Cheesman, and the latter was always of the opinion that our peals would have been far better in every way if they had been rung from the floor above where the bells could be heard much more distinctly.

I have been told by some of the old Cumberlands who rang the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus on the bells in 1890 or thereabouts that they took ropes with them from Highgate and Battersea towers for their attempts. These were too short to reach the ground floor and they rang their peals from the floor above.

Writing of Quex Park reminds me of one of the most diplomatic answers I ever heard.

About 30 years ago, before Surfleet had a ring of twelve, we rang a peal of Kent Maximus at Quex. One of the band was the late Joseph E. Sykes, from Huddersfield. After the peal we were taken round the museum by Major and Mrs. Powell-Cotton, when Mrs. Cotton asked, 'What do you think of our little bells?' While some of us were doing some quick thinking to find the right thing to say in reply, Joe, without batting an eyelid, answered, 'Madam, they are the finest peal of twelve I have ever heard FOR THEIR WEIGHT'!—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

SOME MODERN RHYMES IN CHESHIRE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Alan R. Pink's letter in your issue of September 17th, I feel bound to bring to his notice four towers in South Cheshire, and I hope he will have the pleasure of ringing here some time.

As I cannot find any OLD couplets about the towers mentioned, I have done my best to supply him with some NEW rhymes, which I hope will suit him.—Yours sincerely,

E. J. HOLLOWAY.

Crewe.

WISTASTON

The ploughman homeward 'chugs' his homeward way,
Near Wistaston, at end of day;
And, from the Red-brick Tower
(To which the Ivy now no longer sticks!)
He hears, perchance, at times,
The bright and lively 'six.'

ACTON

At Acton's great Tower
Six great bells are swinging;
And good ringers all,
To sound them are willing.

NANTWICH

(The old name was 'Wich-Malbank')
Wich-Malbank's fine church
(The Tower's eight-sided!)
Has eight good toned bells,
Which much joy have provided.

CREWE

Turn Eastward to Crewe,
Amid bustle and Grime,
The ten Bells of Christ Church
Sweetly finish my Rhyme.

Dear Sir,—In respect of Mr. A. Pink's letter on some Cheshire bells, I have had the pleasure of ringing at all the towers he mentions except Peover.

I can only think that Sandbach big Britons were so called because they used to 'go' very heavily, but since they have been put on steel frames and ball bearings they 'go' beautifully. As for the kettles and pans, Barthomley bells are one of the best rings here both for music and 'go.' I expect those rhyming couplets were made up a long time ago, and since then most of these bells have paid a visit to the bell founders.

W. LONGMAN.

Stoke-on-Trent.

WADHURST BELLS

Dear Sir,—When we had the bells at Wadhurst the ringers were always in trouble. Being open to the church, they disturbed the worshippers, and when a peal was attempted there were usually a few complaints from those living near. But now that the tower is silent, the people say that it is uncanny to come to church and not hear the bells or the ringers, and they continually ask, 'When are the bells coming back?'

In an effort to appease them, the ringers have removed a ¼ cwt. bell from a disused mission church and have hung it in the tower. Its tang, tang, tang is horrible, but the parishioners seem satisfied.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

A FIRST OF DOUBLE NORWICH

Dear Sir,—The composition of 5,008 Double Norwich rung at Bures, Suffolk, on August 28th, and conducted by Mr. Donald L. Mills, has not before been rung. I should like to thank Mr. Mills for taking such interest in one of my compositions.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES TOPP.

Frome, Somerset.

LETTERS—Continued

BOLSOVER CHURCH'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—The recent article on peal ringing in Derbyshire by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead obviously created a good deal of local interest, and if it served no other purpose it has at least prompted several tower secretaries to verify their books and there is no doubt that more careful attention will be paid to future records of peals. The reference to the number of peals rung at Bolsover agrees in every detail with the tower peal book, and since reading the article the writer has spent some time compiling an analysis of the methods and conductors. Details of the methods reveal the following points which may be of general interest:—

(1) The following methods were rung to peals for the first time at Bolsover: Peterborough Surprise, Pudsey Surprise, Norfolk Surprise.

(2) Eighty of the 201 peals have been rung in Surprise Major methods.

(3) The popularity of Double Norwich Court Bob Major is indicated by the fact that 49 of the peals have been rung to this method.

(4) It has often been said that Bolsover bells will not ring to Triples and it must be almost unique for a tower not to have recorded a single peal of Grandsire Triples. Only two peals of Stedman Triples figure in the records, one of these being specially arranged for a visit by the famous Rev. F. E. Robinson.

(5) Those who knew Mr. John Flint would readily agree that it was never his wish to monopolise the conducting of peals at Bolsover, but it was mainly due to his influence and outstanding ability that such a variety was rung, and the records show that he called 103 of the peals. His maxim that where there are eight bells all should be rung in the method created a tradition which accounts for the fact that Triples methods do not figure in the Bolsover repertoire. The next highest totals for conductors are W. Keeble with 18 and S. Thomas with 13.

It is unfortunate that the early records do not show the names of the individual ringers who took part in the peals at Bolsover, but sufficient information is available to confirm the remarkable standard achieved in past years and which the present generation is striving to uphold.

A. B. COOPER.

Bolsover, Derbyshire.

Methods rung to peals at Bolsover: Plain Bob Minor 2, Plain Minor (2 methods) 3, Treble Bob Minor (7 methods) 2, Surprise Minor (7 methods) 1.

Plain Bob Major 25, Kent Treble Bob Major 28, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Forward Major 2, Little Bob Major 5, St. Clement's Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 49.

Surprise Major: Belgrave 1, Cambridge 3, Bristol 1, London 9, New Cambridge 5, Norfolk 10, Peterborough 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 2, Superlative 31, Yorkshire 13, Westminster 1.

Stedman Triples 2.

A Belfry Romance at St. Ambrose, Bristol

Two members of St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers, Bristol, Mr. John F. Pedler and Miss R. Ann Clarke, were married at St. Ambrose Church on September 25th by the Vicar (the Rev. Michael Hocking) assisted by the Rev. Richard Easton. The service was fully choral.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white figured brocade, with a headdress of lilies of the valley. Her sister, Miss Jill Clarke, and Miss Jean Thompson were the bridesmaids. Dr. Alan Pedler was best man to his brother. The honeymoon was spent at Torquay.

AUGUST 4th, 1914

Dear Sir,—Re the 'Memoirs of Forty Years Ago,' on reading the account on page 620 of 'The Ringing World,' the following episode was brought to my mind:—

A peal attempt for Stedman Caters had been arranged to take place at Wimborne Minster on August 4th, 1914, by such well-known ringers as the late Messrs. George Williams (then at his best), William W. Gifford (my Ringing Master), Leonard Harris and others whose names slip my memory, including your humble servant, the novice of the party. I recall cycling from Salisbury to Wimborne, about 28 miles, against a headwind, and on arrival I learned that the priest-in-charge had given permission to make the attempt, but whilst waiting for the belated arrival of the tenth member, the churchwarden had contacted his priest, and advised him that to allow the bells to be rung on such an occasion would not be in the best of taste and probably rouse the parishioners' feelings against it, and on being approached we all wholeheartedly agreed to abandon the attempt. Then, after refreshments, we all departed by various ways and means from what would have been by first attempt and, up to date, my last, for Stedman Caters. I can only add that none of us regretted the decision.—Yours faithfully,

F. PRECEY.

Bovington Camp, Dorset.

COOKHAM BELFRY

Dear Sir,—Having been taught to ring in Cookham tower by John Fowler some few years ago, I have probably carried the same salient thoughts on its ringing chamber as have its many visitors. They are as follows:—

(1) The spacious, comfortably furnished and beautifully cared for ringing chamber.
(2) The very long draught of rope probably causing difficulty in bell control to the less experienced.
(3) The uncomfortable loudness of the bells, being hung just above the only floor, necessitating a deep breath being taken by the conductor before bellowing forth 'calls.'

On a very recent visit to my home tower I found that a false ceiling had been built, it giving a 14ft. draught of rope and bell control made very much easier. The bells can now be heard comfortably, and 'calls' need only be uttered in a normal speaking voice. It has also given a more cosy effect to the ringing chamber.

The supporting beams for the ceiling were erected by a local building firm, otherwise the whole of the work has been carried out by John Fowler and his ringers.

In my opinion, a rather necessary alteration has been excellently executed. Well done, Cookham! You have a ringing chamber of which you can be justly proud.—Yours, etc.,

P. TOCOCK.

Retford Grammar School

On October 1st King Edward VI. Grammar School, Retford, held their annual Founder's Day service at East Retford Church. For the first time in the history of the school the bells were rung before the service by members of the school—two members of the staff and seven boys.

The ringing began and ended with rounds on eight bells, and considering that some boys had only been learning a few months and the bells were strange to all except one boy, the striking was fairly accurate. Two plain courses of Bob Minor were also rung, but the striking was poor.

Next year it is hoped that a more ambitious ringing programme may be attempted and that the Exercise will gain more recruits from the school.

Mr. D. McNeil, a master of the school and captain of the ringers at West Retford, was in charge.

DEDICATION

ACOMB, YORK

Six bells which had been transferred from the disused St. Mary's Church, Bishophill Senior, York, were dedicated in Acomb Parish Church, York, on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels by the Suffragan Bishop of Selby (the Rt. Rev. C. F. Knyvett).

The dedication was preceded by Evensong conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Oxby Parker (Rural Dean of York), and the lessons were read by the curate (the Rev. J. T. Jackson) and the Vicar of St. Mary's, Bishophill Junior (the Rev. J. E. Foster).

During the singing of the hymn 'Ye holy angels bright' the Bishop, preceded by the crucifer, choristers, bellringers, bell-founders' representatives, clergy and churchwardens, walked in procession to the base of the tower. Then followed the usual dedicatory prayers and as the procession moved slowly back to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds, after which the ringers' hymn 'Unchanging God, who livest' was sung.

In his address the Bishop referred to the words of St. Luke, 'Take heed, therefore, what ye hear,' and said that on an occasion like the present he would prefer to read 'Take heed, therefore, how ye hear.' Those who heard and understood the message of church bells had a heavy responsibility if they failed to answer their call. The bells would bring to mind the most important things in life—the call to leave false ideals and worship God, and the reminder that in the domestic occasions of marriage and death, family life must be rooted and grounded in a belief in God.

The opening ringers, all members of the York Minster Society, were F. Atkinson, H. Forden, D. Forth, D. Holland, S. H. Steel and H. Walker. The contractors (Messrs John Taylor and Co.) were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

The six bells were all cast in 1770 by Pack and Chapman. They have been cleaned, retuned and rehung in a two-tiered cast iron and steel frame. The tenor weighs 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. The oldest of the three original bells which formerly hung in the tower, and which is dated 1633 and inscribed 'Jesus be our speed,' has been rehung with new fittings and is to be used as a weekday service bell

The tower at Acomb is only small—the interior measurement is ten feet square—and is by no means an ideal one to hold a ring of bells. It only rises to the height of the nave roof and is surmounted by a spire. The original scheme was to bring the ropes down to ground level but as the tower forms the main entrance to the church this could not be agreed. Sufficient space has been made to form a ringing floor at gallery level. Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on making a good job of 'getting a quart into a pint pot.'

The most noteworthy feature of the scheme is that bells long silent in a disused church are now ringing in a populous parish which is very much alive.

H. W.

Chester Diocesan Guild

The visit of the Crewe Branch to Nantwich on October 2nd proved to be a popular meeting with 52 ringers attending, including visitors from Bristol, Coventry and Lincoln. The Parochial Church Council hospitably entertained the company after the service conducted by the Rector, (the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell). New members elected were Miss Gillian Shrigley jun. (Wistaston), Mrs. W. F. Stenson (Crewe), honorary, and Mr. R. A. Morton, ringing member.

Mr. Ivor Nicholls supervised the ringing and there were touches on handbells. To the delight of the company Mr. H. O. Baker and his seven-year-old daughter Anthea rang a plain course of Bob Doubles, Anthea ringing 1-2 and her father 3-4-5-6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Juno Grieveson 1, Pamela Law 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, Valerie Mepham 4, D. H. Paine 5, R. D. Brown 6. For harvest festival.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Hilary Saines 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, E. A. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, J. T. Symonds 4, D. Astridge (first as cond.) 5, J. Hayns 6, H. H. Hayns 7, P. Jackson 8. First quarter 1, 6 and 8. Rung to celebrate the second birthday of St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers. First quarter by a resident band for more than 50 years.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Biggs (first quarter) 1, R. L. Story 2, Mrs. J. Weaver 3, H. E. Balaam 4, J. Chesterman 5, J. Weaver 6, E. F. Gilbert (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8. Rung for the ordination as priest of the Rev. R. D. Howe, one of the local ringers.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, at the Church of SS. Michael and Paul, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. W. Moses 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, E. Naylor 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, E. W. Rowe 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles by all except 4. Rung for the 'Battle of Britain' service.

BEARSTEAD, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. G. White 1, Valerie Wicks 2, V. A. Davoren 3, A. W. Bodiam 4, M. G. White 5, G. F. Cantrill (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, J. Kistirton 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, A. Skinner (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8. Rung half-muffled for evening service as a token of respect and gratitude for the life of Mr. Hugh Carter.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Durham 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Betty Solly 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. For harvest festival.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Stanton 1, J. Marks 2, A. B. Corden 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, J. Meager 6, H. Sear (cond.) 7, E. Smith 8. For harvest festival.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Miss D. Lewis 1, J. Vincent 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, B. Sheppard 4, W. Trueman (cond.) 5, A. R. Peake 6. A 21st birthday compliment to A. R. Peake.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 29th, at the Church of St. Peter 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wood (cond.) 1, N. Tompkins 2, Mildred Jones 3, T. Bratby 4, F. Brownlow 5, J. Thornley 6. A compliment to the Rev. R. G. Norburn, Vicar of Bolton, who was this day installed as Hon. Canon of Manchester Cathedral.

BRISTOL.—On Oct. 3rd, at Christ Church with St. Ewen, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. V. Smith 1, G. Briggs 2, F. D. Mack 3, R. J. Bowden 4, B. Grinter 5, J. M. Stallard 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. E. Hansford 8, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 9, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 10. Rung for the annual service of the Fraternity of St. Michael.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Miss P. Sullivan (first quarter) 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, E. R. Iveson 7, W. W. Shorter 8. Rung for harvest festival and as a birthday compliment for Betty, the wife of the ringer of the fifth.

CARDIFF.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Bailey 1, T. Lewis 2, Jean Powell 3, A. R. Price 4, W. Dare 5, L. Hulbert 6, T. Yeomans (first as cond.) 7, S. Barker 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Bailey, mother of the treble ringer.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, B. Pratley 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to Mr. Sinden, a ringer at this church, who was married this day to Miss Shirley Harvey at Holy Trinity Church, Westhill, London.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 300 Grandsire): Mrs. W. Holloway 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, W. Holloway (cond.) 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, D. Norris (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,2[illegible] Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, G. Gray 2, H. J. Saunders 3, J. D. Thomas 4, E. T. Ellender 5, E. J. Walker 6, C. George (cond.) 7, C. Devonshire 8. For harvest festival.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann S. Creasy 1, L. W. King 2, W. Eagling 3, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason 4, H. Fuller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Ann S. Creasy.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, E. T. Ellender 3, C. George 4, G. F. Gray 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. Pack 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to Brenda and Derek Chatfield; also to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Eades.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. W. Croft 1, R. Head (first in method) 2, K. C. Timbury 3, G. Cherry 4, J. Church 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Green (first of Doubles) 1, R. Trebilcock 2, F. Barrett (first quarter) 3, R. Coles 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Victor Bennett.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): W. Hicks 1, Miss D. M. Hawley 2, S. Steel 3, L. M. Woodhead 4, F. Terry 5, E. M. Bradley (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Sheppard and Miss Mary Thornton, who were married at Sherburn-in-Elmet Parish Church the same day.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mansley (first quarter) 1, J. R. Jenkinson 2, B. G. Henry (first in method) 3, J. V. Blackledge 4, W. Mansley 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Hinton 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, S. Taylor 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. J. Evans 5, P. Baldwin 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8. Rung for Evensong on the heavy eight.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. F. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, Mrs. W. Critchley 3, W. Critchley 4, P. W. Croft 5, C. M. Orme 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, Audrey M. Trott 2, J. Smart (83) 3, D. Mitchell (first quarter) 4, E. F. Fosberry (first as cond.) 5, S. A. Paice 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey M. Trott 1, E. R. Rapley 2, G. Francis 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, W. L. Weller 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. First of Stedman by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For harvest festival.

(St. Bartholomew's, All Saints', Grandsire and Plain

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles Bob): C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Shedel on the occasion of their silver wedding.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Linnell 1, J. Payne 2, J. Felce 3, F. Benfield 4, E. Frost (cond.) 5, S. Earl 6. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Erin Triples: R. Keeley 1, C. W. Powell 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, H. E. C. Goodenough 5, W. Poole 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For the patronal festival.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 26th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal: May Lomas 1, A. A. Potts 2, G. Hughes (first of Treble Bob) 3, N. D. Lomas 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, W. Stevenson 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, J. Worth (cond.) 10. For harvest festival.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Carter 1, Sheila Brown 2, J. A. Grace 3, F. D. Livesey 4, D. B. Cater (cond.) 5, W. Hansom 6. A compliment to Wilfred Hansom on his coming of age, September 19th.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Gatenby (first in method) 1, Miss J. M. Clements (first in method) 2, A. G. Farndell (first in method as (cond.) 3, G. R. Hawkes 4, S. Howard 5, A. S. Couldridge 6. Rung for morning service, and as a farewell to R. J. Tingley, a member of the local band, who left for Scotland the previous day.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, J. Bentley 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6. For harvest festival.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. Ward 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade (first quarter as cond.) 2, G. H. Perry 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, H. T. Corben 5, H. Cornick 6. For harvest festival.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Croall 1, S. Rayfield 2, F. Fagg 3, B. Fagg 4, W. A. Wood (cond.) 5, G. Wood 6. A compliment to G. Wood on his 82nd birthday.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 5 and tenor covering): N. Humphries (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. B. P. Walker (first 'inside') 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, J. Hale 4, R. Adams (first quarter) 5, G. A. Naylor 6, D. Baldock (first quarter) tenor. For harvest festival.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. E. Merrett (first in method) 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, J. Merrett 5, H. F. Perry 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the Rev. E. C. Blaxland, former Vicar of this church, 1938-1947, who was cremated this day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,475 Double Norwich Caters: P. Coote 1, W. E. Critchley 2, A. Firth 3, H. Scott 4, J. J. L. Gilbert 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, D. Chapman 7, J. F. Milner 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, Rev. G. G. Grahame 10. First quarter peal in the method by all the band.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gibbs 1, D. Priestley (first in method) 2, H. J. Richardson 3, E. E. Whitmore 4, A. J. Wilson 5, L. Groome 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, Bob Whitworth (first in method) 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Clifton on completing 50 years as a Sunday School worker, and as a farewell to A. C. I. Whitworth, who has joined H.M. Forces, and D. Priestley, who has gone to University College, London.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wm. Simpson 1, O. Cripps (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Shelagh Kilbourn 3, I. Parry 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, P. Parry 6, A. Hickton 7, R. Newsum 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Adamson (first quarter) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Mrs. G. Manchip 3, Mrs. J. Birt 4, E. L. A. Hudson 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6, I. Birt 7, Mrs. W. Butler 8. For dedication festival.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Crook (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, J. Harris 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. For harvest festival.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Oct. 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, W. S. Langdon 4, J. Waters 5, A. B. Peck 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, J. Phillips 8. For harvest festival evening service.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Schofield 1, R. Smith 2, W. Paul 3, E. Durrant 4, S. Hoare (cond.) 5, R. King 6, G. Seaman 7, H. Schofield 8. For harvest festival.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Bond 1, Miss S. Drake 2, R. O. Fry 3, T. W. Harris 4, E. King 5, T. J. Hayward 6, R. J. Cousins (cond.) 7, S. S. Woodburn 8. First of Major for 1 and 2, and first of Major of the bells. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, J. Tomsett 2, H. Cox 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Brickell 6. Rung for the wedding of two newcomers to the band, Michael Sindon and Shirley Harvey, which took place on September 25th.

OBITUARY

MR. VICTOR J. F. BENNETT

Mr. Victor J. F. Bennett died on Thursday, September 23rd, aged 62, at the Radcliffe Infirmary, after only four days' illness.

He learnt to ring at St. Giles' Church, Oxford, on leaving the choir at about the age of 14. He had been foreman of the tower since 1923 and was one of the mainstays of the Oxford Society for many years. He held office in the Society almost continuously from 1922 and he was treasurer at the time of his death.

He was not a prolific peal ringer, but, being a good musician, he most enjoyed his ringing when the striking was perfect. He rang in the 12,663 of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, and the 25 Spliced Surprise Major peals. He was very popular and had many friends both inside and outside the Exercise. He leaves a widow and one son.

The bells of St. Giles' Church were rung half-muffled for the funeral service on September 28th by the following: C. Coles (St. Ebbe's Church) 1, P. Walker (St. Giles') 2, H. Gearing (St. Giles') 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (St. Ebbe's) 4, D. H. Niblett (Master of the Oxford University Society) 5, E. A. White (Appleton) 6, F. Sharpe (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) 7, G. H. Webb (St. Martin and All Saints' and Steward of the Oxford Society) 8. As the procession left the church the tenor bell was tolled by E. C. Hughes (St. Giles'). The interment was at Headington Cemetery. An attempt for a peal on these bells the same evening came to grief after one hour and 35 minutes.

An excellent peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Christ Church, Oxford, on September 27th, in 3 hours and 48 minutes with the bells half-muffled.

Dr. J. E. Spice writes: I was grieved to read of the death, at a comparatively early age, of Vic Bennett. I am sure that to all members of the Oxford University Society (birds of passage in Oxford ringing) he was the man most to be remembered out of the Oxford Society. University societies depend for their progress on the goodwill of the local ringers, and the Oxford University Society has always had this goodwill: from no one, perhaps, have they had it more than from Vic. His passing will leave a gap in Oxford ringing which may long be unfilled.

I always felt that he was a link with the past—with the Oxford of J. W. Washbrook and F. E. Robinson, though whether he ever rang with these worthies I cannot remember. Certainly no one else had such a keen sense of the great traditions of Oxford ringing. He was always ready to welcome those from 'The University,' whether to Christ Church, to St. Giles' or on one of the 'special' ringing days, and he was always glad to greet past members of the Oxford University Society on their periodical visits to Oxford.

I last saw him in February this year, when I was privileged to help record Christ Church bells for a television programme, and he seemed the same as ever. I have many memories of him—of a tense figure on the treble at Christ Church, intent on a perfect 'rise' ('. . . and finally by His mercy obtain everlasting life, Amen. Treble's going, she's gone'): of Vic on his autocycle, chugging up St. Aldate's from Christ Church on a Sunday morning, or from St. Giles' down to St. Barnabas': of Vic ringing the large bell at Phil and Jim: of Vic telling stories of Oxford ringers of the past, with a pint of beer at his right hand: and of Vic carrying a candle round St. Barnabas' in procession, on the Feast of the Purification.

Many more will write their memories of a man one felt the better for having known. You, sir, may care to publish this small tribute from one who was proud to know Vic Bennett. May he rest in peace.

ST. STEPHEN'S, EALING

Retirement of Preb. Harland

The ringers have lost a great friend and supporter in the recent retirement of Prebendary H. C. Harland, M.A., Vicar 1941-1954, and Rural Dean 1947–1954, who has recently been inducted to the living of Monken Hadley, where as Rector, in his own words, he hopes to find the scope of work more manageable and the pressure less insistant. Prebendary Harland, in spite of his many duties, often found time to come into the ringing chamber on a Sunday morning and conduct an opening Office; and he always made a point of coming up and welcoming any visiting bands, to whom he always gave permission to ring. A complimentary peal to him is recorded elsewhere.

A farewell social and presentation to Prebendary and Mrs. Harland was recently held at St. Stephen's Hall and was attended by about 250 people. Prebendary and Mrs. Harland received the guests and there then followed refreshments and music and the presentations. A cheque for over £280 was presented to Prebendary Harland by Mr. A. F. Gunning, Vicar's warden, together with other gifts, and Mrs. Harland received several useful gifts. On behalf of the ringers Mr. Cockey presented Prebendary Harland with a signed photograph of the very handsome peal board commemorating the Coronation, and bearing his name, a record of which he was very proud, and to Mrs. Harland a very fine bouquet was presented by the Misses Stephanie Bedborough and June Hunt, described by Mr. Cockey as two of the prettiest girl ringers in the Diocese!

Mr. Cockey, in making the presentation, remarked that in nearly 50 years of ringing he had come in contact with many incumbents, but he could truthfully say that their late Vicar surpassed them all in kindliness, tolerance and good humour, and the ringers deeply appreciated the manner in which both the Vicar and also Mrs. Harland had dealt with complaints, and the generous support which they had always received.

On his last Sunday morning the Vicar visited the ringing chamber and, after prayers, appealed to the young ringers to hold together in the work they are doing for the Church, and to back up those who are giving of their time to help them along.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY HAS A GUILD VICAR

An interesting service was held at St. Mary Woolnoth, E.C., on October 9th, when the Rev. John Francis Darrell Trimingham was licensed by the Archdeacon of London as the first Guild Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C.

St. Lawrence Jewry, although the church of the Corporation by usage for about 300 years, is now the official church of the Corporation of London by Act of Parliament. The advowson had been held for about 80 years by Balliol College, Oxford, and for about 200 years it has been held jointly with the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's through the union of another parish. Under the new Act St. Lawrence Jewry becomes not only the official Corporation church but a Guild church.

Being the Corporation church a number of city bodies, including several livery companies, were represented and the Ancient Society of College Youths was represented by the Master, Mr. John Chilcott. One of the churchwardens of this church is Mr. A. A. Hughes, J.P.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 18th, 1,263 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, Miss M. Hall 2, R. Boardman 3, I. Jenkins 4, S. Sage 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. In celebration of the wedding of Edward Houldsworth, of Poynton, to Sheila Cardin, of Sale, Cheshire.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST, JAMES', ACCRINGTON.—The normal Friday practice will be cancelled on Oct. 22nd to avoid interference with the Dramatic Society's performance. 5181

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD —Ringing festival, Saturday, Oct. 16th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Kenilworth (6) and Chilvers Coton (10), 2–4: Bedworth (8), Bulkington (8), Stoke (8) and Keresley (5), 3.30–5.30. Business meeting at 20, Broadgate, Coventry (entrance Pepper Lane), at 6. Dinner at The Wine Lodge Hotel, 17, The Burges, Coventry, at 6.45, followed by social and entertainment until 11 p.m. Tickets (10s. each.) obtainable from district secretaries, tower secretaries and the general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5090

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Dinner commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Oct. 16th at 6.30 p.m., Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Guildford presiding. Ringing at Holy Trinity (8) and Stoke (6) 3-4. Commemorative service in Cathedral Crypt 5.30 p.m. 5194

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, Frittenden (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th, 2.30 p.m. 5147

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Northaw (6 bells), Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 3 p.m. Tea at The Two Brewers, 4 p.m. Ringing after. —S. Huckle, District Sec. 5173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Annual district meeting, Northfleet (8), on Saturday, Oct. 16th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 5136

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Practice meeting at Netherbury on the newly rehung six bells on Oct. 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5150

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting, Kelsale (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th. 2.30 p.m., and Saxmundham 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5161

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Notification for teas to Miss C. M. Jupp, 14, Martyns Close, Henfield.—C. W. Linington, Hon. Sec. 5142

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cropthorne, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. 5162

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A combined practice will be held at Bletchingley (8) on Wednesday, Oct. 20th, from 7.30-9 p.m. 5185

ACOMB, YORKS.—Open Day, Oct. 23rd, and meeting of SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETY. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea only for those who notify, by first post 20th. H. Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, Clifton, York. 5200

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Sat., Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 4. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5171

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at East Coker on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5159

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kewstoke, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by the 20th, please, to Mr. G. Prescott, High Street, Worle.—E. C. Wickham, Branch Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 5154

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Queen Camel, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 5184

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Joint meeting, Totternhoe (8), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable, Beds. 5163

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Breaston (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Oct. 22nd, to Mr. W. S. Spencer, 151, Wilsthorpe Road, Breaston, Derby. —M. Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 5198

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Conisborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 20th, to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 5197

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, Lanchester All Saints', 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5178

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis Sec. 5196

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5182

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Kingsteignton, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 5179

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Monthly meeting, Alveston, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 19th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 5193

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashtead, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church School. Numbers, by Oct. 21st, to Mr. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. 5151

HERTFORD COUNTY and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS (Northern and Biggleswade Districts).—Joint meeting at Hitchin, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15.—E. Buck, L. Bywaters, Dis. Secs. 5177

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Bus No. 41 or 102. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 5201

LEEDS AND DISTRICT. — Meeting at Liversedge, Oct. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, Oct. 21st, to Mrs. G. Jones, 8, Prospect Terrace, High Town, Liversedge. Special method, Duffield. 5186

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Dinner and Social on Oct. 23rd. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 dinner at Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 10s. (number limited) from W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Apply early with remittance, latest date Oct. 19th. 5164

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of local Districts at Hillingdon on Oct. 23rd. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, and social 8 in St. John's Hall. Names, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Bells: St. John's (10) 3-4.45 and after tea: St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2,30-4.—F. W. Goodfellow and W. F. Butler, Hon. Secs. 5156

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James' (6), Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 19th, certain. — G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5152

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Dunblane Cathedral on Oct. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Frequent bus service from Stirling to Dunblane.—Rognvald Wilson, Sec. 5100

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Branch.—The meeting cancelled at the last moment at Cefn Coed has been rearranged for Oct. 23rd, with apologies.—W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 5199

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Meeting, Glemsford, Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Names to Mrs. Fenn, The Prince, Glemsford. 5187

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division) and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting, Mayfield (8), Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, 5 p.m., must be received by Oct. 20th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5195

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 23rd, Hursley. Bells (8) 3–7. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 5172

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tues., Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, Branch Secs. or Gen. Sec. Accommodation for 250. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3–5 p.m. and All Saints' (10) 3–5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5111

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Dedication of new trebles on Oct. 24th at 2.30 p.m. Bells available 1.30 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. Open day Nov. 20th. Bells 1.15 p.m. till 8 p.m. 5153

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, Oct 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Paragon Cafe at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5191

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Oct. 26th, please.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 5183

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (Church Institute) 5 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 9d.), not later than Oct. 26th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5180

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2866. 5192

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Langford, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Brize Norton and Witney towers available after tea. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5190

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Co-operative Restaurant, Co-operative Emporium, Doncaster, Oct. 30th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Arksey bells (8) available 2.30-5.30 p.m. Buses from North Bridge at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. Doncaster bells unavailable (tower repairs). Peal applications to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Memorial Hall, near church, open at 3 p.m. for handbells and light refreshments. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. Early application desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5203

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, Nov. 6th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5137

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual Branch tea party and meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells from 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6.30. Whist drive and dance 7.30. Names for tea essential, by Oct. 30th, to I. Kay, 59, Alva Road, Oldham. No tea tickets issued. Tickets for whist drive and dance only, 1s. 9d. Inclusive charge 5s.—F. Pritchard. 5202

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Third Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing during the afternoon, St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), and St. Giles', Willenhall (10).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 5204

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KEEPING THE BALANCE

EVERY Editor has his problems, but the editorship of this journal entails many that are not encountered in the ordinary run of provincial journalism. 'The Ringing World' is a specialist paper catering exclusively for a relatively small section of the public interested in ringing bells. Apart from its specialist responsibilities, it is the medium for knitting together ringers into one big family. In no other walk of life is there so much friendliness and personal interest in each other as in ringing. It is one of the things of which we are very proud.

But this friendliness in no sense dims our faculties for criticism, and throughout the Exercise there have been trenchant critics accustomed to receiving and giving verbal blows. There was a time when such utterances were given with venom, and bad blood did prevail in some quarters. This has largely ceased; except in an occasional isolated case there is a good-humoured spirit behind the criticism, a feeling that although we big to differ we can still be friends. To the outsider, not knowing the temperament of ringers, some of the letters received can well be construed as being in bad taste. An editorial blue pencil is at times exercised severely in an endeavour to keep within the bounds of modern convention.

At times there have been protests, and one correspondent blamed the Editorial Committee for exercising this censure. In this respect the Editorial Committee is 'not guilty.' Despite the resolution passed at Newcastle, the censorship is by the Editor. It is outside the bounds of practicability to submit letters in turn to Stoke-on-Trent, Somerset, Leicester, London, Sussex and elsewhere to the individual members of the committee. Complain to the committee if you feel you are unfairly treated by the Editor, but don't blame it individually.

One of the most difficult things is to keep the true balance in the sixteen pages allotted to us. Complaints are frequently made that there is nothing in 'The Ringing World' for the beginner. The answer is that we are not a text book. The beginner is catered for by many inexpensive text books. Our responsibility is to provide something new like the series 'On Conducting,' when the Exercise, through taking advantage of the type being already set for this journal, can obtain a useful treatise for one shilling.

In an endeavour to create space for articles we have in stock, reports of various bodies and outings have been curtailed. News for 'The Ringing World' fluctuates enormously. For example, this week the Editor received over 80 quarter peals with accommodation allotted for 48. Some naturally will have to be held over. But in the Editor's mind quarter peals are of value and not merely 'fill-up' space. They are invariably local and not only indicate progress but frequently tell of how ringers are meeting their Sunday obligations. To those who contribute to this page we would implore them to write each quarter peal not rung in the same tower on a separate sheet of paper and on one side only. Time is also saved if the style as printed is followed, otherwise there is additional work for the Editor.

It is to our regret that we have been unable to publish all the compositions and new methods we have received. There is no immediate prospect of the situation easing; to those who are disappointed we proffer our apologies. Some Guild reports make a very valuable contribution to ringing by their peal publications.

Among the features we hope to present at an early date is a comic opera, 'The Beast and the Bell(e) or The Tyrant of the Tower,' by S. A. Hill and Arthur Sullivan. Probably the authors had the Editor in mind when they wrote:—

Tune: 'If you're anxious for to shine.'

When you're anxious to advance you must lead them all a dance
With your ringing knowledge rare.
You must know your Jasper Snowdon and be sure of all Troyte's lowdown,
Strip the Central Council bare.

You must know your early history and have a mental list of the
Forefathers of our intellectual craft;
Be able to review all methods old and new
However weird or daft.

And everyone you meet will gape as you repeat
How so-and-so did this and that at such and such a time.
Astonishing perhaps, but of irrelevance sublime.

And then if you are pally with Picasso, Klee and Dali
It will prove of priceless worth,
For it's easy then to sham a method diagram
Of surrealistic birth.

If you're able to devise a cubist York Surprise
Everybody will be eloquent in praise,
And nothing could be finer than a Double Court Bob Minor
In a purely abstract phase.

And everyone will stare at those lines of beauty rare;
And even though its bound to be away beyond them far,
Your skill they'll never doubt and so loud your praises shout
That your progress none can mar.

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Lastly, the Editor would point out that interest in the journal's pages depends mainly on its contributors. Do not hesitate to write; some of the best contributions have come from unexpected quarters. Many an idea is culled from an unpublished contribution. To all who help in this journal, the correspondents who work for new subscribers, we say, 'Thank you.'

A BIRMINGHAM WEEK

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Jack L. Millhouse	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter Border.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Michael G. Morton	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
Eric E. Speake	2	George E. Fearn	6
Henry H. Fearn	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Bryan D. A. Woolley	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Eric E. Speake	*Treble*	Michael G. Morton	5
Clive M. Smith	2	Jack L. Millhouse	6
Henry H. Fearn	3	Peter Border	7
George E. Fearn	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
Clive M. Smith	2	Michael G. Morton	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Peter Border	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Michael G. Morton	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
Arthur V. Pearson	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	6
George E. Fearn	3	Leonard Trevor	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Michael G. Morton	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Muriel Reay	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	8
Albert Walker	3	George E. Fearn	9
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Peter Border	10
Leonard Trevor	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Frank E. Haynes	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal of Maximus.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Benedict,
A PEAL OF 5152 WOMBOURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	Michael G. Morton	5
Bryan D. A. Woolley	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	George E. Fearn	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter Border.
The first peal in the method.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

Michael G. Morton	*Treble*	Bryan D. A. Woolley	5
*Arthur V. Pearson	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Peter Border	7
Henry H. Fearn	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* 500th peal.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburgha,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	5
Bryan D. A. Woolley	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	George E. Fearn	7
Michael G. Morton	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter Border.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

PETER BORDER	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
LEONARD TREVOR	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Frederick W. Walker, son of the conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	NORMAN H. COOMBS	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	ALAN A. HILLIAR	7
JOHN S. STALLARD	3	*REGINALD G. HOOPER	8
SIDNEY G. RICHES	4	LEONARD DERRICK	9
FRANK HANSFORD	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* 100th peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

JOSEPH L. STANIER	*Treble*	ALAN G. FOSTER	6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	G. LEONARD HEWETT	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3	B. LESLIE JONES	8
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	9
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	5	LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM A. FARMER	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILWARD	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	7
CHARLES W. LEE	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
*ROBERT W. HINDE	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
JOHN F. BUTLER	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by WM. A. FARMER.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells, and believed to be the first in the tower.
Rung for the Dedication Festival and Centenary of Christ Church, Oxon, Salop, a daughter church.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

PETER NASH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	9
MAURICE J. BUTLER	5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H LAW JAMES (adapted).
Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*DOROTHY J. CLARKE	*Treble*	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	6
JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	†PETER BORDER	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	JAMES F. CLARKE	9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method. The ringer of the second has 'circled the tower' three times.
Rung as a farewell peal for Margaret Beamish, who left for Southampton University two days later with the good wishes of all the band.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
*JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	JAMES W. RAITHBY	7
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	*ALLEN SIMPSON	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	9
BRIAN BUSWELL	5	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal on ten bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	6
HARRY GRIFFITHS	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	7
†STELLA HUGHES	3	‡W. GEORGE PAGE	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Caters with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung for Willenhall centenary of local government and diamond jubilee of the Urban Council.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Being in two methods, 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 55 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	6
*ALAN A. POTTS	2	*JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	3	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	*PETER LAFLIN	9
*C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* Have now rung Spliced Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. First peal of Spliced Royal by the Guild and by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RACHEL M. SNELL	*Treble*	†STANLEY RYLES	5
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY	2	*WILLIAM MASSEY	6
GEORGE E. KETTLE	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
†SHELAGH COLLINS	4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on bells since rehanging by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*Gerald R. Smerdon	*Treble*	Harold N. Pitstow	5
Gillian R. Parsons	2	Albert E. Cheesman	6
Michael F. Layton	3	Albert J. Adams	7
Frederick W. Housden	4	Denis N. Layton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harold N. Pitstow.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. Schofield, who was inducted Vicar of Banstead on September 23rd, and also to G. R. Smerdon on his return from H.M. Forces.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. Nolan Golden	*Treble*	William Clover	5
Charles H. Moore	2	Arthur G. Bason	6
*Eileen G. Bracey	3	*John Moore	7
Raymond G. Lofty	4	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also as a 77th birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Lofty, mother of the ringer of the 4th.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Ivor Scott	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Alan A. Potts	2	Alan A. Brown	6
Basil Jones	3	Peter Laflin	7
James Fernley	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the wedding of Elizabeth Mary Thomas and John Hardy Price, which took place prior to the start of the peal.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

Jack S. Dear	*Treble*	*Rex M. Dixon	5
*Horace Werrett	2	John Church	6
*Colin Harwood	3	Edwin G. Buck	7
*Angela Willis	4	R. Thomas Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	Frank Reynolds	5
Ruth M. Jackson	2	George A. Bell	6
Jean C. Brown	3	Roger Leigh	7
Frank J. Maude	4	Alan N. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by R. Leigh. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
A respectful compliment to the Lord Bishop of Manchester and Mrs. Greer on the birth of a son.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	*A. Harry Catlin	5
Ernest Morris	2	Kilby Holtom	6
Brian S. Chapman	3	John M. Jelley	7
G. Harry Bray	4	Ernest J. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Morton	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
*David M. Lees	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Muriel Reay	3	Michael G. Morton	7
R. Roger Savory	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Freda Oldershaw	*Treble*	Maurice Bennett	5
Frank Taylor	2	Horace Bennett	6
Thomas H. Charlton	3	John G. Ames	7
Aubrey D. Mills	4	Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John G. Ames.
First peal on the bells since being renovated by Taylor and Co.
Rung with the bells open in memory of Donald K. Nichols, captain of this tower, who passed away September 24th, 1954.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

Harry Baker	*Treble*	Mark W. Marshall	5
Thomas E. Sone	2	*Albert J. Lancefield	6
*John R. Cooper	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
*Geoffrey Pearson	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal in the method.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Brian Luff	5
Shirley A. Richardson	2	Harold F. Wood	6
George Francis	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Fred W. Burnett	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5184 BORDESLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Jeffrey B. Webb	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Muriel Reay	2	Michael G. Morton	6
Clifford A. Barron	3	George E. Fearn	7
Rodney B. Meadows	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Peter Border.
The first peal in the method.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	George W. Massey	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Philip J. Coward	6
*Dennis Neal	3	Philip A. Corby	7
John Thomas	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled, by his friends, in affectionate remembrance of F/O. Eric A. Dench, R.A.F., a ringer at this church, killed on active service on September 30th, 1954, and cremated this day after a service at this church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of F/O. Eric A. Dench.

BISHOPS CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	*CHARLES ROUSE	5
†AUDREY BAILEY	2	R. GORDON CORBY	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	*LESLIE ASTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
LEONARD CHAMBERS	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	6
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	*GEORGE E. HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. George Brain, assistant curate of this parish.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

*RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	†COLIN HARWOOD	5
†HORACE WERRETT	2	JOHN CHURCH	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 COLCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
JAMES H. EDWARDS	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
ALLEN W. CANSDALE	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
The first peal in the method, which is Lindoff's No. 22.
Rung in honour of the first annual dinner of the Essex Association, held at Chelmsford the same day.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ANNE WILSON	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
*BETTY A. TESTER	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
†GEORGE FRY	3	EDWARD J. JENNER	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

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BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Hardulph,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

William F. Woodward ..*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton .. 4
*Elizabeth Grime 2	Denis R. Carlisle .. 5
Albert E. Thompson .. 3	Gordon Halls .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon Halls.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Charles Pearce .. ..*Treble*	Christopher Marshall .. 4
Harry A. Carver 2	Ernest E. Bray 5
W. John Phippen 3	William A. Prescott ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest E. Bray.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*Peter Minchin .. ..*Treble*	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 4
Eileen M. Turner .. 2	†John R. Cooper 5
Tom Page 3	‡E. John Wells .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild; also 25th peal as conductor and 25th peal of Minor. First peal in six Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday peal for J. Alan Ainsworth.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford Treble (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Frederick Watson .. ..*Treble*	C. Roger Hayward .. 4
Winifred M. Burton .. 2	John Vernon 5
Ernest Morris 3	Brian G. Warwick .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
A compliment to Frederick Watson on completing 21 years as verger at Croft.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (2) Childwall and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Court, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Ronald W. Steward ..*Treble*	George W. Pipe 4
*Robert E. Lester 2	*Urban W. Wildney .. 5
*George Waterman .. 3	*John W. Blythe .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
* First peal in ten methods.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Peter Jarvis .. .. ..*Treble*	*Geoffrey Pearson .. 4
John R. Cooper 2	*Albert J. Lancefield .. 5
William C. Marshall .. 3	Mark W. Marshall ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark W. Marshall.
* First peal in five Minor methods. A 71st birthday compliment to Charles Marshall.

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,880 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

*John Potts .. .. ..*Treble*	G. Frederick Terry .. 4
Edward M. Bradley .. 2	A. Sheppard 5
D. Margaret Hawley .. 3	*C. Bigland .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Margaret Hawley.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Daphne Castell .. ..*Treble*	Harry P. Floyd 4
Herbert H. Alexander.. 2	George F. Burton 5
Douglas O. Wilks .. 3	Alan R. Pink .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal. First peal in more than three Minor methods on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of St. Denys to the honour of this Bishop and Martyr.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

William Rose .. .. ..*Treble*	Trevor Bevis 4
Herbert Goakes 2	James Haw 5
Cecil Wade 3	Frederick Parsons .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by William Rose.
Rung in connection with the Harvest Festivals of St. Mary's and St. John's.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Consisting of three extents of Norwich and two extents each of Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

R. B. Morris (Clare) ..*Treble*	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s) 4
*J. D. Painter (Caius) .. 2	W. J. Ridgman (Queens').. 5
W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 3	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) *Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Selwyn) to Miss T. M. Hook.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.

Arthur Jopp .. .. ..*Treble*	William Holm 4
Beryl M. J. Holm .. 2	Charles J. Camm 5
Mrs. Wm. Holm 3	Ernest F. Cubberley ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles J. Camm.
Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th on their silver wedding anniversary, and as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. Gibbs upon his retirement, after completing over 20 years' faithful service at Wychbold.

HANDBELL PEAL

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At East View,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,520 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Rung in alternate 120's throughout.

Margaret O. Hawley .. 1—2	Edward M. Bradley .. 3—4
	Alan Sheppard .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

ST. ANDREW'S, KINGSBURY

St. Andrew's (Kingsbury) Guild and St. Mary's Guild had their second joint outing this year on October 2nd when 33 members and friends went by coach to Bexhill. After an hour's ringing, St. Nicholas', Brighton, was visited. The previous outing was on May 8th, when ringing took place at Chalfont St. Peters, Chalfont St. Giles and Penn.

OLD WHITTINGTON, CHESTERFIELD

The ringers of St. Bartholomew's with their wives and friends had their first half-day outing on September 18th. The party numbered 26 and included two long-standing friends, Mr. F. Adams (Staveley) and Mr. W. Allwood (Chesterfield), the latter being the coach and trainer of the raw ringers of 1925, when the bells were made into five. Later, in 1946, a sixth was added.

At both Royston and Felkirk the ringers were most cordially received and at Felkirk it gave great pleasure to meet Messrs. D. Smith and H. Chant. G. J. N.

PRESTON ST. MARY'S, SUFFOLK

St. Mary's ringers and friends held their harvest-tide half-day outing on October 2nd. At the first stop, Wilton, the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Dennis Page) and Miss D. Reeve. A short service and prayers were followed by some excellent ringing. The next halt was the flint-knapping village of Brandon, where more satisfying striking was carried out, followed by a fine tea at the Woodlynn Cafe.

At Mundford the party received a special welcome from a real jovial Vicar.

The party's handbell band, by kind invitation, had the honour of entertaining the Thetford Football Supporters' Club to some musical items on the handbells. Mr. Fred Day was M.C. and the 'live wire' of the outing. S. H. S.

OUTINGS

BICESTER DEANERY

This District outing on September 25th included representatives from Brill (the Vicar and six members), Piddington, Bicester, Launton, Stratton Audley and Steeple Claydon. Towers visited were Husborne Crawley, Ampthill, Sandy and Henlow. A ringers' tea was enjoyed at the Granada Cinema Cafe, Bedford.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman and rounds for beginners.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

On Saturday, October 9th, Lavenham ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, held their autumn half-day outing, visiting Woodbridge, Hollesley and Ufford. Tea was taken at Woodbridge with refreshments and handbell ringing at Hintlesham. Thanks were extended to Messrs. C. Fisher and S. Woodard, also to P. C. Pearce and the various incumbents.

Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain, Double Norwich and Kent Major, Bourne and Netherseale Minor.

S. H. S.

PRESTBURY

To enable two members of the band to complete their honeymoon, the second half-day outing of Prestbury, Glos, ringers was delayed until October 9th. Towers visited were Hardwicke, Slimbridge, Cromhall (where the local band of ladies, some with pretty aprons decorated with little bells, had prepared an excellent meat tea), Wickwar and Wotton-under-Edge (the only eight, where some of the Cromhall ladies joined the party). Ringing ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET

Very bright periods alternated with very heavy showers on Saturday, September 11th, when the Nailsea ringers and friends from Backwell, Wraxall, Long Ashton and Clutton went on their 'official' annual outing.

The first tower visited was Tytherington (12 cwt.), a five which went exceptionally well. Everyone commented on the enormous sheet of glass, covering one whole wall, which separated the ringing chamber from the church, and also the one-handed clock.

Horsley (6, 14½ cwt.) was our next tower, where we were met by the Vicar and a local ringer, who said that the bells were seldom rung. We did not find this surprising! The third and tenor seemed to be the worst offenders. In spite of the bells, however, we did manage a reasonable course of Bob Minor and the fall would have been 'passable' had the fourth not lost its clapper when we tried to chime Queens on the bottom!

At Avening (6, 12¼ cwt.) we had tea before ringing. In contrast to Horsley there is a particularly short draught and the bells go well.

The ringing chamber at Minchinhampton (6, 13 cwt.) was impressive, with clean white walls and cream gloss paintwork. Two of the local ringers rang a course of Cambridge with us.

A warm welcome was given by the Vicar and his wife, Mr. Barnett (tower Captain) and his brother, at Randwick. Stonehouse (17 cwt.), the last tower of the day, proved to be a very fine, heavy six. M. F.

WANLIP

Thirteen ringers and friends of Wanlip, Leics, had an outing on October 9th. Ringing took place at Barkby, Ashby Folville, Great Dalby, Twyford and Somerby, where the local captain and his sister joined in ringing Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to report the sudden death on October 15th of the Rev. F. Stuart, Vicar of Bledlow. An enthusiastic ringer, he was vice-chairman of the South Oxon and Mid. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A highly successful peal week was organised by Birmingham ringers for the visit of Messrs. E. Jenkins and Jack L. Millhouse. The seven peals scored included two of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and the first peal of Wombourn Surprise Major.

Mr. Nolan Golden has now 'circled' Hethersett tower to a peal 12 times.

Mr. Cyril C. Deem informs us that the peal of Minor at Shobrooke, Devon, on September 17th was the first on the bells.

Worcester Cathedral bells will be available for ringing at the annual dinner to-morrow from 3 to 5 p.m.

Miss Pamela Butcher is the new 'Ringing World' representative for the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association.

Prestbury, Glos, ringers find two half-day outings more popular than a full day's. The average cost of six of these is 8s. 6d., including tea, and is usually financed by a weekly contribution of sixpence.

Information reached 'The Ringing World' last weekend that there are two groups of ringers interested in the prospect of the extent of Major. One group has been discussing possibilities for upwards of two years and collecting names of those prepared to make the attempt.

To those interested in Winchester Surprise, Mr. C. H. Kippin writes: 'There was no suggestion of anonymity. It was "discovered" when the work was proceeding on extension for the Methods Committee report. It did not seem original enough to claim. A good many methods were discovered during the experiments, but I should hate to think they were "composed."'

A correspondent suggests that Mr. Frank Matthews' observation at the Cumberlands' dinner that Mr. John Chilcott is the youngest master in the history of the College Youths is incorrect. He states that he had always understood that Samuel E. Joyce, the Master in 1886, was 19 years of age when elected, and that this distinction belongs to him.

In connection with the Ladies' Guild meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on October 30th, will members please bring their own food.

Congratulations to Phillip Morgan, of Ross-on-Rye, who has not yet reached his 15th birthday and rang in his 150th tower on October 9th, when he visited Abergavenny.

Husband and wife ring 100 peals in a year together. Such a possibility is optimistically anticipated by many Leicester ringers as a 1954 record.

A postcard bearing a Birmingham postmark, but no address of the sender, gives details of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor rung on October 3rd. Will the sender please state where it was rung.

Miss J. Powell, of Bedwellty, Glam., and Mr. B. Stirland, of Fareham, Hants, were elected members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the meeting at Croydon on September 18th. Miss P. Steere was thanked for organising the meeting.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, who completed his first 500 peals on October 1st, writes: 'I have to blame Charles J. Sedgley and Mr. and Mrs. Pipe for starting this, and Mr. George E. Fearn for the rest.' He has rung Surprise Major peals in 55 different methods.

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POPULARITY OF GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER

DESPITE RECORD ATTENDANCE MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS

THE Guildford Diocesan Guild annual dinner commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith will now rank as one of the most popular functions in the ringers' calendar. This year applications far exceeded the increased accommodation to 171, and the organisers, Messrs. C. Denyer, W. Viggers and R. Mills, had regretfully to refuse about 30 applications for last Saturday's function at the Lion Hotel, Guildford.

The secret of the success of these dinners is the limitation of speeches to five minutes, and the brightness of the entertainment with its topical verse. The Lord Bishop of Guildford, who presided, was accompanied by Miss Montgomery-Campbell, and was supported by the Master, Mr. A. E. Harman, who again made himself responsible for the floral decorations, and Mrs. Harman. The Rev. and Mrs. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall also attended.

Mr. P. Eldridge, of Winchester, submitted the toast of 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.' He said when he was a choirboy he was persuaded or roped in to join the bellringers. After some time he became sufficiently proficient to attend district meetings. There he heard of a man who was the general secretary of the Guild and the editor of 'The Ringing World'—in fact, one of the ringing aristocracy. It was natural that he went as a young ringer in fear and trepidation of such a man, but when he met John Goldsmith his charm of manner and approachability soon dispelled the awe he held of him He was never too busy to explain the various methods. Another side of his character was the loving care with which he looked after his wife during her long illness. 'May his memory be for ever green.'

'A FRIENDLY GUILD'

As to the future of the Guild he was told that the applications for dinner tickets that night far exceeded the supply and the membership showed a steady increase over the past year. That showed that the Guild was in quite a healthy state. From the beginning of the Guild there had always been a friendly atmosphere. It was apparent at the district meetings, and it was very apparent that evening. He would say to them, 'Cultivate this friendly atmosphere, be patient with your learners and encourage them in every way, so that they will become enthusiastic members.' By that means they would have a healthy and happy Guild.

Major E. J. Bragg acknowledged the toast.

Mr. J. Worrall, in submitting 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise,' said this was frequently two separate toasts at ringing functions such as that, but it was substantially one toast, since without the Church there would be no ringing. 'Ringing is primarily a service to God, but without the means to better our standards by ringing meetings, practices and peals, this service will not be of a very high order. In this respect we should always remember that ringing takes place in a church, not in a mere tower.

'Great clergy ringers, such as the well-known exponents of many years ago, are few and far between to-day. I do not attribute this to a lack of interest on the part of the clergy, but to a lack of time. Voltaire, the famous French writer, in his "English Letters," said: "The ideal of the Church of England is to install one gentleman in each parish." Nowadays, with the shortage of men in the Ministry and the consequent increase of work due to one priest having two or more parishes to care for, time is far more limited for pursuits such as bellringing.

'Our Guild has not a great number of clergy ringers, but I think I can truly say that the links between our incumbents and their ringers are very close and cordial. They take a very keen interest in the work of the Guild, and give proof of this by the warm welcome we receive at our meetings throughout the Diocese.

'The purpose of ringing Guilds such as ours is to further the art of change ringing and to help maintain bands for service ringing in churches. One of the original aims was that of belfry reform. Drunkenness was a common thing in the latter part of the 19th century and the early part of the present one. One of the usual articles of furniture in any belfry was a jug of beer, and a certain visitor to one church noted this with disapproval. After commending the ringers on their striking, he said that he was very shocked to see the beer in the belfry. "Why don't you keep it downstairs?" he asked. "Ah! you don't know our Vicar," was the ringer's reply.

PRESIDENCY OF CENTRAL COUNCIL

'We, as ringers, are fortunate in having several clergymen on the Central Council of Church Bellringers. It is due to their presence and timely contributions that a lot of ill-feeling is avoided and many wise decisions reached. The president of the Council has assured us that he will not stand for re-election again. What a wonderful thing it would be for ringing if a clergyman were chosen as his successor. We have a very worthy candidate in a certain South of England priest, a first class ringer and one who has devoted much of his spare time to the work of the Council. It is rather soon to put forward nominations for a new president, but it is a matter which must be given serious thought.'

Lastly, he would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Pulling on their golden wedding. 'I am sure I am voicing the wishes of the whole Guild when I say best wishes for the next 10 years.'

The Rev. H. M. Insley, Rector of Ash, in reply, said the bells did remind people that the Church did exist. Speaking for his own band, they were not only ringers, but they were good members of the congregation. Not only did they call other people to church, but they came themselves. It was not uncommon at festivals to see the ringers come to make their Corporate Communion. What he said of his own parish he was sure he was voicing the opinion of the whole Diocese in saying that the ringers not only rang the bells, but were good members of the congregation.

The toast of 'Ladies and Visitors' was honoured on the call of Mr. S. Russell, who said ladies not only helped in ringing, but many of their towers now had table cloths, vases with flowers and not so much dust on the lamp shades. With the help of the ladies they were now able to ring better and even their friends at Birmingham relied on ladies to get their quota of peals.

They welcomed the clergy present. They helped them not only by allowing them the use of the bells, but dealt with the grumbles of those people who did not like bells. They were also indebted to churchwardens for providing them with new ropes and repairing the bells. When dealing with repairs to bells he wished the churchwardens would consult with the Guild or ringers. There was an injunction in the Bible about patching an old garment with new cloth. Too frequently they found new bells being put in old frames.

Miss Oliver, who replied, said when her grandfather was a young man living in the wilds of a Devonshire village, he had three great interests—music, bells and cider. The Rector of his parish offered him the job of church organist, and was very pleased with him until he heard about the other two interests. The cider did not matter very much, but the ringing. . . ! The Rector made it quite plain that the Church couldn't possibly have a bellringer as an organist.

'Those bad old times are gone. Probably ringers are not quite so bad as they have been painted, at least not so very much worse than the rest of the people of that age. But I like to think that the advent of women in ringing circles has helped a little in bringing the art to gentler days and courtlier ways.'

Mr. P. Bevan, churchwarden at St. Michael's, Aldershot, also replied, and said it was an awful thought that many new churches would never have towers and bells.

Farnham District Glee Singers were in evidence with their topical verse, in which tributes were paid to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden on their golden wedding anniversaries. Handbell melodies were given by Cobham ringers, and Harold Cole's Irish songs were popular. Eileen and John Daykin sang duets and Major E. J. Bragg gave a monologue.

The annual commemoration service was held previous to the dinner in the Crypt Chapel of the New Cathedral and was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Doe. Handbells were rung by Messrs. C. A. Hopper 1—2, Tom Page 3—4, F. A. Munday 5—6, T. M. White 7—8.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Continued Progress in South Wales

The quarterly meeting of the South Wales District was held at Abergavenny on October 9th. Favoured with a sunny autumn day, some 50 ringers attended and enjoyed ringing on this glorious ten.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Davies. A bounteous tea was provided in the new Church Room by Miss Temlett, Mrs. Temlett and other Abergavenny ringers. Mr. R. E. Coles voiced the sincere thanks and appreciation of the company.

The vice-president, Miss Dilys Hulbert, thanked the Canon for his hearty welcome and kind permission to use the bells. The secretary thanked the gentlemen for their 'supporting presence.'

At the business meeting seven new members were elected, bringing the total District membership to 82, viz., Mrs. R. E. R. Smith (Llanfrechfa), the Misses W. Prince, Z. Lane, N. Hobbs (Usk), Miss M. Bridges (Whitchurch), Miss Pat Neil (Chepstow) and Miss A. Wainwright (St. Woolos').

St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, was chosen for the annual District meeting in January.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District took place at Tonbridge on October 2nd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Russell B. White) and he also took the chair for the business meeting.

In her report, the secretary (Miss D. Colgate) stated that the year had been one of the most successful the District had enjoyed for a long time, the average attendance at each meeting having risen to 42. From the financial point of view, too, the District had done well, having finished the year with a balance in hand of just over £30.

The officers—secretary, two District representatives and Ringing Master— were re-elected and thanked for their services during the past twelve months.

As usual at an annual meeting the agenda was a fairly long one but under the Vicar's guiding hand there was little wandering from the point. The programme for next year was agreed very quickly, as this is worked on a rota system so that all towers in the District are visited in turn.

A vote of thanks was passed to all who had assisted at the meeting, and particularly to Mr. R. Wood, who made the arrangements.

Although the attendance was not so large as had been hoped, it was a very representative gathering and included Mr. H. Markwell, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mr. I. Saunders, of East Peckham, who both have been members of the Association for over 50 years.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Newcastle-under-Lyme Bells 'Go' Better

The first meeting of the North Staffordshire Association at Newcastle-under-Lyme since the restoration of the bells took place on October 2nd. Ringers from the Association were joined by visitors from other Districts, although the total attendance was not what might have been expected on this occasion.

The bells were kept going until 4.45, when the Rector conducted a fully choral service. Ringing continued after tea and those taking part expressed their appreciation of the 'go' of the bells since they were rehung at a lower level in the tower by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon.

200 PEALS BY THE BURCHNALL TWINS

The Misses K. and G. Burchnall commenced ringing at Sutton-on-Trent in 1924 and received much of their early tuition from the late Mr. Herbert Haigh.

Their record is remarkable as they have never rung a peal apart. Three of their peals were conducted by Miss Grace and one by Miss Katherine. The peals have been rung in 44 different towers. Their record of towers is 285.

LIST OF PEALS

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Caters.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 2.

Major.—Yorkshire Surprise 1, Superlative 2, Cambridge 5, Double Norwich 11, Forward 3, St. Clement's 1, Oxford Bob 1, Spliced Little and Plain Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 8, Kent Treble Bob 13, Plain Bob 17, Gainsborough Little Bob Major 1, Little Bob Major 7.

Triples.—Erin 1, St. Clement's 1, Stedman 14, Grandsire 5.

Minor.—Norwich Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, twelve methods 1, ten methods 1, nine methods 1, seven methods 32, one to six methods 57.

Doubles.—Stedman 3, one or more methods 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Newbury Branch

The annual meeting was held in Newbury on October 9th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and it was encouraging to see that of the 50 who had arrived by service time 47 were Branch members.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. James, assisted by the Deputy Master of the Oxford Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe. Mr. Sellick was at the organ. Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. Curtis and helpers.

Before the meeting opened, the Deputy Master was given a warm welcome by the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Woodfield, who was re-elected for the coming year. The Branch Ringing Master and deputy chairman, Mr. R. Crook, said he would not seek re-election; Mr. H. Reed was elected in his place. Mrs. A. D. Cooper is to carry on as secretary, and Messrs. F. Tuffley, M. Rosier and R. Crook are to serve on the general committee. J. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Mr. A. F. Wren was elected a life ringing member at the meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Buckhorn Weston on September 18th.

A silent tribute was paid to the late Mr. Damen, who rendered faithful service as a ringer at Shroton and was regular in his attendance at branch meetings. Messrs. A. E. Cox, A. Cox, G. R. Cox, B. Cox, C. Bricksey and H. Bricksey were elected ringing members.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Nichol-Griffiths) for officiating at the service, and to Mr. Fea and the ladies who served the tea. The ringing was under the direction of Mr. W. C. Shute (Ringing Master).

N.S.T.G. GET BUSY

Flying the flag of the N.S.T.G., four Somerset ringers arrived at mindnight on September 24th at the Railway Hotel, Harlow, to join others from Leicester, Exmouth and Crewe for a few hours' sleep before embarking on an extensive tower grab on the Essex-Hertfordshire border. The party was completed at Nazeing, the first tower on the Saturday morning, by Miss Audrey Bailey, the organiser, P. N. B. and other friends.

The old five at Manuden was the exception to the good-going rings sampled and here the Rector said 'There are two sackfuls of twigs in the bell chamber, but it won't matter, will it?' A wonderful supper was provided at Harlow on Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Bailey. Some 15 towers were visited.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations towards meeting the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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Peals.—Banstead 5s., Prestwick 4s., Fulney 4s., Sherburn-in-Elmet 1s. 6d., Farnborough 3s., Chilvers Coton 5s., Bristol 5s., East Retford 3s. 6d., Hemsworth 4s., Shiplake 4s., Wychbold 3s., Wolstanton 5s., Upton Pyne 3s.

Quarter Peals.—Newton St. Cyres 2s., Halifax 2s., Smarden 3s., Croydon 4s., Minchinhampton 2s., Seal Chart 3s., Lyme Regis 2s. 6d., Finchley 4s., Fulham 2s., Eastbourne 3s., Wolstanton 3s., Great Livermere and Ixworth 4s. 6d., Lane End 3s., Puriton 2s., Merrow 1s. 6d., Tiverton 2s. 6d., Wimbledon 2s. 6d., Knowle 2s.

ANOTHER COLUMN OF BELFRY GOSSIP

Maidstone Grammar School Society is flying high. At its first meeting it decided to explore the possibility of issuing a quarterly magazine!

Recently, at his father's induction service at Great Paxton, Hunts, which is now held in plurality with St. Neots, Mr. G. Galley rang his first 720 changes of Bob Doubles.

We have had an encouraging report of the Pentre, Rhondda, tower. At a recent practice there were 22 learners present. If this continues maybe a band will be formed of the same calibre as that which existed in Pentre in the '20s.

An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Reading on October 2nd came to an unexpected end one course from the finish owing to the sudden sickness of one of the band. With the exception of Mr. Rex, from Thatcham, the band were all resident in Reading.

The last hour of the peal at Chilvers Coton on October 5th was recorded. Afterwards, while the band was being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, they had the privilege of hearing the ringing as others heard them. The general opinion was that it was one of the best peals ever rung at Coton.

A party of half a dozen enthusiasts from Berkshire had an outing into the more remote parts of Berkshire and Wiltshire. Towers visited were Husborne Crawley, Ampthill, bourne, Pewsey, Cherton, Marden, Upavon and Enford. The day proved strenuous but enjoyable.

October 6th was the 60th anniversary of the first peal rung by a local band at Milverton, Somerset. These bells were made into an eight in 1893, and the peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung the following year. There were five Andrews in the band and Robert Scott was the conductor.

A recent advertisement issued by the Brewers' Society runs:—

'Dukes ring a bell for it,
Drill sergeants yell for it,
Good wholesome beer.'

Editor F. E. Dukes assures his readers of 'The Irish Bell News' that he has decided against a libel action.

In honour of the dedication of the new church of St. Michael and All Angels at Cross Heath to serve a new parish formed out of Wolstanton, a peal was rung at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, Staffs. The dedication coincided with the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. S. Snell, Vicar of Wolstanton, and the Vicar's daughter was one of the ringers. She is probably the youngest girl to ring a peal in this tower, and perhaps in the North Staffordshire Association.

Two new trebles have been installed at Marsden Church, which will make the ring one of the finest tens in the North of England. The dedication will take place on October 24th at 2.30 p.m., when ringers are invited to be present. A ringers' day has been planned for November 20th. After the bells are lowered at 8 p.m. there will be old time and modern dancing and a pie supper.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on October 2nd was the first on the present ring, cast by Taylors in 1914. There have been 12 bells here since 1798, when Thomas Mears provided the ring. Although The Union Society rang Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus, and several peals of Grandsire Caters have been rung during this century, this might well be the first of Stedman Caters to be rung in this tower, although Cinques are recorded on two occasions. Mr. W. A. Farmer would be glad of any information on this subject.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING FOR 20 HOURS

Sir,—I must confess that Mr. Critchley's letter came as a great surprise to me and also, I expect, to my old friends at Peterborough. If it had not been for the news in the national Press I should have taken it as gossip.

The point to my mind is that four bells at the Foundry could not be relieved and 20 hours is a long time, but on the other hand anyone in either of the last wars was very lucky if at some time he had not to go without proper sleep and meals for that time. In these days of vitamin tablets and a flask it is quite possible. Good luck! If Mr. Critchley can arrange a peal the whole Exercise will be interested.

Guildford. A. H. PULLING.

NEWSAGENT'S CANCELLATION COINCIDENCE

Dear Sir,—Referring to the paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' ('Ringing World,' October 8th) regarding a certain ringer's cancellation of 'The Ringing World' through his newsagent and its rather humorous result, perhaps I can go one better for a bigger laugh.

A well-known ringer in the writer's county, wishing to become a postal subscriber, cancelled 'The Ringing World' through his newsagent, and a week later the said newsagent went bankrupt! K. R. DUNSTAN
('Ringing World' Representative,
Watford District).

King's Langley.

MORE RHYMES

Dear Sir,—The Lincolnshire rhyme, by C. Glenn, is by no means unique.

A very old bellringer in the village of Teversal, Nottinghamshire, used to quote nearly 50 years ago to the village boys, including myself, the following verse:—

'Tipshal (Tibshelf) Tower Howlers,
Teversal Merry Bells,
Skegby Cracked Pancheons,
Sutton Egg Shells.'

Tibshelf has a very nice six, Teversal has the same very old five, Skegby the same old three, but Sutton-in-Ashfield. which then had three bells, now possess a very fine eight.—Yours sincerely, B. A. SOLLIS,

Sutton-in-Ashfield.

CORNISH TENOR WEIGHTS

Dear Sir.—Three more Cornish rings have in recent months been restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. St. Eval has been reported and the weight of the tenor given as 9 cwt. The other two are Advent (5) and St. Minver (6). As all these bells have been to the foundry, it gives an opportunity to correct oral tradition which has so often guessed at what the weights should be. Dove's valuable book has recorded what tradition has established as truth. Two additional restorations of some three years ago might also be of interest to those who wish to correct their notes:—

Advent (5): 1831, C sharp, correct weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. (old weight 5 cwt.).
St. Eval (6): 1733, G–G sharp, 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. (9 cwt.).
St. Minver (6): 1875, G sharp, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. (12 cwt.).
Little Petherick (6): B. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. (8 cwt.).
St. Columb Major (8): 1825. F, 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. (15 cwt.).

Advent might almost claim to possess the lightest known tenor to a ring of five. Dove gives one at 3¼ cwt., but it is not a definite weight. The lightest 'known' tenor the book claims is 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb., which is heavier than Advent's tenor.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

WINCHESTER SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Could the absence of an 'author's' name above Winchester Surprise be due to the person responsible for its having been rung being of the opinion that no one has the right to claim to have composed any treble-dominated method? Anyone with the time and paper could sit down and work out all the Surprise methods, so I fail to see how anyone can claim to have composed one of these methods.

Perhaps Mr. Tipler, and others, could justify their right to claim to have composed such methods as Cherwell S.M., Warwickshire S.R., Rugby S.C.D., etc. Let us have no more 'X town Surprise Major, composed by A. N. Other.' By all means give credit for having composed a peal, and also principles, but not treble-dominated methods.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, near Staines.

SHANKLIN'S SILENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. F. Neal, at the end of the last century, when the Rev. Neville Lovett, afterwards Bishop of Salisbury, was Vicar of St. Saviour's, Shanklin, the eight bells were regularly rung. Mr. Mew was the Ringing Master. if I remember rightly, and a little elementary Grandsire was practised. After a change of incumbency, ringing was suspended on the alleged ground that the tower was unsafe. Whether it actually was, I do not know. but I had my suspicions. In any case, a report by a competent architect ought to be obtained. and if any defects in the structure be found to exist, steps should be taken without delay to recondition the tower and bring this musical octave into use again.—Yours faithfully,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS (Rev.).

Kington Magna Rectory.

HOSPITALITY AT RUGELEY

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter by Mr. J. H. Joyner in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' I feel I must write in appreciation of true Midland hospitality.

As an airman who was 'sentenced' to eight weeks of 'square bashing' at R.A.F., Hednesford, I will for ever cherish happy memories of the warm welcome offered to me by Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, their son John and by the ringers of Rugeley.

I was not just a guest at the Joyners' home, indeed, I was treated by them as another member of the family, and Sunday for me was really a day out, commencing with ringing at Rugeley Parish Church for Matins, a trip in the afternoon to ring for Evensong on the glorious ten at Lichfield Cathedral, and concluding with ringing once more at Rugeley in the evening. More often than not, any R.A.F. lads attending Evensong at Rugeley were 'roped in' for an evening's entertainment, and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joyner became an 'open house' for any Serviceman who wished to join in. To us raw recruits in a strange district this was really a taste of home. On behalf of all ringing Servicemen, both National Service and regulars, I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Mr. and Mrs. Joyner and families like them, who, by their warm hospitality, are helping to make the Serviceman realise that his lot is not so bad after all.

In conclusion I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to John R. Joyner, who, I understand, has now entered the R.A.F. for his two years' training. May you be as welcome as I have been, John, wherever you go, and may you also find plenty of scope for peal and service ringing.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD
R.A.F., St. Eval,
Cornwall.

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Willis, in his letter, has given Associations a great deal of food for thought as to their responsibility towards a solvent 'Ringing World,' and I for one agree wholeheartedly with his suggestions.

I doubt whether it is fully realised what a strong moral obligation Associations have towards a ringing journal for their existence. Almost all the Associations were founded in the 1880's, about the same time that Harvey Reeves founded the 'Bell News,' both were equally dependent on the other for thir survival, and the position is the same to-day. I am convinced that without 'The Ringing World,' Associations' days would soon be numbered.

There is another thing that concerns peal ringers, and particularly some of our peal-ringing tourists. There is also a strong moral obligation on their part to support 'The Ringing World' far more than they have done or are doing.

Quite recently I was informed by two members of 'The Ringing World' Committee (both printers) that to set up the type and present a single peal report costs nearly as much as half-a page of ordinary matter. Is it fair, then, for ten or perhaps twelve individuals to go on a tour, ring anything between 12 and 20 peals, and expect them to be published in 'The Ringing World' without contributing anything towards the cost?

To the committee, I would say, by all means publish every peal report sent in. To those who make contributions, publish these as they have always been. To those who do not do so, publish them in the same style as the quarter peals.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

'COME ON, CRITICS'

Dear Sir,—As a reader of 'The Ringing World' for 30-odd years I have been very interested in the articles concerning its finance, both by readers and by the committee. This is my first time as a correspondent, but not the first time I have made use of the journal, since I have entered peals and quarter peals in it for many years. When inserting these I have always made a levy of at least sixpence from each member, and I consider that ringers who wish the Association to know they stood in certain peals should be patriotic and pay for this service.

Now it is near to November 5th and I am ready for the fireworks!

Consider Suffolk Guild, for example. The other week their 19 peals filled a whole page and a half, a costly business to print, and not a penny was acknowledged as being sent to the journal.

Now if the person in charge of this ringing had collected sixpence per member the sum realised would have amounted to £3 18s., and if this were carried out throughout the country it would be far better than making a levy on Association funds, which are obtained from people like learners and Sunday service ringers. I suggest that these 'peal grabbers' pay to praise themselves. In this way during the first two weeks in October the exchequer would have been enriched by £16. Therefore, if this average could be kept up at the rate of sixpence per ringer it would amount annually to approximately £416, no mean figure to help the struggling Editor to meet his finances and give us, as always, his best.—Yours ap'peal 'ingly,

F. C. PUGH.

Hallow, Worcester.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Divall 1, Betty Tester 2, H. Markwell 3, A. F. Wellington 4, C. Tester 5, K. S. Hohl 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, B. V. Collison 8. First of Grandsire Triples 2 and 5. For harvest festival.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S GUILD

A Tour in Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds

FORMED in 1950 from a number of West Sussex young ringers, the St. Christopher's Guild have had two week tours this year—the first in Leicestershire, in May, and the second, starting on August 28th, in Oxfordshire. St. Christopher was selected as the patron saint of travellers as most of the Guild's activities are of an itinerant nature. Since its formation the Guild's membership has been extended beyond West Sussex.

The Ringing Master is Mr. Peter Bond, but unfortunately he was unable to take part in the second week. Mr. Norman J. Smith is the organising secretary, but this job will change hands next year as he is expecting to go abroad.

The party for the second week, which met at Oxford on August 28th consisted of six Chichester ringers—Shirley and Martin Richardson (Itchingfield), Frank Lewis (Reading), Michael Maisey (Highclere), John Ketteringham (Broxbourne), Julian Pawley (Leicester) and Charles Sangwin (Bude).

On the assembly day at Oxford, ringing took place at the University Church of St. Mary, Carfax tower and St. Andrew's, Old Headington, the night being spent at the Oxford Youth Hostel.

The party split up for Sunday service ringing. After lunch on the river, a visit was paid to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, where a demonstration of change ringing was given to an American youth hosteller.

FARMER JARVIS VISITED

Farewell was said to the 'city of dreaming spires' on Monday morning. The first tower was the heavy anti-clockwise six at Yarnton, followed by Kidlington (8), where a uniformed police sergeant and constable visited the belfry, only to watch the proceedings. A quick visit was made to Tackley (6) before a picnic lunch. The afternoon's programme was Rousham (6), Deddington, Adderbury and Banbury. After supper at Hanwell Youth Hostel the pretty little five at St. Peter's Church were pealing out. A hasty dash through Oxfordshire lanes was made to 'The Bellringer's Dream,' Farmer Jarvis' pocket ring of six (tenor 1 cwt. 22 lb.). The campanile at Home Farm will not be quickly forgotten.

On Tuesday morning St. Mary Magdalene's, Wardington, was the first tower, followed by Chipping Warden (5), where on the first pull a rope broke and splicing operations had to be put into immediate action. Holy Cross, Byfield, came next, and the after lunch the sombre minor five at Preston Capes. The Vicar kindly took us to Fawsley Park and gave us an interesting conducted tour of the sister Church of St. Mary, which is a real architectural gem. Here we were able to chime the four bells. After supper at Badby Youth Hostel the more energetic enthusiasts cycled to Weedon Bec and were amply rewarded with the ringing on that delightful octave.

Holy Cross, Daventry (8), and St. Mary's, Staverton (6), were put to good use on Wednesday morning and in the afternoon we visited All Saints', Ladbroke (5), All Saints', Leamington (8), and St. Peter's R.C. Church, Leamington (8), with its swaying brick tower. During the evening a visit was paid to St. Margaret's, Whitnash (6), and here we were very kindly provided with refreshments in the Village Hall by the local captain and his wife.

The grand ten at St. Mary's, Warwick, made an excellent first tower for Thursday morning. At All Saints', Sherborne (6), one of the sallies had a most disconcerting habit of getting caught up with the clock pendulum case. We well and truly lost ourselves in finding Snitterfield (6) and consequently when we did eventually arrive, ringing time was rather cut short. Before long we were dashing along to Stratford-on-Avon, with its truly excellent ten at Holy Trinity Church. After supper at Stratford-on-Avon Youth Hostel, which, incidentally, is the largest in England, we rang on the four at St. James', Alveston.

DEAD RABBITS

The very light six at Clifford Chambers were first on the list for Friday, followed by the beautiful sixes at Quinton and Ilmington. Then we really started to climb the Cotswolds, the view of the surrounding countryside was superb; however, our journey was marred by the sight of hundreds of dead and dying rabbits littering the roadside. The rather difficult eight at Chipping Campden brought our minds back to pleasant thoughts.

At Blockley (8) visitors from Canada were deeply interested in the ringing and specially requested a demonstration on handbells afterwards. Another good climb brought us to Boughton-on-the-Hill (6) with its peculiar rope circle; the tenor rope falling immediately behind the treble rope. When we arrived at Stow-on-the-Wold Youth Hostel a large parcel of chocolates had been left for us as a token of appreciation from the Canadian visitors. In the evening we further improved Commonwealth relations by explaining ringing to a visitor from South Africa. It was hard to judge what he thought of the ringing, but he was most certainly impressed by the Youth Hostel and vowed that he would start a similar movement in South Africa.

Saturday morning brought the first rain of the trip and we were rather a wet and bedraggled party when we arrived at Addlestrop (5), where we found George Francis, who had motor-cycled in the rain all the way from Itchingfield, in Sussex, to join us for the day. Addlestrop bells proved rather a handful as the treble man had to face the wall and the tenor man had to sit on the window-sill! The superlative octave at Kingham came next, followed by the six at Churchill, where we were able to pack up our capes and enjoy the sunshine again.

After lunch Chipping Norton (8) bells were set going, followed by Chadlington (6), Spelsbury (6), Stonesfield (6) and finally the magnificent six at Combe Longa, where, after lowering, as the bells were caught in Queens the treble rope broke on the very last pull, and splicing operations were once again put into action. It was a gay night at Charlbury Youth Hostel, and on Sunday morning we all went our many ways with lots of happy memories. We should like to take this opportunity to thank all incumbents and ringers who so kindly met us and did so much to make our tour a success.

N. J. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' October 23rd, 1914

BRISTOL

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, October 13th, 1914, in 3 hours and 23 minutes

At the Brighton Restaurant

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES

5,037 CHANGES

Frederick G. Leaker	1-2
John A. Burford	3-4
Raymond J. Wilkins	5-6
George Condick, jun.	7-8
Harry Brownjohn	9-10
William A. Cave	11-12

Composed and conducted by William A. Cave. First peal of Cinques 'in hand' by all the band, in Bristol, and by the Association.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Edgbaston is a very pleasant place in which to hold a ringing meeting and is within easy reach of the city centre. The ancient Church of St. Bartholomew, popularly known as the 'Old Church,' is surrounded by some of the largest residences of the prosperous city of Birmingham. The ringing room is on ground level—open to the church—and the tower contains a modern light ring of eight by Taylor. These were rung to a variety of methods, including Spliced Surprise, when the quarterly meeting of the Guild was held on October 2nd.

The Vicar of Edgbaston (the Rev. Canon R. Allen), in his address, said that he could not help feeling that church bells should not be rung to peals without a special reason, and suggested that an appropriate time (one which is often overlooked) was immediately following a baptismal service, especially in view of the recent tendency to combine this service with one of the principal Sunday services.

The Vicar joined the members at an excellent tea, which was prepared by two of the Edgbaston ringers, Miss Evelyn Fletcher and Miss Ruth Russell, whose efforts were greatly appreciated and who were heartily thanked for their trouble.

The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, who, before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting, found it his sad duty to refer to the loss the Guild had sustained since the last meeting by the passing of three members. They mourned the loss of Thomas W. Abbotts, who, whilst in the prime of life, met his death in a motor-cycle accident when holiday-making in Cornwall. He had been a ringer at Shirley for many years but, at the time of his death, was a member of the band at Solihull Parish Church. Joseph W. Pemberton had been compelled by a sudden breakdown in health to give up ringing some five years ago, but prior to that he was a keen ringer and his peal list included a number on twelve bells. Albert E. Norman, who died at Worcester at the age of 52, was one of those rare ringers who had a natural gift for ringing and who, at a very early age, showed great proficiency. 'The Pup,' as he was known by his Birmingham friends, could handle a light or heavy bell or a pair of handbells with graceful ease. The most notable performance in which he took part was the peal of Stedman Sextuples on handbells. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect to their departed colleagues.

It was formally resolved that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held on March 5th, 1955. This occasion will also be the celebration of the bi-centenary of the Guild.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The heavy six with a tenor of 17½ cwt. at Hurworth-on-Tees was the venue for the Southern District's meeting on October 8th, which was attended by over 40 ringers. Before the meeting two Hurworth men rang their first quarter, the band in this 1,260 Plain Bob Minor being T. Hill (first quarter) 1, M. Stewart (first quarter) 2, F. Hodgson 3, D. R. Avery 4, T. Cooke 5, F. William Cooke (first as conductor) 6.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. Piper), who spoke on the use of bells in communal life. The collection of £2 2s. 6d. was in aid of the belfry repairs. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers' wives. At the business meeting the vice-president (Mr. T. Cooke) congratulated the Hurworth belfry on its progress in change ringing in the past year and on the enthusiasm of its members.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London, Cambridge and York Surprise.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. I. Parsons 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, Gillian R. Parsons 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, A. J. Adams 5, T. Norman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, M. F. Layton 8. For harvest festival.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pavey (first quarter) 1, A. Peters 2, F. Paramore (cond.) 3, J. Small (first quarter) 4, E. C. Wickham 5, R. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Rev. J. C. Wallace, Vicar of Cheddar, 1915–23, on his passing.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Laker 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Miss A. Trott 3, Miss L. Skeet 4, M. Jennings 5, S. Arnold 6, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 7, A. Stoner 8. For harvest festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Davies 1, Miss P. M. Steere 2, C. Parks 3, E. W. Razzel 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Baldock 1, F. Lee (first quarter, aged 13) 2, L. J. Baldock 3, J. Rollison 4, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, R. Cowling (aged 82), 6. First of Doubles by all except 5. Rung by the Sunday service band for harvest festival.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, K. Burbridge 2, G. Daynes 3, F. Richardson (cond.) 4, J. Hurrell 5, W. Rawlings 6, F. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by B. Aldridge, and on Oct. 1st, 1,256 Plain Bob Major, conducted by G. D. Beresford. All for Campaign service.

EWELME, OXON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Fulker 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, R. D. Wells 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, J. Winfield, sen., 6. For harvest festival.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, A. Goodall 4, Gillian Icke (first quarter) 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. A 69th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Barker.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Waters 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Rawlings 3, B. Lunn 4, J. Stephenson 5, A. B. Peck 6, John Philips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8. A compliment to Mr. W. S. Langdon on his 78th birthday.

FULNEY, LINCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cooling (first quarter) 1, F. Taylor 2, Mrs. A. Richardson 3, F. E. Bennett 4, M. Bennett 5, J. T. Newington 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, A. G. Moore 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Don Nichols, captain of this tower, whose funeral was this afternoon.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. C. Cole 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, A. H. Baker 3, A. Gilbert 4, M. Roberts 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Batters.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Oct 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Gardiner 1, W. Reece 2, Miss J. Green 3, P. Morgan 4, E. H. Foster 5, R. Jones 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, at All Souls' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Copping 1, E. M. Fielden (first quarter) 2, Miss S. Taylor 3, H. Schofield 4, G. Ingham 5, R. E. Moulds 6, J. F. Bryant 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8.

HAMBLEDEN, OXON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, Miss D. Coker 2, W. Avery 3, A. E. Cox 4, R. Biggs (cond.) 5, W. Jemmett (first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening of the son of the ringer of the treble. First quarter on the bells since restoration.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Corderoy 1, D. Lawson 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, Miss M. Luker 4, P. Davis 5, Miss E. Mulford 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. With 4, 6, 8 covering. A farewell compliment to the ringer of the fifth on leaving to continue studies in London University

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. W. Beard 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, Miss J. Hills 3, D. Painter (first of Major) 4, R. Brown 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Itchingfield Slow Course Doubles: F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. G. Brown (cond.) 1, L. Pierce 2, R. Rose 3, H. King 4, L. Sharpe 5, E. Bishop 6. For harvest festival.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harniess 1, P. N. Robinson 2, C. W. Linington 3, P. C. Hollingdale 4, S. A. Hill (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For the patronal festival.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Nix (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. Watts 2, A. C. Morris (cond.) 3, T. Gwilt 4, J. J. Lightfoot 5, E. Hewlett 6. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. A. Upton 1, E. Hewlett 2, A. C. Morris (cond.) 3, J. J. Lightfoot 4, D. Harrison 5, A. Nix 6. Both for harvest festival.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Slayter 1, C. Hagger 2, W. Avery 3, W. Woodward 4, S. Smith 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Sears 1, C. Hagger 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, W. Avery 5, J. Hawkins 6. First quarter of Grandsire for 1, 2, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, F. A. Poulson 3, F. Day (first in method) 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Pryke 6, F. Mortlock 7, L. Offord 8. For harvest festival.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, C. A. Hughes 2, J. H. Crampion 3, L. W. Batley (first in method) 4, R. F. Deal 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For harvest festival.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): F. Millier 1, Miss M. Legg (cond.) 2, D. Cox 3, Miss J. Legg 4, S. White 5, M. Hutchings 6. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. S. Morris 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. Whitemore (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Eva Taussig 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, A. Pamela Warren (first as cond.) 3, G. M. Battersby (first 'inside') 4, J. A. Etherington 5, G. M. Purnell (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong on Bishop's Challenge Sunday.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Newman 1, E. Bailey 2, F. Simmonds 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, H. Barratt 5, P. Ponting 6. A farewell to H. Barratt, who is leaving the district after 42 years' ringing in this tower.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jillian Brierley 1, J. Wheadon 2, M. Sage (first quarter 'inside') 3, Ruth M. Jackson 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Jean C. Brown and M. Sage.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor, being 60 of St. Clement's, 480 Little Bob and 720 Plain Bob: S. Towndrow (first quarter, aged 15) 1, W. Swain 2, H. Franklin 3, M. Wright 4, P. H. Wright 5, E. G. Holdgate (cond.) 6.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Merrill 1, E. J. Boffey 2, T. S. Astbury 3, J. Thomas 4, W. Kerr 5, F. Ollier 6, I. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Chesworth 8. To celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerr (secretary, Crewe branch of Chester Diocesan Guild).

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, W. H. Howe 2, F. Wreford 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, W. Theobald 5, G. Skinner 6, H. Gaylard 7, S. Sharland 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hammons 1, R. A. Eldridge 2, P. Lawrence 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, A. Hammons 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

NITON, I.O.W.—1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Flower 1, L. Bailey (cond.) 2, F. A. Green 3, F. Taylor 4, W. Upton 5.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Juliet Merrel 1, Ivy Werrett 2, R. Dixon 3, Angela Willes 4, I. Werrett 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Jean Sanderson 8. Rung for harvest festival, also a farewell to Maurice Collings on joining H.M. Forces.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): G. Halls 1, W. R. Harrison (cond.) 2, J. S. Harrison 3, Mary Hobbs 4, A. Mould 5, M. Bailey 6. For harvest festival.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, J. Adams 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, W. F. Holloway 4, H. Mair 5, D. H. Niblett 6, M. S. Cloke 7. First of Bob Triples by all except the conductor. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Victor J. F. Bennett, after meeting short for a peal of Bob Major.

PURITON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. Stone 1, W. Stevens 2, C. Clarke 3, D. Miller 4, C. Marchant 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First in the method by 2 and 5, and on the bells. A farewell to P. Lancaster on his joining H.M. Forces.

PUTNEY, S.W.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. Hollingworth 1, R. Grayson (first quarter) 2, J. Kent 3, W. G. Morris 4, W. T. Elson 5, F. E. Corfield 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, P. Bennett (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): E. Hunt 1, W. Vann (cond.) 2, D. Pitstow 3, J. Underwood 4, C. Underwood 5.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, Christine Ford 2, S. Clark 3, S. T. Ford 4, W. Wheeler 5, D. Riley 6, R. H. Young 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: E. Acott 1, G. Acott 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. King 5, F. Acott 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer (father of 1 and 2). Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: G. Hodges (first quarter) 1, G. Acott 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, F. Acott 6. For the Michaelmas fete.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Jarvis 1, P. Jarvis 2, P. Reeves 3, C. Marshall 4, W. C. Marshall 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. Bert Kingsworth.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Ladd 1, G. Fry (first on eight) 2, B. Pankhurst 3, F. J. Lambert 4, S. G. Ponting 5, K. Hohl 6, W. Kitchenside 7, C. A. Bassett (first on eight as cond.) 8.

SWANWICK, DERBYS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. Franklin 1, P. H. Wright 2, M. Wright 3, E. G. Holdgate 4, W. Swan (cond.) 5. First of Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung by Holy Cross, Morton, ringers for the marriage of their former captain, Mr. Eric J Sterland, to Miss Joan Walrin.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Pratt 1, F. Elsome 2, D. Peacock 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, A. Payne 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. M. Duce and Miss J. Willis.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, L. H. May 2, J. Upton 3, E. Richards 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Kelland 7, A. Kerslake 8. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, J. Chapman 2, R. Charge 3, R. Sanders 4, S. Howard 5, J. Tomsett 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Sir James Caird. Also on Oct 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, R. Sanders 4 J. Chapman 5, P. Devenish 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, J. Brickell 8. Rung for a special service of dedication, and for the 76th birthday of Reuben Charge.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Scriven (first quarter) 1, G. W. Biddulph 2, Rachel Snell 3, Shelagh Collins 4, W. Massey 5, P. S. Whalley 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, E. A. Edge 8. Rung as a farewell to P. Scriven on joining H.M. Navy.

OBITUARY

ERIC A. DENCH

Flying Officer Eric Arthur Dench, R.A.F., was killed on September 30th, when a Marathon aircraft crashed near Calne, Wiltshire, when on a practice flight from Thorney Island. Aged 26, Eric Dench was well known as a ringer, having been taught to ring at All Saints', Edmonton, by Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas during the war. He was one of a band of young ringers who, under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, distinguished themselves on tower- and handbells.

Mr. Thomas taught a band of youngsters at Edmonton, when ringing restarted after the removal of the ban. Initially he intended only to raise a Sunday service band, but the youngsters gave such a keen response that, with so gifted an instructor, they made more and more progress and soon several handbell peals were being rung every week, and in those days handbell peals at Edmonton and Enfield 'stole the news' in the way that Leicester and Birmingham do now.

Of these youngsters several fell by the wayside as far as ringing was concerned, but Eric Dench maintained and developed his interest in the art. When he joined the R.A.F. for his National Service he devoted his exceptional ability to the instruction and encouragement of other Servicemen in the art of ringing. He had been trained as a school teacher before joining the R.A.F. but he found the Service life attractive and decided to make a career of it. At first he was in the education branch and was posted to Ceylon for two and a half years.

On returning to England in 1953 he started ringing again and rang one or two peals, although his opportunities were somewhat limited. By this time he had been transferred to flying duties and was stationed at Cottesmore, Rutland. He was a frequent and most welcome visitor at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, and other towers in the district.

In November, 1953, he was posted to Canada for nine months on a navigator's course and it was here that he met Miss Nancy Smith, daughter of the Rector of St. Jude's, Winnipeg. Before he returned to England in August, 1954, he and Miss Smith were engaged and she had hoped to come over to England for their wedding next year.

Eric's peal record is not immediately available but it is hoped that it may be possible to publish his list at a later date. He had rung about 150 peals in a considerable variety of methods, with a preponderance of handbell peals. Among the handbell peals were Stedman Cinques and Plain Bob 14. He had called several peals and had considerable ability as a conductor with a wide knowledge of composition. It is thought that his last peal was one of Superlative Surprise Major at Sileby, Leicestershire, on the occasion of the 1953 Leicester Guild dinner; this was conducted by Philip A. Corby, a close friend of many years. Mrs. Corby had also learned to ring at All Saints', Edmonton, under Mr. Thomas.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. S. W. Knight, the Vicar, in Edmonton Parish Church in the presence of a congregation representative of many church activities. Eric had been a choirboy as well as a scout and bellringer. He had a lifelong association with All Saints' Church and had grown into a loyal and devout churchman. The bells were rung half-muffled for the service by members of the Middlesex Association and other friends from further afield. The service included the singing of the 23rd Psalm, the hymn 'The strife is o'er,' and the Nunc Dimittis. The congregation included several ringers, who followed the cortege to the crematorium for the final committal.

Much sympathy will be felt for his parents and surviving brother and sisters and for his fiancée in Canada. Any who knew Eric will recall his happy nature, his courtesy, his friendliness and count it a privilege to have known him. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

MEMORIAL PEAL

After the funeral a peal of Stedman Triples worthy of the occasion was conducted at Edmonton by Mr. John Thomas, who taught and encouraged Eric in his ringing.

A LINCOLN TRIBUTE

Mr John A. Freeman, Lincoln, writes that at the half-yearly meeting of the Northern District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on Oct. 16th the members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

When stationed at Cranwell Eric Dench frequently came to the Lincoln towers, where he proved himself to be a very likeable fellow and a good and very progressive ringer.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. W. Hacker, hon. secretary, Calne Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, writes:—

With deep regret the many ringing friends in the Calne and Chippenham district of Flying Officer Eric A. Dench received the news that he was a member of the crew of the ill-fated Marathon aircraft that crashed near Calne. Eric came to R.A.F., Yatesbury, in 1947 and, with Fred Jackson, already at Yatesbury, soon became well known in most towers in the district. They built up a change ringing band of R.A.F. members which at one time numbered 14 from two camps near Calne. Some of these were taught to handle a bell, and they rang a number of quarter peals in various towers in this part of the county, sometimes as a complete band or joining in with the local band; whenever possible they gave valuable assistance with Sunday service ringing.

Six members of the band rang a peal of Treble Bob at Broad Hinton, being the first all R.A.F. peal ever rung. The accident occurred well within the sound of Heddington bells, where the only peal ever rung was conducted by Eric A. Dench, and the board recording this will be a memorial to a great ringer and gentleman.

MR. HENRY CARNWELL

A founder member of the North Staffordshire Association and for many years a member of the committee, Mr. Henry Carnwell, of Kingsley, died on October 3rd, aged 85.

For 62 years he had been Ringing Master at Kingsley and although age and infirmity had curtailed his activity over the past few months, his interest in bells and ringing remained undiminished. A sound teacher and stern disciplinarian, he would not tolerate slackness or bad striking by his band. First and foremost a Minor ringer, he rang 44 peals, principally Minor, but also some Major methods, all for the North Staffordshire Association. His son, Mr. William Carnwell, is carrying on his father's work and is the present secretary of the Association.

The country church of Kingsley was full of mourners at the funeral service on October 6th, the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Aday) officiating. Mr. R. S. Anderson (chairman) and ringers from many towers attended the service. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the interment.

MR. JOHN SANDERSON

The Blackburn Branch has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. John Sanderson, aged 90, on Monday, October 4th. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1909 and rang 29 peals.

His conciliatory attitude towards matters arising made him popular amongst us, whilst apparently not seeking distinction for himself. He had taken no active part in ringing for some time but the wish to ring again induced him to climb the 50 steps to Blackburn Cathedral ringing chamber when the new bells were installed. He would then only ring short touches, which he performed with flawless dexterity.

C. W. B.

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BIRTH

TAPPENDEN.—On October 13th, 1954, at Hawkhurst, to Helen (nee Gorringe) and Roy Tappenden, the gift of a son—Roger William. 5212

ENGAGEMENT

STEEPLES—AYRIS.—The engagement is announced between John Gordon Steeples, Manor Cottages, Launton Road, Bicester, and Patricia Joan, 10, Sherwood Close, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, on the occasion of her 21st birthday. 5214

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. T. S. Bowles, hon. secretary of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is now The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 5213

The address of Mrs. E. S. Powell, formerly of Stoke-under-Ham, is now Poleshill Cottage, Langford Budville, Wellington, Somerset. 5209

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MISCELLANEOUS

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX. — Practice night now Mondays. 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—D. Langford Budville, Wellington, Somerset. 5209

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Sat., Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 4. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5171

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Joint meeting, Totternhoe (8), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable. Beds. 5163

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Breaston (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. —M. Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 5198

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis Sec. 5196

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5182

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashtead, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church School. 5151

HERTFORD COUNTY and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS (Northern and Biggleswade Districts).—Joint meeting at Hitchin, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15.—E. Buck, L. Bywaters, Dis. Secs. 5177

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of local Districts at Hillingdon on Oct. 23rd. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, and social 8 in St. John's Hall. Bells: St. John's (10) 3-4.45 and after tea; St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30-4.—F. W. Goodfellow and W. F. Butler, Hon. Secs. 5156

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Meeting, Glemsford, Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Names to Mrs. Fenn, The Prince, Glemsford. 5187

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 23rd, Hursley. Bells (8) 3–7. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. 5172

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Stogursey, Oct. 30th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5219

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Wookey, Sat., Oct. 30th. 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 26th. — W. March, Dovecotes, Street. 5216

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by Oct. 27th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5227

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Teversal, near Sutton-in-Ashfield, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Cups of tea; own food. Bells from 3 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5215

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5222

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, Oct 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Paragon Cafe at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5191

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Oct. 26th, please.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 5183

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify before Thursday, Oct. 28th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5211

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Colwall (8), Oct. 30th. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, important.—J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 5207

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Combined practice, Berrington, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford. 5220

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (Church Institute) 5 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 9d.), not later than Oct. 26th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5180

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2866. 5192

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Quorn, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Church Rooms. Cups of tea, bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 5188

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Langford, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Brize Norton and Witney towers available after tea. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5190

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (10) 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—G. F. Roome. 5205

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Islip, Oct. 30th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please. — L. R. C. Witten, 4, John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 5208

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Heddington (6), Oct. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. Hacker, Hon. Sec., Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne, Wilts. 5221

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY — Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, S.W.4. Ringing 2.30–4 p.m., followed by service. Meeting and tea, Halliday Hall, Clapham Common (south side).—J. R. Leeming, Hon. Sec. 5229

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Co-operative Restaurant, Co-operative Emporium, Doncaster, Oct. 30th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Arksey bells (8) available 2,30-5.30 p.m. Buses from North Bridge at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. Rotherham bells available 3 p.m. to 4.30. Doncaster bells unavailable (tower repairs). Peal applications to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Memorial Hall, near church, open at 3 p.m. for handbells and light refreshments. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. Early application desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5203

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1. Nov. 6th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5137

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Social, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each. Cash, please, when ordering from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. 5224

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Scunthorpe (8), Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 5210

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Folkingham (6), Nov. 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m., at Woolerton's Café. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 5226

SOUTHWELL GUILD (North Notts District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Retford, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ordsall (6) 2.30 until 5 p.m., East Retford (10) and West Retford (6), 2.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea, 3s. each, at Tudor Café at 5.30, only for those who notify by Nov. 3rd Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford.—H. Denman and N. Chaddock. 5218

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Daybrook (8), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham, by previous Wednesday. 5223

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Milldenhall District.—Meeting at Newmarket (6) with Exning (5), Sat., Nov. 6th. Exning bells 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Newmarket, from 6 p.m. Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant, Newmarket, 5.15 p.m. approx.—E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 5217

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd to J. B. Jackson, White Cottage, Beech Drive, Kingswood. 5225

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Meeting, Havant, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 2. Tea 4. Service 5.15. Names by Oct. 30th to Miss M. Ralph, 2, Market Lane, Havant. 5228

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual Branch tea party and meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells from 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6.30. Whist drive and dance 7.30. Names for tea essential, by Oct. 30th, to I. Kay, 59, Alva Road, Oldham. No tea tickets issued. Tickets for whist drive and dance only, 1s. 9d. Inclusive charge 5s.—F. Pritchard. 5202

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Third Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing during the afternoon, St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), and St. Giles', Willenhall (10).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 5204

Mr. R. G. Morris's 100 Peals

Mr. R. George Morris, of Great Malvern, rang his 100th peal at Grundisburgh on August 25th. His peals have been rung in 45 towers.

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 4, three methods 1.

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Major.—Plain Bob 9, Double Norwich 6, Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge 3, Superlative 2, Yorkshire 5, Pudsey 1, Bristol 1, London 1, Spliced Surprise (four methods) 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 10, Stedman 6.

Royal.—Plain Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Cambridge 3.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

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By WILLIAM THORNLEY

23456	W	B	H
23564	—	—	6
23645	—	—	6
32456	—	—	3
43526	—		4
32546	S		3

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3H=BBS. 4H=BBSB. 6H=BBSBBS.

Rung on Saturday, October 10th, 1953, at the Church of St. Michael, Stoney Stanton, Leics. Conducted by the composer.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 360 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, E. Bishop 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. H. Parker 3, F. W. Burnett 4, A. York-Bramble 5, R. G. Leale 6, R. Baldwin (first as cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. A farewell to R. G. Leale, who is commencing as as a student at Durham University.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 26th. 1,280 Doubles (240 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, and 480 Plain Bob): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, E. Long (cond.) 4, D. Long 5. For harvest festival.

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A PEAL TOUR OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

By L. A. WILSON

In these days of peal tours arranged with all the luxury of a modern age, the following experience of Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, throws an interesting sidelight on ringing 50 years ago.—Ed.

ABOUT Easter, 1904, I received a telegram worded: 'Please report at Axminster. One short for peal.—J. E. Baker.' In those days money was short with me. Anyway, rather than let them down I had a 'sub' from my employers and off I went. Arriving at Axminster, I met my friend, and he took me to the residence of a Mr. Pitfield Chappell, where I found seven others. All of us were accommodated at the residence of another Mr. Chappell, who was able to ring the tenor, this being his way of enjoying ringing and incidentally he 'paid the piper.'

After an evening with the handbells and a good dinner, we set out next morning for Beaminster in a two-horse wagonette. We jogged along steadily and walked up the hills, eventually arriving at Beaminster with its glorious tower and a lovely ring of bells by Bilbie, which appears to be a maiden one. We started for Stedman Triples with Mr. C. Winney, of London, conducting. The music of the bells was glorious and the striking was all that Mr. Winney desired (which was saying a lot, as he was most particular as to the truth of a peal). All went well for 2¾ hours when our host, the tenor man, had a stroke and fell off the box. The rope took him up and dropped him again, while all the other ropes were flying around in all directions. I was sent for a doctor, but he was out. We got our friend down the tower and put him in the wagonette and so back to Axminster.

Fortunately, he recovered sufficiently for us to spend another convivial evening. The next morning we started for Winsham. Here the tower is at the east end, at the chancel steps. A candelabra hung about a foot from the third and fourth ropes. We again started for Stedman and after half an hour's ringing I missed the sally and my rope became entangled in the candelabra which brought most of the lamp down and fairly 'put the wind' up me. I felt still more in disgrace when Mr. Winney remarked, 'Please try and ring Stedman!' After a clear up we started off again. This time we rang for close on three hours when the sixth rope broke. That put an end to peal attempt No. 2, and we returned to Axminster for another evening of good fare and handbell ringing.

The next day we were off to Crewkerne, another lovely tower and bells. The ringing here was glorious and the striking as near perfect as possible, so much so that our conductor remarked after the peal that everyone had done his best. This was the end of the week-end, and Mr. Winney went back to London well satisfied. But oh, what enjoyment we got out of it—the wagonette rides, late dinners and the good fellowship! This was the first of several outings I had in my younger days. Such was the result of being well known in the Exercise.

THE BEGINNER

THE following article is intended to be passed on to any young person who is considered suitable to become a ringer. We will begin by assuming that you are a young person of either sex anywhere between 12 and 21 years of age. Also that you reside in or near a parish which possesses a ring of bells; how many in number does not matter just yet. It is better if the bells attract you as they ring Sunday by Sunday, for you are then a 'natural,' not needing to be taught to appreciate them. You feel that you would like to know something about the bells and see what sort of people ring them. Have a chat with your vicar or rector, who will readily give you permission to watch the ringers at work, and introduce you to the captain.

In due course you visit the tower and see the ringing in progress. Do not sit down, but stand and note carefully everything you see. The coloured 'sallies' rising and falling in various orders, or the set expression of the ringers absorbed in their task. Note particularly the ease and grace which some ringers have of handling their ropes, and make up your mind that if you learn you are going to be one of these and not a member of the 'awkward squad.' Note also the regularity or 'beat' of the ringing. If you have a sense of rhythm it will help you considerably later on. When the ringing is finished, if you feel like asking questions, do so. We hope you are impressed with your visit, so consider the reasons 'for and against' becoming a ringer.

On the 'for' side: You are joining a nation-wide brotherhood. You are taking up a hobby which will last a lifetime, and if you are prepared to get out of the rut, you can go on learning all the time. You are serving the Church and we hope you always look on ringing in that light.

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Now the 'against' side: There is no short cut to proficiency; a lot will depend on your adaptability. It is a tie, but as you progress this feeling will disappear. So come along, you will be welcome, and now we'll hand you over to your instructor. Pay attention to him (or her) and you will become a credit to your teacher. R. M. P.

TEN BELL PEALS

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5022 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*RUSSELL G. PARKER	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	8
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	†LLEWELLYN T. ALLUM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

STEPNEY, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX	*Treble*	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
JOHN S. MASON	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
*BARBARA A. HARRIS	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ERIC CHAPMAN	*Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE	5
ALBERT H. HINTON	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
†MALCOLM KING	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
‡BARRY HENDREY	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight tower bells. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
RALPH ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

DONALD A. THEEDOM	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb.

ALEXANDER E. MARSH	*Treble*	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	*GORDON BENFIELD	7
MRS. A. E. MARSH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	FRANK A. PENN	5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	2	WILLIAM C. WEST	6
MRS. F. A. PENN	3	GILBERT H. HARDING	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
The ringer of the treble has now completed the 'circle' twice.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. J. Harding.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*OLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	ALFRED K. STREET	5
*FRANCIS G. HERBERT	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
FRANK W. LEWIS	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	4	JESSE SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
*RHODA BROWN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

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On Sun., Oct. 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MRS. J. C. CARPENTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM TYSON	5
ERIC OLIVER	2	ROBERT B. SKELTON	6
J. EDMUND HENDERSON	3	RICHARD OLIVER	7
JOHN C. CARPENTER	4	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a thanksgiving before the Harvest Festival service.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

KATHLEEN HARRISON	*Treble*	TOM C. FORD	5
FREDERICK C. ROPER	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	6
*JAMES B. MORLEY	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Harrison.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
†STANLEY G. PONTING	4	‡CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 275th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal for the Association.
A first birthday compliment to the grandson of the treble ringer.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	5
EDMUND MALIN	2	DEREK K. KNOWLES	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR	2	SAMUEL J. HAYNES	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	CURSON CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. H. Petch, churchwarden at this church for 40 years, who passed away on October 11th, 1954.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	*HERBERT BABER	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	6
AMY THOMAS	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
GEORGE PRESCOTT	4	GEOFFREY C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal in the method.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMPSALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
FREDERICK J. JACKSON	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
ELIZABETH BATE	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
The first peal in the method.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 FULBECK BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
JAMES TOPP	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

MRS. M. MOORE	*Treble*	CECIL BARKER	5
HENRY PRATT	2	JOHN BROWN	6
HAROLD MOORE	3	PETER WOOD	7
ALFRED LITTLE	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, for 23 years Dean and Rector, friend of ringers, who is retiring on October 31st.

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DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*JOHN H. GILBERT	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
*GORDON GAYLARD	4	JACK DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. 25th peal for the treble ringer.
Rung for the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. T. Locke, captain of the tower, and Mrs. Locke.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
JACK BAILEY	2	*MARK F. HATCH	6
*DAVID GEBBETT	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER	7
FREDERICK W. STONE	4	MARK J. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to celebrate the 41st wedding anniversary of Mr. Frederick W. Stone, ringing master at St. Alkmund's, and Mrs. Stone.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 6).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Dedication Festival.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
IN THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

BERTRAM C. HINES	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	3	JOHN H. SITCH	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* 50th peal together.
Rung on the eve of Harvest Thanksgiving.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
*ROY DUESBURY	3	*DONALD L. MILLS	7
†MRS. LESLIE MILLS	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Millatt.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ALAN J. BROWN	2	ALAN A. POTTS	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
In memoriam Richard Edric (Eddie) Jones, interred this day at Norbury.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
A PEAL OF 5040 ORIGINAL TRIPLES
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.
The first peal of Original Triples was rung on October 16th, 1926, at Bushey, Herts, conducted by Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
MARK W. MARSHALL	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*JOHN W. SINFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 26).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells and the first peal in the method for the Association.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	RONALD DISERENS	5
*GILLIAN E. BROWN	2	CYRIL LEWINGTON	6
NOEL J. DISERENS	3	FRANK LEWIS	7
PATRICIA A. GAUNT	4	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Mayor 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5
*ARTHUR G. MASON	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
*REGINALD W. SILLS	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cullum and also to Mrs. B. F. Baker.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Treble*	*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	5
W. T. COOK (Jesus)	2	*B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	6
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Sel.)	3	R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare)	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

IFFLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. MAIR	*Treble*	W. FERN	4
*C. BENNET	2	J. ADAMS	5
L. BUSBY	3	†M. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ADAMS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung by the Sunday service band as a wedding peal for Mr. T. Bowles (member of this tower) and Miss N. Alviraz, who were married at Great Milton, Oxon, in the afternoon.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY BOYCE	*Treble*	EDMUND MORRIS	4
RALPH SCUDAMORE	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	3	TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

REV. G. L. TURNEY	*Treble*	TONY OWEN	4
JACK WILLIAMSON	2	SIDNEY MARSHALL	5
GEORGE A. COOKE	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
A farewell tribute to Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Turney, who are leaving for the parish of Milton Ernest, Bedford.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two extents of London, two of Bourne and three of Cambridge.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEORGE WATERMAN	*Treble*	TOM BIRD	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	SAM J. TWITCHETT	5
OWEN BALLARD	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*VERA PARISH	*Treble*	*JOHN BROOK	4
DENISE J. SHAW	2	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	5
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal.

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY	*Treble*	*JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	4
NORMAN MALLETT	2	†FREDERICK WREFORD	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
* 50th peal. † 75th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Hosgood, of St. Thomas's, Exeter, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt.

DONALD R. HINKSMAN	*Treble*	ROWLAND PRECE	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	*CLIFFORD J. WALL	5
ARTHUR F. WALL	3	THOMAS COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.
* First peal of Minor.
A wedding compliment to John A. G. Clements and Gladys E. Powell, married at Pencombe on October 6th, 1954.

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HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent, containing: 1, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; 2, Double Oxford and St. Clement's; 3, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 4, Cambridge Surprise; 5, Oxford Bob; 6, Hereward Bob; 7, Double Court, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. .. ..*Treble* | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 2 | MARK W. MARSHALL.. .. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in 13 methods by all the band and for the Association.

SHOBROOKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 360 each of St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, All Saints', Little Aston, Seighford, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, Stedman Slow Course, Newborough and Stedman.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

WILFRED PANTER .. ..*Treble* | CYRIL DEEM 4
FREDERICK WREFORD .. 2 | JOHN QUICK 5
SIDNEY SKINNER .. .. 3 | A. COURTENAY THORNE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. First peal in 14 methods for all and for the Guild.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Netherseale, Wells, London, York, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

AMOS INGALL .. .. ..*Treble* | PETER MASON 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 2 | LOUIS WILLDERS 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3 | JOHN E. COOK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the safe 'gathering in' of the corn harvest.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 10 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

T. EMERY .. ..*Treble* | K. MOORE 4
E. BARRS .. .. 2 | M. JAMIESON 5
F. G. EDMANS .. .. .. 3 | R. SIRETT .. .. *Tenor*

Joint Conductors: F. G. EDMANS and M. JAMIESON.

First peal by all, except F. G. Edmans (captain). First peal ever rung in the tower.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Grandsire, 12 extents of St. Simon's and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

CHARLES H. BLAKE ..*Treble* | C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3
*DAVID VOKES .. .. 2 | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD.. .. 4
†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK PHILLIPPO.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

R. REED .. ..*Treble* | F. S. PARSONS 4
W. YOUNG .. .. .. 2 | T. BEVIS 5
W. SEEKINGS .. .. .. 3 | W. ROSE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by T. BEVIS.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Eggleton, of Upwell, Norfolk, who celebrated their diamond wedding on Oct. 17th.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of five extents each of: Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, three extents of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and six extents of Grandsire Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON .. ..*Treble* | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
SIMON L. BARLEY .. .. 2 | WILLIAM L. EXTON 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. 3 | CHARLES J. COPP .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. ..*Treble* | E. GEORGE HANDCOCK .. 4
GLYN E. HOLDGATE .. .. 2 | WILFRED RILEY 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3 | FRANK BRADLEY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

First peal in four methods as conductor and also 25th peal.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

*MISS M. DRABBLE .. ..*Treble* | MISS D. J. SHAW 4
G. R. HINER .. .. .. 2 | †F. BRUNT 5
D. BRUNT .. .. .. 3 | H. MORTEMORE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

AYLESBEARE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Aylesbeare Branch.)
On Mon., Oct. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings) Tenor 15 cwt.

*JUNE GOODING .. ..*Treble* | †LINDSAY K. DAWE 4
*DEREK GOODING .. .. 2 | JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 5
*TONY GOODING .. .. 3 | *JAMES GOODING .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

A 21st birthday compliment to Derek Gooding, and also a farewell to him on leaving shortly to join H.M. Forces.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Hereward, Court, Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS ..*Treble* | JOHN W. BLYTHE 4
GEORGE W. WATERMAN .. 2 | RONALD W. STEWARD .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDREY.

HANDBELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, St. Clement's, Reverse, Double Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN E. PEDLER .. .. 1—2 | ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS .. 3—4
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

First peal in six methods by all, and for the Society.

Rung as a farewell to Dr. Pedler, who left the next day to spend a year at Harvard University.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District's Progress

A gratifying feature of the report of the secretary (Mr. R. J. Sills) at the annual meeting of the Maidstone District at Maidstone on October 8th was that 40 practising members had been elected during the year, including the whole of the band at Boughton, Monchelsea and Yalding, the latter tower also affiliating to the Association. Attendances at meetings had been mostly over 50, with a maximum of over 70 at Aylesford.

Mr. R. L. Sills was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. W. R. Manser continue as district representatives. Miss Pamela Butcher replaces Miss Mary Tapley as 'Ringing World' representative.

Surrey was chosen for the annual coach tour next summer.

The new Vicar (Canon Frank Bennett) welcomed members in the tower, presided at the business meeting and conducted Evensong. Yorkshire Surprise was the special method for the day.

Canterbury District

Eighty-four members representing 28 towers attended the annual meeting of the District at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, where the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Barnes) conducted the service.

Following a buffet tea, Mr. J. A. Russell presided at the business meeting. The District secretary recorded that subscriptions were down due to slackness of some towers in not sending them in earlier. The seven meeting during the year had an average attendance of 46.

There is no change in the District officers. Eighteen new members were elected, including the young band at Northbourne, this tower being in union with the Association for the first time.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
October 30th, 1914

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, October 21, 1914, in 2 hours and 57 minutes
At the Durham Ox Shambles
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS
5,057 CHANGES
Tenor size 15

George Hollis	1-2
Clement Glenn	3-4
*William J. Thyng	5-6
Arthur Knights	7-8
George Davies	9-10

Composed and conducted by Arthur Knights.
* 100th peal. First peal of Caters on handbells in Chesterfield.

[Like Charles H. Hattersley, mentioned a fortnight ago, Arthur Knights' reputation as a composer tended to obscure his ability as a practical ringer. In fact, he took part in six or seven hundred peals, including more than two hundred on Chesterfield bells, a total for one tower which he was probably the first to achieve.]

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

While the first meeting of the Society at Mereworth on October 2nd did not attract as many people as had been expected it was quite successful. The Rector (the Rev. H. B. Mayne) conducted a short service. At the business meeting the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. G. I. F. Thompson; Ringing Master, Mr. M. E. Downs; secretary, Miss Pamela Y. Butcher; committee, Messrs. R. A. R. Lurcock, B. Brooks, D. Sayers and Y. Garner.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Fifty ringers, including visitors from Bridgwater, Ashbrittle, Kenn and Highweek, attended the meeting of the North-East Branch at Huntsham on October 8th. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Jones (Rector and Branch chairman), and the lesson read by Mr. E. J. Taylor (Guild general secretary). A collection for the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 3s..

After tea at Huntsham Court, arranged by Mrs. Davey and local ringers and their wives, the Rector presided at the business meeting. Silverton, subject to permission, was selected for the annual meeting on January 8th. On the motion of Mr. Bolt it was decided to hold monthly Branch practice meetings on the second Saturday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m. Bradninch was selected for the November practice.

Ringing in various methods was under the guidance of Mr. A. G. Selley (Branch Ringing Master). Some members also visited St. Peter's, Uplowman.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Truro Branch Festival was held at All Hallows', St. Kea, on October 9th, when about 35 ringers attended, including several young ringers, two of whom were only ten years old. Among those present were the Ringing Master (Mr. Southeard), the Rev. A. S. Roberts and his daughter, Mr. H. Miles, Miss Lidgey and Mr. D. Burnett, from St. Eval (mid-Cornwall).

The service was conducted by the Rev. V. A. Callow (St. Kea) and was followed by a splendid tea given by the ringers' wives and friends.

Methods rung were Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire and call changes. C. W. J.

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The bells of Bunbury Parish Church, Cheshire, will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast from there in the North Home Service at 9.45 p.m. on Sunday, November 14th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

While waiting to ring at St. Leonard's, Hythe, during their outing, some Ewell ringers descended to the crypt and there saw grinning eyeless skulls lining the walls. Silence was broken by a profound feminine remark, 'Now you know what it's like to be left on the shelf, girls!'

Mr. Michael E. Brown has 'circled' Claybrooke tower to a peal.

The 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Surrey Association will be celebrated by a dinner at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on May 21st, 1955.

The first peal of Norfolk Surprise was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on March 14th, 1898, and not at Bolsover as stated by Mr. Cooper, writes a correspondent..

A peal of Original Triples has been rung at Ringwood, conducted by Mr. Frank L. Harris. The first peal in this method was rung at Bushey on October 16th, 1926, conducted by Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

Through a typographical error the name of Mr. R. F. Deal was given in our report of the Cumberlands' Dinner. It is Mrs. Deal who is one of the auditors. Mr. Deal is an esteemed member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Miss Vivienne Horton, who is 16, received many congratulations on ringing two peals on October 16th. The first was at Etwall, and the afternoon peal in her own tower, Duffield, Derbyshire.

Arranged by Mr. W. H. Ware, ringers from Bath, Twerton and Huntsham spent an enjoyable day on October 16th visiting the following towers in the Exe and Culm valleys:—Rewe, Stoke Canon, Poltimore, Pinhoe, Broadclyst and Cullompton. Mr. E. J. Taylor thanked the organiser.

An unexpected pleasure awaited G. B. Evans when he returned to Winchester for week-end leave from the Royal Navy on October 16th. At a few minutes' warning he stood in a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. W. C. Lampard, the captain of the Cathedral band.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Stepney on October 16th was the 200th peal for the Middlesex Association by Mr. T. J. Lock.

A touch of London Minor was lost during the Baldock ringers' outing on October 16th because a spider ran across the floor in front of a lady ringer.

Lane End, Bucks, ringers rang quarter peals for morning and evening services when the harvest festival was observed. Mr. Walter Avery states that this is the first time two quarters have been rung on a Sunday by the local band since he started there in 1926.

A great achievement has been accomplished by the local band at Great Horwood in ringing the first peal on the bells. It was the first peal for all the band except their tutor and captain, Mr. F. G. Edmans. Success came at the third attempt.

At Netherbury, Dorset, where the six bells have been rehung on ball bearings, the following inscription appears on a tombstone in the churchyard:—'In memory of Thomas Curtis, which here in silence lie, it's known by this tenor bell did die, just as these bells when tuned all. Great was his pains we may be sure which he with patience did endure. But this observe above the rest, God taketh first whom He likes best. Who died March ye 11th, 1748. Age 33.'

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

First Guild Dinner a Big Success

THIS year has seen what may well come to be an annual event in Warwickshire ringing circles. The forthcoming 50th anniversary of the founding, in 1907, of the Warwickshire Guild (as the Coventry Diocesan Guild was then named) promoted the idea of holding a commemoration dinner. Some enthusiastic committee members, however, saw no reason to wait for such an excuse to hold a dinner and set about seeking support for an immediate festival. It was decided to hold the dinner concurrently with the autumn quarterly meeting on October 16th.

The festival commenced at 2.30 p.m. with ringing at Kenilworth and Chilvers Coton, and at 3.30 p.m. the bells of Keresley, Bedworth, Bulkington and Stoke were available. A short business meeting was held at No. 20, Broadgate, at 6 p.m., the salient feature of which was the carrying of a motion to contribute 10s. towards the Ringers' Roll of Honour. This meeting was preceded by a handbell practice.

A company of about 130 assembled at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Coventry, at about 6.45 p.m. In the absence of the president (the Rev. W. Maggs, Rector of Bedworth), the chair was taken by Canon Noel Prentice (Rector of Stratford-on-Avon, and a vice-president of the Guild). Guests of honour were the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress of Coventry (Alderman and Mrs. T. H. Dewis). Another guest was the Rev. D. M. Davies, the newly-inducted Rector of Stoke.

The Deputy Mayor, in his civic welcome to the Guild, said he had recently been in conversation with Mr. Basil Spence, the architect of the new Cathedral, who had told him that there were hopes of having the building completed in about five years' time. The first contracts were shortly to be placed. He, the Deputy Mayor, hoped that some of the ringers present would be able to officiate at the opening. He remembered the occasion in his native village of Exhall when the question of a memorial had raised a local controversy as to whether or not this memorial should take the form of three extra bells. The bells had won and Exhall now had a ring of six.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, the M.C. and toastmaster, then proposed the toast of 'The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.'

Canon Noel Prentice proposed the toast of 'The Church' in an entertaining manner. He gave the opinion that a good ring produced a good congregation. Poor or surly ringing—including late starting—was a bad invitation and reflected in the congregation. Ringing was an act of worship and a great service to the Church. It also took pride of place, he said, amongst all church services, such as choir and organ, in the affections of the congregation. He always found it easier to raise money for work on the bells or for new bells than for any other Church purpose and he had managed to augment the rings in each of the three parishes he had had.

In thanking ringers for the fillip they gave to Church life, Canon Noel Prentice said this was especially so if they attended service too. He was always pleased to see a row of red-faced perspiring gentlemen mopping their brows at the back of the church. He didn't get that at his present church, his ringers were much too artistic to perspire over their ringing but he had a grand team of chaps and they did a good job.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

In proposing the toast of 'Our Guild,' Mr. J. Frank Smallwood gave a reminder of the birth of the Guild. Some 48 years ago he had rung his first peal at Bedworth. This peal had had to be rung for no Association because there was no local Association, nor was there a quorum in the band for any other Association. The thought of having to ring this peal in this manner led logically to the idea of forming a local Association and so, a year later, in 1907, the Warwickshire Guild came into being. He called on all present foundation members to rise and, besides himself, three others rose—Messrs. E. Adams, W. Collett and J. Pinfold.

At the time of the foundation, continued Mr. Smallwood, their greatest support had come from the Rugby district. He was delighted to see so many young people present and expressed the hope that they would obtain as much enjoyment from ringing as he had. He proposed the toast to the Guild with best wishes for the future and especially for the coming golden jubilee.

The Ringing Master, Mr. R. J. Edden, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks. He mentioned the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Canon Prentice for holding the chair, and Mr. Garner-Hayward and Mrs. Beamish for the organisation of the dinner. He expressed the hope that the dinner would become an annual affair.

Mr. Garner-Hayward replied and went on to introduce the musical entertainment which followed. A course of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was well rung by Margaret E. L. Beamish 1-2, Frank W. Perrens 3-4, Albert Walker 5-6, J. Frank Smallwood 7-8, Frank E. Pervin 9-10, Hubert E. Ashley 11-12. Tall tales were told by Canon Prentice. Songs were sung by 'The Vagabonds' and handbell tunes were rung by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Margaret and Messrs. C. H. Webb, J. W. T. Taylor, H. G. Summers and P. Stone. Recordings taken during a farewell peal of Grandsire Caters at Chilvers Coton for Margaret Beamish was played by Mr. A. Faulkes. Some of the after-peal conversation was recorded with suitable sad songs by Arthur and supporters.

Other recordings taken during regular local practices were presented by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward. A 'rise and fall' 'in hand' was performed by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Margaret, Messrs. J. Draycott and J. A. L. Thompson. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' concluded a very happy evening, and many hopes were expressed that next year might see a continuance of the event.

D. A. C.

BELLS

A sunny June morning,
And music of bells
Comes over green meadows
And high rolling fells.

The bells have a message
On this sunny day.
They call us to worship,
To praise and to pray.

Along the green hedgerow
Where tall grasses grow,
Are bells of the foxgloves
With colour aglow.

And nodding blue harebells
Of delicate hue.
These, too, have a message
For me — and for you.

Thank God for green meadows
And high rolling fells,
For beauty of flowers
And music of bells.

C. WILLIAMSON.

Halifax.

BELFRY GOSSIP—Continued

Mr. Victor Griffin, of Purton, Wilts, is leaving to take up National Service. Good wishes were extended to him when the Swindon Branch visited his tower.

In connection with the Snowdon dinner tomorrow we are asked to state that there are buses every 20 minutes (half-hour run) between Rotherham and Doncaster.

Four first peals and a first 'inside' were scored by the Woodbury, Devon, band in a peal at Aylesbeare on October 18th. One of the 'firsts' was Derek Gooding, who celebrated his 21st birthday.

Two 15-year old twins, Hazel and Hilary Lines, of Irthlingborough, have joined the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Members at the meeting at Irchester could not tell the difference between them.

By the peal at Hugglescote on October 20th the local ringing master (Mr. H. O. Over) completed 'the circle.' He is the first to do this in this tower. The peal was an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Wainwright, who was largely instrumental in raising the £800 for the provision of these bells in 1900.

Mr. W. Sidwell, chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has been appointed District Motive Power Superintendent, British Railways, at Worcester. Farewells were said at the branch meeting at Purton, and Mr. Sidwell, in reply, said he thought his ringing had improved during his stay at Swindon.

Secretary of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and a member of the Iffley tower, Mr. T. Bowles was married at Great Milton on October 16th to Miss N. Alviraz. Iffley ringers attended and rang Great Milton bells before and after the service and later were successful in a peal in honour of the event in their own tower. The couple's decision to make their home at Great Milton is unfortunate for the City Branch, and Iffley tower in particular.

5,024 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

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32465	X			—
63254	X			2
62534			—	2
53624			—	—
63425		—		
43526		—		3
43265	X			—
42635			—	2
23456	X			3

Rung at Birmingham, June 10th, 1954
Conducted by G. E. Fearn.

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PEAL RINGING IN DORSET

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

Although Dorset is not the 'stoney' stronghold as is Devonshire, it is close enough to be affected by this fact. It is also far enough away from the main centres of advanced change ringing to mean that only the simpler methods are practised for the most part. The main exception to this is Lyme Regis, where the enthusiasm of the last incumbent, Canon C. C. Cox (president of the Clerical Guild), has enabled a Surprise band to be built up. Consequently there is not a great deal to be said about this county. Of its 113 rings of bells there are two tens, 18 eights, 56 sixes and 37 fives. It will be possible to mention nearly all in the first two categories.

The two ten-bell towers are Poole and Wimborne Minster, both on the eastern edge of the county. The former, with 26 peals, has the largest number of peals of any church in the county (so it will be seen that peal ringing has never flourished to any extent). All except five of these were rung when there were only eight bells in the tower—nine from 1903 to 1913, and twelve from 1921 to 1936. Actually, only two of these five were on the ten bells. The last peal here was rung ten years ago. Wimborne Minster has recorded twelve (excluding a false peal rung in 1921). The first was in 1902, the last in 1952 (the only one since 1938).

Most of the eight-bell towers have reached double figures, with Bradpole and Sherborne leading the way with 23 each. At the former more than a third were rung before the first war, but five have come between 1947 and 1951 (the last peal). The latter tower has been doing well since the war for more peals have been rung there in the last ten years than in any other place in the county—15. The remaining eight are spread evenly over the years 1905 to 1939—a peal every four years or so.

Swanage has recorded 20 peals, the first two being in 1889—almost the first in the county. The remainder occur fairly evenly over the ensuing years with three since the war. Both Whitchurch Canonicorum and Dorchester have totals of 16 peals. At the former, 11 have come since the war, so this tower is also doing well at the moment (none this year so far, though). The latter had eight in the ten years prior to the first war, four between the wars and four since 1946 (none since 1951). Lyme Regis comes next with 14 (eight since the war) and then Bridport (12), where the first peal in the county was rung on May 5th, 1887. Beaminster has 11 (five since 1947), and Cranborne, Wareham and Wimborne St. Giles ten each. The only eight-bell tower which has never appeared in the peal list was destroyed by fire at the end of the war—Cattistock. All the remainder have had one or more peals since the war with the exception of Gillingham, where the only peal recorded was in 1938.

As for six-bell towers, 42 out of the 56 have had one or more peals rung at them. Lytchett Matravers leads the way with 19 peals— a respectable total in this county. Eight were rung between 1932 and 1939, and eleven from 1943 to 1949. There hasn't been one for five years now. Two other towers have reached double figures. They are Corfe Mullen with 13 (five in the last eight years) and Buckland Newton with ten. All these were rung between 1929 and 1936, so it is nearly 20 years since a peal was rung here. Nearly half the 42 towers have only had a single peal rung at them. In the case of the five-bell towers only three of the 16 where peals have been rung have had more than a single peal. They are Kington Magna, with five peals between 1930 and 1935, and Holwell and Lillington, with two each, all rung before the last war. Twenty-one five-bell towers remain to be conquered.

Actually, only 401 peals have ever been rung in Dorset—rather a contrast to the many thousands we find in some counties with similar numbers of rings of bells (say, Cheshire and Derbyshire).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

There were several outcomes to the North and East District meeting held at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on October 9th, and they were varied in character. At business time and under the chairmanship of Mr. H. G. Hart, the meeting received with regret the news of the tragic death of Mr. Eric A. Dench. At the funeral service at All Saints', Edmonton, two District officers represented the Association, and ringing took place prior to the service and in the evening, when a peal was rung.

A message of good wishes was received from the general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who is happily making good progress towards recovery from his illness.

Seven members of the St. Dunstan's band—Messrs. C. Malden, C. W. Ridgway, S. Smith and H. G. Weedon and the Misses J. Bancroft, J. Powell and S. Turner—were elected ringing members of the Association.

Discussion on the circulation of 'The Ringing World' and the methods of subscribing revealed that there are already a number of publications where the circulation is entirely postal.

A welcome was given to visiting ringers from Essex, Hertfordshire and Surrey, who helped to bring the attendance to well over 30, and who were able to join in some good Major, Caters and Royal ringing on the recently-rehung fine ring of ten. The ringers attended normal evensong service at 6 p.m.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, to Mr. Len Fox and to the ladies who prepared tea, for their parts in ensuring a successful meeting.

T. J. L.

DEDICATION

NETHERBURY, DORSET

A service of thanksgiving and rededication was held at St. Mary's Church, Netherbury, Dorset, on October 10th after the six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) had been rehung on ball bearing and new fittings provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

During the service and while the hymn 'We love Thy place, O God,' the choir, bellringers, churchwardens and the Vicar (the Rev. P. May) walked in procession to the belfry. The captain handed the ropes to the Vicar and after the rededicatory prayers the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers. Mr. W. Theobald represented the bell founders.

At the close of the evening service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by J. Davis 1, W. Theobald 2, L. Glyde 3, J. Barrett 4, W. D. Bishop (conductor) 5, W. Lewis 6.

The following Saturday members of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild visited the tower. All were pleased with the 'go' of the bells and agreed that the Whitechapel Foundry had done another excellent job.

BALDOCK OUTING

Taking advantage of the bright October weather, Baldock band had a half-day's outing on October 16th. The first tower was the six at St. Peter's, Duxford, Cambs, where methods up to London were rung. A good course of Cambridge was rung at Ickleton. After tea at Chrishall an hour's ringing was enjoyed at the Parish Church. The last tower, Chishill, was a disappointment.

IN THE SMUGGLERS' COUNTRY

Ewell ringers, for their outing this year, selected a district boasting of the lowest rainfall in the country—Romney Marsh.

After ringing at the six-bell tower of Northiam, the two coaches threaded their tortuous way through the cobbled streets of Rye and drew up at the largest church in Sussex (strictly contrary to police regulations). Later there was a gradual exodus from the belfry to see the bell boys on the church clock strike the quarter-hour.

The peculiar octagonal three-tiered erection which stands beside Brookland's Church and holds five bells (tenor 12¼ cwt.) was next visited. Graphically our correspondent describes this tower in the following terms:—

'At first, as we opened the door and entered this queer, conical structure, it seemed too dark to see at all, but gradually our eyes became accustomed to the gloom—the place has no windows—and we discerned the ropes hanging down in the open space between the heavy timbers. We also located the oil lamp, which we let down and lit before hoisting into position. The sound of the bells is very loud, there being no louvres to let it out, and the bells could be seen in motion during the ringing from the ladders rising at the north-east side. Although difficult to ring at first, these bells could be mastered fairly soon, I think. We rang a fair touch of Grandsire on them before we came away.'

Luncheon was very much enjoyed at the George Hotel, Lydd. The fine Church of All Saints, sometimes known as the Cathedral of the Marsh, with its tower 132 feet high, will long be remembered. With the assistance of Messrs. Terry and Swift a touch of Stedman came round in fine style.

After ringing at St. Nicholas', New Romney—bells we liked—the next nine miles was by train on the narrow-gauge Dymchurch Railway. Ringing took place on the lovely eight at St. Leonard's, Hythe. Harrietsham was reached after dark and was the last, but not the least enjoyable tower of the day.

Missed on this outing was John Hoyle, who died from pneumonia in May. Born at North Molton, Devon, he was taught by his father early in life to ring. Later he moved to Ashtead, where he lived and rang for 40 years, and was in business as a builder and decorator. He also took his part in church affairs, being a school manager and church councillor. During this time he rang many peals. Ten years ago he retired and moved to Epsom and continued ringing intermittently until three weeks before his death.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD

A Visit to Irchester

Eighty ringers attended the Wellingborough Branch meeting on October 16th at Irchester, where, at the present time, there is not a full band. Good use was made of the ring of eight (tenor 21¼ cwt.).

The Guild service was conducted by the branch president (the Rev. W. C. Knight), who also gave the address. The organist was Mr. Brudenall. A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 13s. 9d.

Tea in the schoolroom was supervised by Mrs. C. Payne, and at the business meeting members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Harry Chambers (Stanwick).

The branch secretary, Mr. A. Bigley, announced that a total of £6 12s. had been subscribed by the branch towards a benevolent appeal by the general secretary.

Seven new ringing members were elected, as follows: Mr. R. Daniels (Bozeat), Messrs. R. Rockingham and B. Dickerson (Stanwick) and the Misses Hazel and Hilary Lines, Valerie Taylor, and Gwen Berick (Irthlingborough).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NATIONAL SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I would like to add to George Ruck's letter of appreciation on the article of 'National Service.' I, myself, am now a National Service man and have been welcomed at every tower which I have so far had the chance to visit. National Service gives one a great chance of expanding one's list of towers and one also learns about other people's belfry ways.

As yet I have not had a chance for a peal attempt but hope to do so in the near future.

J. A. A. is quite right when he mentions that the billet is an excellent place for missionary work. I have often been asked where I go during evenings and at week-ends, and as a result I have often had a crowd of puzzled faces around me when I try to explain the art, especially when 'diagrams' come into view.

I would like to repeat J. A. A.'s statement that a new Service man should never be shy to enter a strange tower, be there six or twelve bells.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN E. HARTLEY (Dvr.).

R.A.S.C., Farnborough.

Dear Sir,—The Aldershot-Farnborough-Ash area is one of the main centres to which National Service men are sent for a period of their training, and increasing numbers are attending our towers, although they are frequently in the district for some time before they join us because they are uncertain of ringing times. One thing they may be certain about is that there is ringing at all the churches in the district for both morning and evening Sunday services.

If any ringer about to enter N.S. or who is visiting the district will contact me, I will provide full details of the ringing at the various churches.

Whether an expert or a learner, a scientific or a rounds ringer, there is a warm welcome waiting at any of the churches in the district. Opportunities for ringing are plentiful, with a practice each night of the week at one or other of the churches within a few miles radius.

G. SIDNEY JOYCE,

Hon. Dis. Sec., Farnham District of Guildford Diocesan Guild.

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LUNDY BELLS

Dear Sir,—For the information of readers who do not know Lundy I feel that someone ought to say a word in extenuation of the present state of the bells.

The church was built (my guide book says in 1889) in realisation of his lifelong ambition, by one of the Heaven family, who owned Lundy for many years. He built for the glory of God rather than for the needs of the island, for the church would seat the present population almost ten times over. It is a lofty structure in the familiar Gothic Revival style, built of brick faced with imported stone, looking utterly out of place on the storm-swept uplands of Lundy. The island has always been extra-parochial, which means (I take it) that there are no churchwardens or church council who may be held chargeable for the upkeep of fabric or furnishings.

The wonder (and the pity) is that the church was ever built. The pious builder would have been better advised to have rebuilt the ancient ruined chapel near the Old Light in a style more suited to local conditions. It could have been maintained at little cost, and would have been of more lasting use to the inhabitants and of more interest to visitors—except to the one band of ringers who scored their peal before the elements had time to ruin the fittings.—Yours truly,

Chittlehampton, Devon. J. H. B. ANDREWS.

MOORSIDE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—On October 14th a peal of Moorside Surprise was rung at Birmingham Cathedral for the first time. Moorside, Oldham, Lancashire, is the home tower of Mr. Fred Dunkerley, where he first learned his ringing and rang his first methods to peals. It was my earnest wish that a peal named after the place where he did much of his early ringing and the tower which he so lavishly improved should be rung. Mr. George Fearn and his band at once decided to ring the method to do honour to one who has done so much for ringers. —Yours sincerely,

WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Stoke Poges.

A RINGER IN JORDAN

Dear Sir,—As a ringer doing his National Service in the Middle East I was interested in your article of September 17th. I have met ringers both in England and the M.E.L.F. and when we meet we have long discussions on the subject of ringing. Unfortunately these impromptu meetings are far too rare.

Of course being abroad for 15, 18 or more months does not give us the chances of ringing as a ringer stationed in England, but we are all eager to get back home and to 'the bells.'

I, myself, unfortunately get batches of 'Ringing Worlds' every five or six weeks, as they come by sea, but I look forward to reading them, especially any news of the Wigan Branch in Lancashire and about other towers which I visited while in the Army in England.

I am looking forward to seeing my friends in Lancashire soon and to be ringing with them, and also getting my 'Ringing World' on time!—Yours faithfully,

Aquaba, Jordan. B. WILSON (L-Cpl.).

CLAMP DOWN

Dear Sir,—There is no doubt that this 'Clamp Down' (others describe it otherwise in a not too complimentary fashion) is disturbing many bands, especially with struggling ringers. They feel that something useful is being taken from them.

If we go back to the early Central Council days we find that they avoided 'shall' and 'shall not' and favoured 'discountenanced' when methods were discussed.

A very popular description of peals was 'rang a true and complete peal of' etc., etc. No doubt the primary object in the Central Council's mind was 'true and complete,' and pointed out that freak peal ringing was not in good taste.

After all the education we have received from 'The Ringing World' I am sure that no band could be got together who would even attempt a freak peal. Who of us would face the scorn of others? It must be many years since a peal of Grandsire Major was rung. Why? There are many who favour a cover bell, and Bob Triples enables Plain Bob ringers to enjoy that fancy.

We know why some methods were to be discountenanced, and now we have a 'shall not' to methods which have not got certain course ends. Where is it going to end? Mr. Barnett informs us that there are 828 Major methods to choose from. Will these be of any useful service to a struggling band residing in a remote place where it would be difficult for anyone to go out and help?' Their forefathers were Plain Bob ringers and they carry on with the only information at their disposal.

If it's our lot, through business, tours or otherwise, to penetrate into these places let us point out to the local ringers what there is to offer and not have to inform them that there is a 'Clamp'

Bolton, Lancs. PETER CROOK.

'TIDYING UP' OF METHODS

Dear Sir,—Not wishing to create a vendetta with a ringing friend, I refrained from replying to Mr. Blagrove's earlier letter, but as he has completely misinterpreted my statements I must answer that I was most definitely not 'kicking at the Doubles ringers'—I am quite unqualified to do so, anyway—but at the Central Council's erratic legislating.

What I was endeavouring to point out was that **the only thing in which the Council is consistent is its inconsistency,** and went on to draw attention to a further example.

From 'The Ringing World' reports of the Central Council's debates it appears that a very small minority presents a report recommending new rules, accompanies it with a short statement too technical for the great majority to understand, and pressure of time forces the majority to accept it like faithful sheep, who don't know why they are voting for it except that if **those** people say it is for the good of the Exercise then it must be.

Technical reports such as methods reports ought to be published long before the Council meets to give representatives an opportunity both of learning something about the subject themselves before they pass legislation on it, and to acquaint themselves with the views of their own Association members, who will then be able to give their studied views. When Parliament has a technical matter to debate the members are provided with a White Paper to enable them to study the subject. Not so the 'Ringers' Parliament'—they must vote in ignorance of the subject and as directed by less than half a dozen experts.

Mr. Blagrove is impatient about the new Doubles collection; so are many more ringers. What the Methods Committee has 'under its hat' no one knows. What rules it has adopted in its selection of methods no one knows. How can Central Council representatives **honestly** vote on what Doubles methods shall be rung when none of them know what will be produced 'from the hat'? In a very recent conversation with a Central Council member he admitted that most of the members had little or no knowledge of these technical matters, yet they have the effrontery to vote on them!

We are constantly being told that the Council is not **dictating** what we ring, but it is. If peals rung in certain methods will not be accepted by the Associations under whose auspices they are rung, as they are bound by their rules to adhere to the Council's decisions, then those methods will not be practised and automatically drop out of the repertoire, and beautifully musical methods like Union Triples and valuable training methods like Bob Triples and Woodbine Treble Bob Minor are lost to the Exercise. I have also met supercilious purists who will not condescend to ring Bob Triples, say, even to help a learner. You cannot entirely blame **them**; that is what your Central Council has done!

And when the Council has completed its 'tidying up' programme what has it achieved? Precisely nothing. Hours will have been wasted and pounds squandered on books of methods of interest to five per cent. (or less) of ringers, whilst the restoration and maintenance of our bells and of our service to the Church as ringers will not have been advanced one iota. Rather let the Council cease meddling with trivialities which cause bickering among ringers, and make the Council obnoxious to them, and do something practical about silent bells and the recruitment and wastage of young ringers, and earn the respect of the Exercise and the Church.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Vitality Displayed at Annual Meeting

TAKING advantage of the choice of venue that was permitted by a modification of rule, the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle Cathedral, after an interval of four years, on October 16th.

Ringing was available from 10.30 a.m. until 9 p.m., except for the lunch and tea breaks, towers open being the eights of SS. James and Basil's, St. George's, St. John's, St. Stephen's and St. Mary's, Gateshead, with the ten at All Saints', Gosforth, and the Cathedral's twelve.

Members of the committee concluded their meeting and dashed upstairs to ring four leads of Grandsire Caters to precede the service in Newcastle Cathedral, conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby. The Provost, in his address, said, while a single bell could sound very well, its true beauty was only revealed in sweet co-operation with the other bells, and that, too, had its parallel in the Christian religion. Those with special tasks must not remain in isolation from the rest of the Church.

A collection realised £2 19s. and was donated to the Cathedral Funds.

Tea was served in the Library of Newcastle Cathedral, where the Central Council had met just over four months before. As a memento of that meeting a photograph taken by the local press has been framed to hang in the Cathedral ringing chamber, and that was on view at the meeting. The company of almost eighty included representatives from 21 towers with visitors from Feltham, Hillingdon, Leeds, Richmond and Ripon, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, and Mr. H. Walker, president of York Minster Society.

'THE BARBARIC NORTH'

The business meeting followed tea, with the President, Mr. Richard A. Gofton, in the chair. He welcomed all present, and said how glad they were to have with them the Provost and Canon Stephenson, their friend of so many years' standing. The increase in young ringers and lady ringers was most encouraging, and one of his successors might well be a lady! Alluding to the Central Council's visit, he paid tribute to the work of the secretary, and he thought that many visitors had been agreeably surprised by their reception in the 'barbaric North,' and the meeting had been a great success—not least in its stimulating effect on the Association.

The general secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, presented his report for 1953-4. He said that the outstanding event of the year had been the Central Council's visit, and he believed that the hope expressed in his previous report that 'Newcastle, 1954,' would pass into the Council's calendar as a memorable date had been achieved. The restoration at Stockton had given the Association a fine addition, for conditions outside had been improved so that the grand new ring of ten could be used without annoyance to the public. The controvery on synthetic and recorded bells had flared up again in their very midst. The Association had condemned the idea and set out its views in letters to the Bishops of the two Dioceses. The Bishop of Durham, in a letter, and the Bishop of Newcastle, in his speech to the Central Council, had expressed agreement with those views, and it seemed unlikely that the unworthy practice would be extended in their Dioceses. The committee believed that with the publication of a handbook in the near future it would be possible to restore the information not included in the abbreviated reports without imperilling the finances.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented his cash statement. This showed that the General Fund had improved from £40 2s. 9d. to £69 3s. 8d.

The hon. editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, gave a detailed report of the peals rung. The total of 31 showed an increase of two, but four were rung by Central Council visitors. The peals were rung in 15 towers by 91 ringers, including about 20 visitors and seven first peals. D. A. Bayles headed the list with 11 peals, followed by Miss M. A. Softley with nine. P. G. Draffan was leading conductor with six, followed by R. Park with five.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President was re-elected, and the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc. The list of officers for 1954-5 therefore reads as follows:—President, R. A. Gofton; general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird; Central Council representatives, F. Ainsley and W. N. Park; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, R. Park and W. N. Park.

The District Officers show two changes, and the list now reads: Northern, vice president, K. Arthur; secretary, G. S. Deas; Southern, T. Cooke and E. P. Rock: Eastern, A. Brunton and W. F. Sheraton; Western, S. Thompson and C. T. Lamb,

Mr. W. N. Park, in thankilng the Provost and Cathedral Chapter, mentioned the help the Provost had given with the Central Council meeting. The Provost replied, saying that he was genuinely glad to welcome the Association and his thanks were due in turn for his tea and the collection.

Mr. G. A. Pickering voiced thanks to the organist, Mr. J. L. King, who, while not himself a ringer, was the son of one of their oldest and best loved members. Mr. A. Brunton thanked the incumbents whose bells had been at the disposal of members.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed the vote of thanks to all the retiring officers, mentioning especially the work of Messrs. K. Arthur, W. N. Park and D. A. Bayles in connection with the Central Council's visit.

The President mentioned the voluntary helpers who had assisted with the tea and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them.

The secretary announced that the committee had agreed that the rules be tidied up before being printed in a handbook intended to last for five years or so. It had also been agreed that the question of instruction and advancement in the art of ringing should be taken up on a much more definite and constructive basis.

Twenty-three new members were elected from Chester-le-Street (4), Consett (1), Fenham (2), Gateshead (3), Gosforth (4), St. John's, Newcastle (5), North Shields (3), and South Shields (1).

Mr. R. W. Leighton thought that it should be made known that anyone connected with the fallen recorded on the Association War Memorial could place flowers there. He himself took pleasure in doing that and thought that there might be others who would like to do the same. Mr. A. Brunton thought that the Association should supplement such individual efforts by placing a wreath annually on its memorial. His resolution to that effect was carried.

WINCHESTER CAPTAIN'S 80th BIRTHDAY

On October 14th Mr. W. C. Lampard, the popular captain of Winchester Cathedral band, celebrated his 80th birthday and such an event could not be allowed to pass unnoticed.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters conducted by Mr. Lampard unfortunately came to grief in the last five minutes. In the meantime several of his friends had assembled in a nearby restaurant for a dinner in his honour. They were joined by the participants of the quarter peal attempt and, when all were seated and ready, Mr. Lampard himself was ushered in, his appearance being greeted by a burst of applause. He was completely taken by surprise for, although he knew there was something 'on,' he had not anticipated meeting his closest friends like that.

Mr. J. A. C. King proposed the toast of 'Mr. Lampard,' and spoke of his personal record. Mr. Lampard, he said, joined both the Winchester Guild and the Cathedral band in 1891 and had thus given over 60 years' service to both organisations. He was still very active and only that summer had been on a week's bell ringing outing. Except for rare cases of illness or being away on holiday he had never missed an attendance at the Cathedral.

Mr. T. Parrot then presented Mr. Lampard with a book, 'The Bells of England,' by Tom Ingram—a present from the Cathedral band.

Mr. Lampard, in thanking the company, recalled his early days of ringing. The band in those days, he said, came mainly from Eastleigh and included four publicans. Every Sunday casks of beer could be seen in the belfry. Eventually the Dean discovered this and sent them packing. Another band was then recruited from Winchester under Mr. W. Andrews, who was captain for 50 years until his death, when Mr. Lampard took over.

The Dean (the Very Rev. Dr. E. G. Selwyn) and Mr. C. H. Kippin also spoke in praise of Mr. Lampard.

A second attempt for a quarter peal took place the following Saturday and was successful.

RINGING AND SCRAMBLING

Any ringer who is also a motor scramble enthusiast is well advised to join Wilf Panter, of Exeter, on any of his evening 'tower-snatching trips, when he can be assured of an enjoyable few hours combining ringing with some trials events.

On October 9th ringers from Long Sutton, Bridgwater and Wellington (Somerset) with others from Whimple and Exeter (Devon) met at Luppitt (Devon) for the first tower of the evening. Here the party was welcomed by the Rector, and the bells were soon in motion in the standard methods to Kent Minor.

The evening's 'trial event' was the journey from here to Cotleigh. On the map it lays just the other side of the A.30, but it was soon obvious that Wilf, in the lead, wasn't consulting the same map. His route led the convoy of five cars through narrow country lanes on which no roadman could have done any work for many a day, through a farmyard and plenty of mud, everything in fact except a water jump, but Cotleigh was reached just a few minutes behind schedule. The local captain was there to welcome the party and the ringing included a touch of E. P. T. F.'s version of Spliced Doubles.

From here the roads were quite sound to Upottery with its nice mellow six (tenor 18 cwt.) on which, however, visitors are banned from ringing Minor, so the party satisfied itself with Doubles, but secretly longing to hear the tenor go 'inside.' This was the last tower of the evening, the party splitting up to go its various ways with their grateful thanks to the incumbents and organiser.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift (first of Triples 'inside') 2, M. Swift (first of Triples) 3, R. Buckland 4, E. G. Swift 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, Dorothy R. Fletcher 8. A farewell to Mrs. E. Bithel, daughter of the conductor, on the eve of her departure for Singapore.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jones 1, H. Hatfield 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Whiting 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. W. H. Trebble to the living at Bicester.

BOURNE, LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Primrose, 576 Cambridge): A. E. Larkinson 1, A. Wade 2, F. W. French 3, C. Wade 4, B. Wade 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nicholas.

BUCKLAND ST. MARY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jean Stevens 1, G. Sparkes 2, Pamela M. Stevens (first as cond.) 3, C. J. Stevens 4, E. Bawden 5, R. Shire 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor (360 Single Oxford, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): W. Shute (cond.) 1, L. Pink 2, M. Best 3, W. Mogg 4, D. French 5, H. Pitman 6. For the wedding of Mr. Fred Barton and Miss Joan Barker, both members of the local band.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. J. Stanier 1, S. Jackson 2, R. G. Morris 3, G. E. Large 4, A. Morgan 5, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 6, D. Beacham 7, C. Tansell 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Coward 1, Miss B. Dowling 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Read 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6, A. Smith 7, P. Cannon 8. For harvest festival.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Mundy 1, W. A. Wills 2, W. Howe (cond.) 3, F. Wills 4, A. T. Truman 5, H. J. Gorry 6, N. Mallett 7, G. Skinner 8, C. P. Yates 9, F. Wreford and D. Gill 10. First quarter on ten for 1, 4, 6, 8, 9 and D. Gill. For harvest festival.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe 5.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Claydon 1, H. Webb 2, Mrs. L. D. Mills 3, B. Webb 4, D. L. Mills 5, L. D. Mills 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, W. Arnold 8. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, W. Arnold 8. For Confirmation service.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Mayne 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, Miss E. K. Tulton 3, D. J. Taylor 4, H. G. Hart 5, P. D. Berdie 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. L. Milsom (first quarter) 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Norfolk, 240 Old, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Miss A. Tanner 1, Miss K. Yeo 2, C. J. Piper 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. First in four methods by all the band. For harvest festival.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, R. A. Bywaters 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, A. W. Dilley 4, G. Mayes 5, L. S. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Lofty 1, S. Barker 2, A. Sercombe 3, M. J. Day 4, E. G. Braley 5, D. Hall 6, J. Moore (cond.) 7, C. H. Moore 8. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor for the patronal festival.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Fidler 1, E. Winters 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, F. Croft 5, M. Orme 6, D. Jones (cond.) 7, W. Todd 8. Also 1,272 Minor, with tenor cover (552 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Cambridge): A. Tuttle 1, C. Hare 3, L. Fidler 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Winters 6, M. Orme 7, W. Todd 8. For harvest festival.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Witney (first of Surprise) 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Glibert (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Bob): Miss L. Allen (first of Minor) 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HURST, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Allum 1, J. Froome 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. A. Eele 5, L. Hall 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. For the dedication festival.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, J. Munnings 3, W. H. Mellin 4, N. R. Bailey 5, E. Bright (cond) 6, M. P. Page 7, E. V. Blake 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, L. Sharpe 2, R. Rose 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. King 6.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Oct. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Ottley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, D. Hollis 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, J. Hales 6, P. H. Mead 7, W. D. Grainger 8. For harvest festival.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 10th, 1,344 Ashtead Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winsh 2, Alan Smith 3, B. Hawkins 4, H. V. Young 5, G. Peters 6, A. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. McPhail (first of Major) 1, L. W. Batley 2, C. R. Smith (first in method) 3, C. A. Hughes 4, D. W. Beard 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 8. For Radio Mission service.

LONDON, E.C.—On Oct. 17th, at St. Olive's Church, Hart Street, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Lunn 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Waters 3, W. Rawlings 4, A. B. Peck 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, James Phillips 8.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roger Holland 1, C. Green 2, A. Cooper 3, E. Orland (cond.) 4, Richard Holland 5. For the wedding of Roy Wykes and Margaret Ward.

LYDD, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Olive Boulden 1, R. A. Hodgson (first of Triples) 2, D. Hodgson (first of Triples 'inside') 3, Maisie Vantom 4, D. C. Jackson 5, G. Pearson 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, H. S. Humphrey 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Commins 1, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (first quarter, cond.) 2, W. A. J. Knight 3, S. N. Bristow 4, F. Branchflower 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr 7, D. Chamberlain 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, Mrs. P. Tomlinson 2, T. Pink 3, M. J. Soper 4, W. P. Blake (first in method) 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davis 1, W. Theobald 2, L. Glyde 3, J. Barrett 4, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 5, W. Lewis 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung after dedication service.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Oct 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Vickery (first quarter) 1, G. Cole (first quarter) 2, L. Ridgman 3, E. Cork 4, S. Sharland 5, G. Luxton 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, J. Leach 8. All (except the conductor) members of the local band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, a quarter peal of Doubles (4½ extents St. Simon's Bob, 4 Canterbury Pleasure, 2 Plain Bob, 2 Grandsire): R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, L. Cordell 3, W. Wedlock (cond.) 4, H. King 5, J. Lodge 6. In memoriam James Padfield, whose funeral took place the same day.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (360 Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Barber 1, W. Warner 1, J. Forder 3, B. Barber 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, E. Long 6. Also 1,440 Surprise Minor (360 Ipswich, 360 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, J. Forder 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, E. Long 5, D. Long 6. For harvest festival.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. B. Wawman (first away from tenor) 1, R. Franklin 2, C. Watson 3, W. Welling 4, A. H. Bates 5, D. W. Stone (cond.) 6, G. Coussins 7, D. Boore 8. Also for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Boore 1, A. Cross 2, C. Watson 3, W. Welling 4, D. W. Stone (cond.) 5, G. Coussins 6, R. Franklin 7, R. Wawman 8. For harvest festival.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wright (first quarter) 1, R. Monk 2, W. A. Kitchenside 3, J. Ribbans 4, R. J. Andrews 5, H. Kingston 6. For harvest festival. Also a first birthday compliment to W. A. Kitchenside's grandson.

OTTERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, All Saints', Little Aston, Newborough, Seighford, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Stedman Slow Course and 60 Grandsire): S. Pitman 1, J. Carter 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, C. Deem 4, J. Quick 5, N. Skinner 6. First in eleven methods on the bells, for all and for the Guild.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: P. W. Croft (cond.) 1, R. Head 2, K. C. Timbury 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft 5. First in method by all. For harvest festival.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Oct. 3rd, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. H. Parker 3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. T. Greenwood 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. For harvest festival.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Stratford (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Christine Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, E. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Hall 6. For harvest festival. Average age 17 years 1 month.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Oct. 10th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. L. Pearson 3, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 4, A. Cave 5, L. Pearson 6, P. J. Coward 7, A. R. Ling (first as cond.) 8, R. F. Deal 9, W. Prockson 10, F. J. Matthews 11, A. J. House 12.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. F. Cookson (first in method) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, G. C. Cookson 4, W. H. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, R. Smith (first in method as cond.) 7, D. H. Watson 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. E. Wooldridge 1, Miss J. M. Clements 2, T. W. Welbourne 3, J. W. Rea 4, J. W. Euston 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, R. C. Cressey 8. In celebration of the centenary of the church, attended by the Bishop of Southwark.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown 1, H. Smith (cond.) 2, Miss J. Cudby 3, Miss P. Holloway 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, W. Hunt 6, R. Vaughan 7, E. G. Burrows 8. For harvest festival.

USK, MONS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Orginal): Wendy Prince (first quarter) 1, Nancy Hobbs (first quarter) 2, E. W. Luff 3, F. Hobbs 4, G. Knight 5, D. G. Clift (cond.) 6, L. Jones 7, I. Matthews and S. Kear 8.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): G. F. Howlett 1, G. W. Hughes 2, Miss S. Hughes (cond.) 3, E. T. Smith 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, Miss J. Fisher 6. For harvest festival, and an 18th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: O. Pole 1, M. Stone 2, G. Marchant 3, F. Sweet 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Dyment 6. First of Bob Doubles by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Bonas 1, G. E. Crisp 2, V. Chamberlain 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, D. Peacock 2, K. Bonas 3, N. Robinson 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For the patronal and harvest festival.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. B. Evans, R.N., 1, W. C. Lampard 2, Miss B. R. Pittaway 3, T. Parrot 4, R. F. Brewer 5, H. Cook 6, P. Nash 7, J. M. N. Lakin 8, J. A. C. King (cond.) 9, C. Haines 10. In honour of the captain's (Mr. W. C. Lampard) 80th birthday. First of Caters for 1, 5, 7 and 8, and as conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Sims 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, J. Warner 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking (first in the method) 8. For harvest festival.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Truran 1, Edna Everest 2, Agnes F. Millam 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, B. Harfield (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK TINGLE

The sudden death of Mr. Frederick Tingle at his home in Ripon has ended a connection with Ripon Cathedral belfry which had lasted for nearly 50 years.

Fred, as a young apprentice in the boot-making trade, learned to ring at Kettering at the end of the last century. He often spoke of the long struggle which the band of young learners faced when trying to master change ringing in the face of opposition from an old 'stoney' band.

As a young married man he set up in business in Ripon in the early months of 1905, and when he retired from business about two years ago he was one of the city's oldest tradesmen.

During his long connection with the Cathedral he was most regular in attendance at the belfry, and after his election as president of the Cathedral band of ringers in 1920 he retained this office until a few months ago, when he resigned in favour of a younger man.

The nature of his business prevented his attendance at many meetings and his participation in regular peal attempts, but he rang a few peals for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and for some years he was a vice-president of that body. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Association.

Many ringers who were stationed in the Ripon area during their military service in either of the two world wars will remember with gratitude the welcome which Fred extended to them at the Cathedral, and the hospitality which they enjoyed at his home. During the 1914-18 war two of his soldier guests were the sons of the late J. W. Washbrook. Fred often talked of their skill with handbells; neither of these talented young men survived.

After his retirement from business because of a serious illness, Fred regained his health and was able to resume ringing. He rang for Evensong on October 3rd and died suddenly on October 9th. On October 2nd he rang for a wedding at Ripon Cathedral—the day was the 52nd anniversary of his own wedding.

It is interesting to record that he rang for four coronations, for the enthronement of five Bishops of Ripon and had served under four Deans at Ripon.

As a member of the R.A.O.B. he was very active and held the office of Past Provincial Grand Primo.

At the funeral service on October 12th the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples and Stedman; the ringers taking part were nearly all former pupils of the deceased.

The funeral service which preceded cremation at Townswood was conducted by the Very Rev. F. Llewellyn Hughes, Dean of Ripon, and Canon W. E. Wilkinson, Canon-in-Residence. The Cathedral organist, Mr. Lionel Bakers, was at the organ.

The Ripon Cathedral company of ringers have lost a valuable and cheerful colleague. They feel certain that many other ringers will wish to join them in offering their sympathy to the widow and family. R.I.P. E. H.

CANON P. G. WARD

Canon Percy George Ward, Rector of Westmill, Herts, and a Canon of Peterborough, died suddenly on October 6th. From 1927 until 1945 he was Vicar of Harston, and in 1937 he was instrumental in getting the bells of this parish augmented to a ring of six. The old tenor, a pre-Reformation bell by Austen Bracker, is kept in its original state on the belfry floor.

After the funeral service on October 8th, conducted by the present Vicar (the Rev. Mansfield Williams) in the presence of the Bishop of Ely and other clergy, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by C. W. Cook 1, R. J. Housden 2, W. T. Cook 3, T. R. Dennis 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, E. G. Hibbens (conductor) 6. C. W. C.

MR. RICHARD E. JONES

We regret to record the passing to higher service on October 13th of Mr. Richard E. (Eddie) Jones, of Norbury (Hazel Grove) at the age of 57 after a long illness. He had been a ringer at Norbury for over a quarter of a century and faithfully carried out his duties until ill-health prevented him from doing so.

His peal total was not large judging by today's standards but far more effort went into its composition than is apparent from the figures. A large number of his peals were on the treble, not from any lack of ability on his part, but rather from his desire to serve the band to the best of his ability. His treble ringing was masterly for not only did he put the bell in its place but by a glance or the raising of a finger would pick up the member of the band who had wandered. He was a tower of strength to the band and to the conductor, yet he never sought the limelight for himself and was always ready to make room for someone else. Of recent years when a peal has been rung at Norbury we have never been more satisfied than when we have heard that he listened to it and found the ringing up to standard.

His service to the community at large was none the less faithful and he was for some years the Superintendent of the Hazel Grove Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and during the war years was concerned in A.R.P. work.

He was laid to rest within the sound of the bells he loved so well on Saturday, October 16th, and as the cortege approached the church the half-muffled bells were rung to 'whole pull and stand.' The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Taylor) assisted by the Rev. W. Plimley and attended by many friends, ringers and members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He was carried to his last rest by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by four members of the Chester Guild, of which he was a member for over 25 years.

He leaves a widow, a son (Mr. Basil Jones, who is well known to many) and a daughter, and to them heartfelt sympathy is extended.
C. K. L.

THE LATE MR. J. F. PRIEST

Dear Sir,—It might be of interest to recall that I met the late Mr. Priest when on holiday at Cape Town in 1947. He was then living with relatives at Lansdowne, Cape Flats. I was taken there by his niece, a Mrs. Pfister, with whom he formerly lodged. He had the misfortune to lose a leg at the age of 81, as a result of an injury due to a fall. This was about 1945 and I believe he had been bedridden ever since.

Mr. Priest told me he had been a locomotive driver until he retired. He mentioned that the last peal he took part in before leaving England was one of Treble Bob Royal at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, in 1890, and he rang the treble. Ringing at Woodstock was then at a low ebb. Mr. Priest had not rung there since his fall.

In response to my inquiry about other survivors of the 1904 peal, I was able to meet Mrs. Murray, who told me her husband had passed away in June of the previous year. She mentioned that St. Mary's, Woodstock, was the third church dedicated to St. Mary at which her husband had been a regular ringer, the other two being at Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The only other survivor of the 1904 Woodstock peal whom I have met was Mr. Collins, who, I believe, shared the ringing of the tenor. I met him in Johannesburg about 1941 where he had a jewellery business. I do not know when he settled there, but he was from Australia originally.—Yours faithfully,
C. CHAMBERS.

Durban.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Branch practice for November is to take place on Mondays at Leigh, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Thornley. 5262

MAULDEN, BEDS.—Practice has now commenced and will continue throughout the winter months on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—M. J. Lockey, Tower Sec. 5248

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Wookey, Sat., Oct. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting. —W. March, Dovecotes, Street. 5216

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5222

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, Oct 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Paragon Cafe at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5191

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 5183

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2866. 5192

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Those attending the Ladies' Guild meeting at Bethnal Green on Oct. 30th need NOT bring their own food. Tea will be provided by the District Committee. 5242

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, South Benfleet, Saturday, Oct. 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Please bring own food. Further ringing after tea till 8 p.m.—P. A. Sadler, Sec. 5231

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, S.W.4. Ringing 2.30–4 p.m., followed by service. Meeting and tea, Halliday Hall, Clapham Common (south side).—J. R. Leeming, Hon. Sec. 5229

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Co-operative Restaurant, Co-operative Emporium, Doncaster, Oct. 30th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Arksey bells (8) available 2,30-5.30 p.m. Buses from North Bridge at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. Rotherham bells available 3 p.m. to 4.30. Doncaster bells unavailable (tower repairs). Peal applications to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Memorial Hall, near church, open at 3 p.m. for handbells and light refreshments. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5203

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Monday, Nov. 1st, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5240

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, Nov. 6th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. Closing date for names: October 30th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Northowram (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.30. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Please bring own sandwiches. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Good bus service from Halifax. 5232

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—**Meeting, Nov. 6th, at Goldington.** Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method Oswald Delight. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Marshall, 368, Goldington Road, Bedford.—Bryan Pattison. 5249

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to D. Smith, 29, West Avenue, Northwich. 5258

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Induction service of new Vicar of Aspatria on Nov. 6th at 3 p.m. Ringing before and after service. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, Newcastle, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, November 6th. 5257

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening meeting, Cosham (6), 6.30 to 9 p.m., Nov. 6th.—R. E. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham, Wilts. 5251

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 6 to 9 p.m. —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5236

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Social, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each. Cash, please, when ordering from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. 5224

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. Important business. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5256

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting will be held at Bentham, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to R. Downham, 3, Bank Houses, Bentham, Yorks.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5259

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newton St. Peter's on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Maudsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-in-Makerfield. Please try to make this a good meeting.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5261

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray.—Meeting at Wymondham, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Edw. Huddlestone, Wymondham, by Nov. 3rd. — J. H. Cook. 5250

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Scunthorpe (8), Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 5210

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Folkingham (6), Nov. 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m., at Wooler-ton's Café. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 5226

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5230

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Loughton, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 5241

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Nov. 6th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5239

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Lilbourne, Nov. 6th. Names for tea essential, must reach me by Nov. 2nd.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5247

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Seend (6), Nov. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea. — Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5252

SOUTHWELL GUILD (North Notts District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Retford, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ordsall (6) 2.30 until 5 p.m., East Retford (10) and West Retford (6), 2.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea, 3s. each, at Tudor Café at 5.30, only for those who notify by Nov. 3rd Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford.—H. Denman and N. Chaddock. 5218

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Daybrook (8), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham, by previous Wednesday. 5223

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Milldenhall District.—Meeting at Newmarket (6) with Exning (5), Sat., Nov. 6th. Exning bells 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Newmarket, from 6 p.m. Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant, Newmarket, 5.15 p.m. approx.—E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 5217

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd to J. B. Jackson, White Cottage, Beech Drive, Kingswood. 5225

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice, Lower Beeding (8), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Names for tea by Nov. 4th to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5234

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5253

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Meeting, Havant, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 2. Tea 4. Service 5.15. Names by Oct. 30th to Miss M. Ralph, 2, Market Lane, Havant. 5228

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Highclere (8) available from 2.30 to 4.30, then bus from Highclere to Woolton Hill for service at 4.45. Tea and meeting 5.15. Woolton Hill (6) after tea. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to Mr. G. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere. 5200

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hever (6), Nov. 13th. Tea at Henry VIII. Names to me by Nov. 11th. Annual dinner, Dec. 11th, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets 10s. Numbers limited, early application with remittance essential.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 5244

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5245

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Morton (6) Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 11th to G. Holdgate, 5, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 5263

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 10th to Mr. Porrett, 16, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 5238

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting, Nov. 13th, at Sellindge (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must reach Mr. P. Small, Church Lane, Aldington, by Tuesday, Nov. 9th.—W. P. G. 5237

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District. — Quarterly meeting, Queensbury, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea arrangements later. All welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Dis. Sec. 5255

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Important: Names for tea to me not later than Nov. 6th.—F. W. Hancock. 5246

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Third Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing during the afternoon, St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), and St. Giles', Willenhall (10).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 5204

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. — Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 3 p.m., dedication of new trebles by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell. Ringing afterwards. 5243

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—**Alteration of date.** Secretaries please note: The next quarterly meeting to be held at North Creake is on Nov. 20th and not 28th, as previously arranged.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 5235

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ANOTHER NOTABLE CLERIC

AMONG the contemporaries of the immortal Fabian Stedman were two clerical gentlemen, both of whom were of some note in the Church and both of whom made no small contribution to the advancement of the art of change ringing. Of these two, the first, Richard Duckworth, is perhaps the more important, for he was, it is now accepted, the author of the first text book ever written on change ringing. The second notable priest was Samuel Scattergood.

Scattergood was born in 1646 at Winwick, in Northamptonshire, where his father, Anthony Scattergood, was Rector. Anthony was a well-known divine and one with influential friends; and his integrity and scholarship were recognised when in 1662 he was entrusted with the task of seeing the revised Book of Common Prayer through the press. Samuel, his son, was destined for the Church, and was, in 1664, admitted a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, at the same time as Isaac Newton. He graduated B.A. in 1665 and M.A. in 1669, and his progress marked him as a man of great learning and scholarship. He was elected a fellow of his college in 1668, and in the next year, at the opening of the Sheldonian Theatre, he and his father were incorporated members of the University of Oxford.

Having taken orders, he was for three years Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield, after which period he was appointed Rector of Blockley. Where he began his ringing is not known, but it is clear that his interest in the art was stimulated by his residence at Cambridge and his intimacy with Fabian Stedman, for when Stedman published his 'Campanalogia' in 1667 he included in it 'Seventeen Peals composed at Cambridge by Mr. S.S.' These 'peals,' which are, of course, extents of Doubles, are interesting in their construction and for their quaint names, but they are of little practical value to-day. One of them, Winwick Doubles, is clearly named after Samuel's birthplace, and another, called 'Jumping Doubles,' is an experiment in making the treble move into two positions at a blow. Perhaps the most interesting feature is the construction of six-scores by joining together different kinds of leads, the earliest examples we have of a plan that has led to the development of modern spliced ringing.

In 1672 Scattergood joined the College Youths, but he seems never to have resided in London. Little, of course, can be traced of his practical ringing activity, but there can be no doubt that he was no mean exponent of the art, and his connection with Stedman suggests that he visited Leicester with Fabian in 1669. This is made more probable by the fact that in 1686 Scattergood took a band from Leicester to Solihull to try out the new eight bells cast for St. Alphege's Church by Henry Bagley. There remains at Solihull a declaration in Samuel Scattergood's own handwriting giving testimony to the excellence of Bagley's work, in which document the worthy cleric says that he is able to 'judg all ye sd. 8 Bells to be well and workmanlike made, every way right for tone and metall, ye chearfullest & best Ring of Bells for their weight that I have ever heard.' Here is one of the very earliest, and one of the most downright, pieces of criticism we have of bells and bellhanging.

Samuel was a great scholar and a notable preacher, but he was far from a dull pedant, and the phrase 'cheerfullest and best' seems to carry in it some clue to his own vivacity and vigorous outlook. And in this connection it is interesting to read a passage quoted by Trollope from one of Scattergood's sermons, a discourse in which the long-faced puritan is reproved. It reads: '. . . The too hard censors of our age whose religion consists chiefly in sour looks, demure carriage and a different garb from the rest of the world; who will needs have Heaven peopled with none but morose and ill-natured persons . . . that will not allow a disciple of Christ to laugh.'

No portrait of this man survives, no record of his personal appearance or social habits. The 3rd bell at Blockley bears his name, and at this church they will show to the visitor a letter written by Anthony to his son Samuel when the younger man was at Cambridge; and comparison of this handwriting with that in the old book at Solihull provides an interesting study in heredity. Apart from this there remain only the volumes of sermons and the 'seventeen peals by Mr. S.S.' Yet in these few relics one seems to sense a briskness, a vitality, as if he found many things 'ye chearfullest and best' in the momentous days in which he lived. And one is left with the feeling that he would have been good to know.

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

JAMES A. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	6
DENIS A. FRITH	2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY ..	7
DAVID A. CARPENTER ..	3	H. LESLIE PASK	8
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ..	4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	9
JOSEPH A. FENTON	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 500th peal.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt.

FRED ALMOND	*Treble*	PETER COXAL	6
*TERRY OWEN	2	LESTER L. GRAY	7
†DOREEN DUTTON	3	JACK BROWN	8
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ..	4	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ..	9
RONALD KENRICK	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	6
MARY WALSHAW	2	ALAN PENDLEBURY	7
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ..	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
*NORMAN TOMPKINS ..	4	PERCY W. CAVE	9
*JOSEPH THORNLEY	5	*JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCY W. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a welcome to H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on their visit to the county of Lancashire.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
FRANK V. GANT	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
DAVID W. BEARD	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ..	8
LEWIS W. WIFFIN	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	9
ALFRED J. HOUSE	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOPP. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER..	5
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER ..	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	6
†MICHAEL FULLER	3	LEONARD A. TIDY	7
RICHARD W. STEPHENS ..	4	‡JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal. The ringer of the 7th has 'completed the circle' of this tower.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5376 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	MAURICE BAILEY	6
*GORDON H. LANE	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ..	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

*RICHARD SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ..	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	2	†ROGER BALDWIN	6
†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. F. LEWRY. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'
First peal in method as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY ..	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
EDWARD G. CURSON ..	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
CEDRIC CURSON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
In memoriam George Reader Bailey.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*R. MARGARET BRYCE ..	*Treble*	†DAVID CUBITT	5
WILFRID F. MORETON ..	2	†GEOFFREY TOWNEND ..	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	3	†KENNETH PARK	7
†JAMES H. KIRBY	4	†JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the Feast of St. Luke and for the seventh anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

SAMUEL A. MARTIN	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	H. OWEN OVER	6
DONALD A. THEEDON ..	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
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On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 OLNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 25th peal together. The first peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
RALPH BIRD	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

HAROLD LEATHER	*Treble*	*JAMES BENNETT	5
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
*DIANA M. MATTHEW	3	GEORGE W. PIKE	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	*LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal in the method.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE ASTBURY	*Treble*	FREDERICK JACKSON	5
JOHN TIMMIS	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ERIC B. ALLMAN	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
WILLIAM BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

*PETER NASH	*Treble*	†ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and a welcome to Margaret Beamish, who recently entered Southampton University.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
*RONALD CHAFER	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
C. AUBREY HARRISON	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal in the method.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Treble*	JOHN F. BRYANT	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	ROBERT E. MOULDS	6
SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
JEAN C. BROWN	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
Rung for the centenary of the dedication of the present church.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*PAT MCFARLANE	*Treble*	ANN M. COX	5
H. COLCOMBE	2	EILEEN M. TURNER	6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
JAMES F. DODSON	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Russell Brittain, M.A., who has retired after 27 years as Vicar.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	PETER J. COLES	5
*DUDLEY C. WELLINGTON	2	FREDERICK J. SPICER	6
ERIC EDMONDSON	3	STANLEY HUCKLE	7
MARY LAWRENCE	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*JOAN CORDWELL	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ANNE WORTH	2	ALAN A. POTTS	6
JOHN WORTH	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
†DOROTHY T. GARDINER	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.
Rung on the eve of the dedication of the east window, which replaces one destroyed by enemy action in 1940.

LANLIVERY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BREVITA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Treble*	DOUGLAS BURNETT	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	6
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
HARRY HARPER	4	C. KEITH BREWER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the recently rchung bells.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	*KENNETH LAWSON	5
*MRS. W. MAUGHAN	2	E. PETER ROCK	6
ROLAND PARK	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
*MRS. K. LAWSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

Margot R. Thompson	*Treble*	John W. Blythe	5
Robert E. Lester	2	William J. Button	6
Diana M. Matthew	3	H. William Barrett	7
Frank Ruffles	4	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.

John Wilson	*Treble*	Leslie Houghton	5
Tom Greenacre	2	George P. Adams	6
Cecil V. Ebberson	3	Norman V. Harding	7
Sidney Marshall	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*J. Brenda Softley	*Treble*	Thomas W. Crowe	5
Charles McGuiness	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
*Kathleen Softley	3	Denis A. Bayles	7
Frank G. Bloomfield	4	Kenneth Arthur	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung as a farewell peal to Eric Harrison on joining the Royal Marines.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WINTERBOURNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day.
Tenor 22 cwt. (reputed).

*William E. Ray	*Treble*	†Ernest A. Anstey	4
*Ernest Thomas	2	William F. Scudamore	5
†Thomas T. Walters	3	†Verdun Cater	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. First peal on the bells by the Sunday service band, and in seven methods.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*Donald Peacock	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	4
*Frank Elson	2	William J. Ridgman	5
George E. Crisp	3	William T. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*Freda Tayson	*Treble*	Reginald T. Jones	4
John J. Webb	2	Philip G. Morgan	5
Edwin J. C. Davis	3	Josephine Green	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip G. Morgan.
* First peal. First peal as conductor, aged 14 years.
A 15th birthday compliment to Miss Josephine Green.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Rung on the front six.

*Peter Minchin	*Treble*	Roland W. Morant	4
Eileen M. Turner	2	E. John Wells	5
Ann M. Cox	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven Minor methods as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung on the day of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual dinner to commemorate the name of John S. Goldsmith.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. W. Selby	*Treble*	*Rev. A. Webb	4
*E. Carter	2	J. A. Selby	5
*G. Selby	3	*F. Basket	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. W. Selby.
* First peal. All ringers of the local Sunday service band.
Rung as the Southern Branch quarterly peal.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents of April Day and 39 of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Reginald T. Evans	*Treble*	Phillip E. Dodd	4
Vera Smart	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Kenneth G. Purse	3	†Gordon F. Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Oswy Street	*Treble*	Charles Cook	4
*Winifred Wilkinson	2	John Newbert	5
Mrs. F. Kirk	3	Harold Denman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal.
A farewell peal to Mrs. F. Kirk, a local ringer, who left on October 27th for Hong Kong to join her husband.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent of London and six of Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Dennis E. Pepper	*Treble*	John G. Gipson	4
Gillian A. Smith	2	William J. Ridgman	5
T. Reginald Dennis	3	Chris. M. P. Johnson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles W. Cook.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford and Cambridge.
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

Amos Ingall	*Treble*	Bertie Bee	4
William R. Parker	2	Louis Willders	5
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	John E. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Cook.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*RODNEY STRINGER .. ..*Treble*	‡FRED E. DUKES 4
†JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 2	†REV. JOHN J. FIELDING.. 5
†JEAN STEWART 3	†WILLIAM HALL .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise rung in Ireland by a resident band.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANCIS R. GODDARD ..*Treble*	HERMON J. OLIVER 4
LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 2	JOHN H. SITCH 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Eric G. Everett, one of the local company, and Miss Pauline Brown, of Rettendon, whose marriage was solemnised earlier in the day at Rettendon.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints'. Tenor 7 cwt.

MAURICE BAKER .. ..*Treble*	BRYAN E. SHEDEL 3
CHARLES E. HILL 2	WILLIAM T. HILL 4
*JOHN F. SHEDEL .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by BRYAN E. SHEDEL.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Eric M. Baker and Margaret A. Hollands, two members of the local band, who were married at this church on Saturday, July 31st. A peal attempt arranged at that time had to be postponed owing to an arm injury.

OTTERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Seighford, Marchington, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Newborough, and two of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD PITMAN .. ..*Treble*	SIDNEY F. SKINNER .. 4
*ROBERT PERRY 2	JOHN QUICK 5
*CYRIL SAVAGE 3	†NORMAN SKINNER .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.

* First peal in 11 Doubles methods. † First peal.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. .. ..*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 5
*PETER JARVIS 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal in three methods.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HARRY SPRINGATE .. ..*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS 4
RALPH BIRD 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

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SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	*Treble*	AUBREY D. MILLS	4
HORACE BENNETT	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	5
*A. ROY WHITHYMAN ..	3	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	4
*DEREK JEWELL	2	DAVID W. BEARD	5
HERMON J. OLIVER	3	*ANDREW J. SALISBURY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in three Minor methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 13, PENNYGATE,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	5—6
RONALD C. NOON	3—4	*REV. G. N. HEATH.. ..	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 26, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT EAST VIEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 of St. Dunstan's and 1,440 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
		ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.
First handbell peal by all in four methods.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): G. H. Perry 1, J. H. Hayne 2, H. T. Corben (first in two methods on 'inside' bell) 3, Betty J. Marsh 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, M. W. Ford 6. For the wedding of Canon A. W. Markby, the branch chairman.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. A. Carpenter 1, C. S. Aylett 2, F. W. Perrins (cond.) 3, P. K. Williamson 4, D. A. Carpenter 5, H. G. Summers 6, J. W. T. Taylor 7, W. A. Stote 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. Holmes 1, E. Drewitt 2, C. G. White 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. Absolom 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (cond.) 8. R. White 9, N. Dix 10. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. R. Jessel, who was interred at Appleton that day; also for Mr. V. Bennett, of Oxford.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Hilton (first quarter) 1, A. E. Laker 2, J. H. G. Gardner 3, A. C. V. Gasson 4, R. S. Squire 5, J. H. Lilley (first in method as cond.) 6. E. H. Knapp 7, D. J. Laker 8. First in method 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8. Rung in honour of the christening of the grandson of the ringer of the 4th.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Bob Triples: P. Flack (first quarter, 11) 1, P. Stacey (first 'inside,' 15) 2, W. Collins 3, Miss P. Hutton 4, R. Castledine (15) 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, C. Harwood (15) 8.

BATLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Wood 1, Barbara Morton 2, Shirley Marshall 3, K. Davies 4, D. Atkins (first as cond.) 5, H. Marsden 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hunt 1, G. Strathdee 2, A. Seymour (cond.) 3, A. Strathdee 4, R. Witney 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the Rev. F. Stuart (Vicar), laid to rest this afternoon.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Lyman 1, D. Brown 2, J. Petch 3, S. Jessop 4, A. Freeston 5, T. Freeston 6, R. Brown 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. T. Hume 1, Miss E. Cansdale 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the United Brotherhood service by an all-local band.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 29th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: J. W. Ward 1, H. F. Brown 2, C. M. P. Johnson 3, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, J. G. Gipson 8, C. W. Smith 9, H. L. Martin 10, J. W. R. Quinney 11, H. Rayner 12. First quarter of Stedman Cinques for 2, 9, 10, 11 and 12, and first ever for Sunday service on the whole ring.

CHELSEA, S.W.—On Oct. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Mead (first quarter, 15) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Miss V. E. Dupré 3, C. H. Wood 4, Miss J. M. Weddell 5, B. G. Moore 6, A. F. Udall 7, F. P. Mead 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, C. T. Bartlett 10.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Peters 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, I. H. Oram 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, M. Fuller 5, J. L. Morris 6, D. Beresford (cond.) 7, P. N. Bond 8. Rung to celebrate the 84th anniversary of the church's dedication.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Higdon (first quarter) 1, W. Higdon 2, W. Higgins 3, D. V. Gare 4, H. Lintern 5, R. Tucker 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, E. Lambert 8.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Slatford 1, C. Savage 2, F. Wilton 3, B. Sutton 4, B. Bloden (cond.) 5, L. Hutchings 6. Rung for Holy Communion.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Gordon 1, H. K. White 2, Jill Bishop 3, A. Woodley 4, M. Bishop (cond.) 5, H. Bishop 6, G. Bishop 7, D. Napper 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hitchman 1, G. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, D. Jordan 4, J. Gordon (cond.) 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, E. Sawyer 8. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bishop 1, J. Gordon 2, Jill Bishop (first as cond.) 3, H. K. White 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, A. Woodley 7, D. Napper 8.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. O. Hughes 1, A. M. Warris 2, J. R. Mayne 3, H. E. Clayton 4, R. G. Ouston (first as cond.) 5, D. H. Moss (first quarter) 6. Rung for 2nd Edgware (St. Margaret's) Scouts 25th birthday service.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Miss P. Carter 1, Miss P. Lewis 2, Miss P. Turk 3, P. Smith 4, Miss K. Stisted 5, A. Waddington (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for morning service.

EWELME, OXON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Fulker (first quarter) 1, W. Absolom (first quarter) 2, F. Godden (first quarter) 3, J. Godman 4, F. Smith 5, F. Absolom (first as cond.) 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Woods 1, R. A. Finch 2, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 3, R. H. Mills 4, R. C. Turner 5, G. H. Smith 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. A farewell to R. A. Finch on leaving for Southampton University.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): S. N. Stevens 1, C. D. Mann 2, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 3, T. P. Harris 4, J. F. Olney 5, A. Buck 6. First in three methods 1 and 5. Rung for harvest festival.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (three 240s Morris', three 240s Pitman's): E. Murrell 1, R. Rose 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, L. Sharpe 4, A. F. Ballam 5.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, Betty Mansfield 2, A. H. Hinton 3, W. A. Yates 4, A. Mansfield 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Young 1, H. Bird 2, S. Clark 3, L. Whitby 4, R. Hayden 4, J. Aley 6, E. Rochester 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. J. Taylor 1, P. D. Beedle (first in method) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, S. A. Warwick 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. A farewell to S. A. Warwick, who is shortly joining H.M. Forces.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Shellard 1, W. A. Yates (cond.) 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Hinton 5, B. Saunders 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For harvest festival.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Heath 1, J. W. Meade 2, C. A. Tester 3, K. S. Hohl 4, R. E. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3 and 4.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Toxall (first quarter, 13) 1, D. Cornwall (first as cond., 15) 2, Miss D. Coker 3, R. Biggs 4, N. Cornwall 5, J. Kape 6, A. E. Cox 7, V. Evans 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Howell (first of 10 bells) 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, B. G. Moore 7, F. D. Bishop 8, T. E. Davies 9, T. F. V. Neil (first of 10 bells) 10.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Fulker 1, P. Wilson 2, F. Godden 3, R. Wells 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Norris 6. For harvest festival.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gall (first on treble) 1, Miss M. Wallace 2, J. Dinenage (first 'inside') 3, Miss A. Barr 4, M. W. Fairey 5, D. W. Barr (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Rev. Preb E. V. Cox 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. Whitemore 5, R. Keeley (cond.) 6, W. H. Poole 7, C. W. Powell 8.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Elliott (first quarter) 1, F. Parsons 2, A. Ham 3, D. Neville 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Cowdry 6. For harvest festival.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Perrin 1, L. Dawson (cond.) 2, H. Nutt 3, J. Burgess 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung fully-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Ralph Taylor, aged 80, a ringer at this tower, whose funeral was held the same day. The band came from Christ Church, Friezland, Yorks. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A Tomlinson (cond.) 1, H. Jackson, J.P., 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, R. Walker 5, K. Ager 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung with the bells fully-muffled for the late conductor, R. Taylor.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 29th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Rhyles 1, G. C. Beech 2, A. Gaunt 3, J. Beardmore 4, G. Marsh 5, H. Bullough 6, G. A. Moore (cond.) 7, G. Ford 8. First quarter 1, 5, 6 and 8. First on the bells since rehanging. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Bob Major: B. Rhyles 1, G. Ford 2, G. C. Beech 3, G. Marsh 4, J. Beardmore 5, A. Gaunt 6, R. S. Anderson 7, G. A. Moore (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 5 and 6. A farewell to David and Judith Midgeley, ringers at this church, who have left for Stourbridge.

OFFWELL, DEVON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, C. Webb 2, W. Sparks 3, F. Coombs 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, G. Ackland 6.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Cooper (first on the treble) 1, W. C. Boughton 2, J. Southall 3, R. Moors 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, J. R. Niblett (first in the method) 6, G. W. Boughton 7, R. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Moors, who attained the age of 79 on October 3rd, a member of the local band for 55 years.

QUARTER PEALS

POPLAR, E.—On Oct. 17th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, G. Bryant 2, C. W. Ottley 3, C. A. Hughes 4, L. W. Bullock 5, C. A. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Harvey 8. Rung for Evensong, and a birthday compliment to J. A. Hales.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Oct. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, Miss J. Dumbrell 2, J. D. Harris 3, R. W. Parker 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. T Greenwood 6, L. D. Duguid (first quarter as cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Robbins (first quarter) 1, D. V. Smith 2, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 3, T. Edwards 4, A. R. Wright 5, L. Bates 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Cobb and Miss Sheila Rogers, at Farrington Gurney this day; both were ringers at Publow. No ring of bells at Farrington.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, at the Church of St. Lawrence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. Hilton 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, C. Durham (first 'inside') 3, T. W. Edwards 4, S. J. Gee 5, L. J. Twyman 6, A. E. Jarman (cond.) 7, R. S. Weekes 8. Rung to commemorate the wedding anniversaries of the ringers of the 2nd and 7th, and also of the parents of the 3rd.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. E. Merrett (first quarter) 2, H. Corney 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, J. Merrett 5, J. Barrance 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. Rung prior to the patronal festival service.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Small (first quarter) 1, Ruth Carey 2, Pat Forster 3, A. Hicks 4, R. Hodgson (first as cond.) 5, Margaret Twidale 6, J. Moore 7, J. Barnes (first quarter) 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. First quarter in two methods by all except the 4th.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Wickenden (first quarter) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, F. V. H. Sinkins 3, Mrs. J. C. Birt 4, R. J. Edden (Leamington) 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, B. T. Lister 8. A valedictory quarter to Mr. Sinkins, and a birthday compliment to Miss Wickenden.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. Collins (first of Major) 1, Pauline Manning 2, C. Gardner 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, C. Savage 5, W. A. Carter 6, B. Sutton 7, F. G. Wilton 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: James Thorley 1, John Thorley (first of London Surprise) 2, G. Jackson 3, H. Scott 4, W. H. Jackson (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, D. Chapman 6, W. F. Moreton 7, W. E. Critchley 8.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Smith 1, Miss E. W. Keys 2, E. J. Munday 3, Miss S. K. M. Knight 4, R. Baldwin 5, F. W. Burnett 6, F. Lewis (first as cond.) 7, K. Hart (first quarter) 8. For evening service.

WEST HAM, E.—On Oct. 17th, 1,259, Grandsire Caters: L. Batley 1, C. E. Hughes 2, A. J. House 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, L. Woods 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, L. W. Bullock 8, T. East 9, J. McPail 10. First of Caters for 1, 4, 5, 7 and 9, and first as conductor.

WESTONZOYLAND, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 60 Grandsire): M. Stone 1, R. Short 2, D. Miller (first in more than one method) 3, C. Clarke (first as cond.) 4, W. Stevens (first in six methods) 5, E. Bawden 6.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Hoodless 1, T. Goodwin 2, D. Clarke (cond.) 3, A. Greasley 4, A. Simpson 5, T. Greasley 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 4 and 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Marlow (first quarter) 1, J. Goss (first 'inside') 2, H. Tice 3, Mrs. R. Blunden 4, C. Butler 5, B. Goodall 6, G. Butler (cond.) 7, F. Bunch 8. For harvest festival.

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Mr. Eric N. Harrison, one of Tyneside's most promising ringers, joined the Royal Marines near Exeter for his National Service this week. He took part in a farewell peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on October 28th at St. John-the-Baptist's, Newcastle.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Good progress has been made at Cambridge since the bells at St. Mary's have been restored. Probably in their long history, which dates from 1724, Cambridge Youths have for the first time a Stedman Cinques band.

The ringer of the 3rd in the College Youths' peal at Bristol on October 2nd was John M. Stallard.

Assuming on instructions the conductor's duty of sending us a report of a peal at Heptonstall, our correspondent suggests that it is at week-ends that Ted does his Mum's washing!

The peals at Fulney, Wolstanton and Bramham (see issue October 22nd) were the first there since the last war and the peal at Coalbrookdale on October 2nd was the 100th on the bells, writes the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

Mr. Jack L. Millhouse, of Lincoln, will receive many congratulations on ringing his 500th peal. He writes: 'With regard to Arthur V. Pearson blaming George E. Fearn for his list, I am afraid I, too, must partly blame George E. Fearn and George E. Feirn.'

A machine compositor takes Mr. E. Barnett to task in suggesting that the cost of a single peal report costs nearly as much as half a page of ordinary matter. If column was substituted for page the statement would be nearer the mark.

When Commemoration Day was observed at Rye Grammar School on October 5th the bells were rung by a mixed band of past and present scholars. Ringing consisted of Rounds, Call Changes, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Grandsire Triples. The band consisted of Pat Forster, Margaret Twidale, Christine Vollans, Jennifer Southerden, Jean Morrison, Ruth Carey, D. Jackson, D. Hodgson, R. Hodgson, J. Moore, J. Small and H. Bourn.

The Armistice Sunday broadcast service on the West Region is to be from Castle Cary at 9.30 a.m. on November 7th. The bells will be on the air prior to the service.

Mr. Roland F. Eccles, of 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe, has been appointed 'Ringing World' representative for the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes that he has recorded 46 peals at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, from 1762 onwards and not one is Stedman Caters, so Mr. Farmer is probably right in thinking the recent peal to be the first in the tower.

The appeal on behalf of Freshwater, Isle of Wight, bells last year was so successful that sufficient funds were available to provide an oak screen at the east end of the ringing chamber. This was dedicated by the Rector (Canon R. P. Dodd) at Evensong on October 24th at the request of the chief ringer (Mr. F. A. Green).

Of the 42 members who attended the joint meeting of the Northern District of the Herts County Association and the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association at Hitchin on October 23rd over half were under 21 years of age. Twenty towers were represented. Ringing included a course of Pudsey and Bristol Surprise.

Hearty congratulations to Tom Cullingworth, who rang the tenor at Dunstable, Beds, to Bristol, for his 250th peal. A member of the band writes that Tom's brilliant performance on the tenor and the faultless ringing of the ever resourceful Eddie Jeffries on the 7th resulted in a peal on that grand ring of bells that they would all long remember.

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FIRST DINNER OF ESSEX ASSOCIATION

AT Chelmsford on October 9th another page in the history of the Essex Association was filled, when in the mellow surroundings of the Picture Room of the Shire Hall, with its gleaming silver and shining glass, members gathered to dine together for the first time. It was very fitting that the dinner should be held under the shadow of the Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese, for it brought home to the members the foremost object of the Association is the worship of God and that its social activities take second place.

The festivities started with Choral Evensong in the Cathedral with the superb singing which is associated with Evensong in Chelmsford Cathedral. Afterwards the bells of the Cathedral and of the Parish Churches of Great Baddow and Writtle were available for use by members.

The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) accompanied by Mrs. Heazel, presided at dinner, supported by the following officers of the Association:—Messrs. L. W. Wiffen and L. J. Clark (vice-presidents), Mr. H. Turner (Deputy Master), Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary and treasurer), Miss H. G. Snowden, Messrs. H. J. Millatt, J. H. Crampion and E. W. Roast (District Masters). The guests included the Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon) and Mrs. Gordon, the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. W. N. Welch) and Mrs. Welch.

PART OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Master, before proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' reminded the assembly that this was the first dinner organised by the Essex Association and that thanks were due to the hon. secretary of the Association (Mr. F. V. Gant) for the hard work and long hours spent in organising the function. Dealing with the State first, Mr. Heazel referred to the British heritage, which was a noble one, and that Britain had the highest state of civilisation in the world. Bell ringing was an art peculiar to these islands and formed part of the culture of the British heritage. The British people had a superlative example in religious behaviour in Her Majesty the Queen, who found among her heavy and onerous State duties time consistently to attend Divine worship wherever she might be, and we should follow her great example. Turning to the Church, Mr. Heazel said it did not matter whether they rang in a humble steeple or in the stately tower, the aim should be that the bells of every tower should be rung regularly for service on Sunday.

In coupling the Provost's name with the toast, Mr. Heazel thanked him for the interest he had taken in the Association since he came to the Diocese, and for the enthusiasm and drive he was applying in formulating the plans to provide money for the building of a new Cathedral at Chelmsford, which would be worthy of the Diocese and which would provide a spiritual centre for the work which the Bishop had undertaken in this great Diocese with its many problems.

The Provost, in his reply, said that the Church of England was a great Church for tradition. While they clung to the traditions of the past they always welcomed the future and looked forward to new ideas and new blood infusing through the Church's veins. The aim of the Association should always be service to the Church, fellowship with each other, and loyalty to the nation. The motto which should always be before them should be 'We' rather than 'I'; the team rather than the individual.

ARCHDEACON'S HEINOUS CRIME

The toast 'The Essex Association' was proposed by the Archdeacon of Southend. He prefaced his remarks with a confession that at his last church he had installed an amplifying system, which broadcasted bells to the parish. In mitigation of what, to the assembly, appeared to be a heinous crime, he pleaded that the single bell in the steeple made such a discordant sound that extreme measures had to be employed.

The Archdeacon continued that just as the clergy practised their vocation in life, ringers should follow theirs. Ringers were just as much part of the Church as were the organists, the churchwardens, the choir, the sidesmen and the vergers. They all had a part to play in the worship and life of the Church. Just as an engine would not function correctly if a part was missing, the Church could not continue efficiently without the aid of bell ringers.

Mr. F. V. Gant, the hon. secretary, who replied, said that the foremost aim of the Association was that Sunday service ringing should be consistently carried out, and the Association should not rest until every church had a regular service band of its own. The gathering and the spirit of the evening more than repaid him for the time he had put into the effort. He trusted that this first annual dinner would be the beginning of a long line of similar functions, which would increase in magnitude and draw in many other of their civic and ecclesiastical friends in the years to come.

The toast of 'The Visitors and the Artistes' was proposed by Mr. H. Turner, the Deputy Master. He had a special word of welcome for the clergy present. The guests and ringers' wives gave great encouragement by their presence and the artistes by the splendid rendering of their various items had set a very high standard and gave great pleasure.

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Dr. Armstrong Gibbs thanked the Association.

The entertainment was delightful and varied. A course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was rung by Miss H. G. Snowden and Messrs. L. J. Clark, H. Turner, L. W. Wiffen and F. V. Gant. Dr. Armstrong-Gibbs gave his usual immaculate interpretation of two well-known extracts from the sonatas of Chopin, and other lovely melodies. Miss Joan Edwards splendidly rendered a number of songs in a serious vein, while Mrs. Horsnell sang lighter songs. The Misses Pauline and Jane Ashley proved a splendid combination on the violin and piano.

At the conclusion of dinner, bouquets of roses were presented by the Master, on behalf of the Association, to Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Welch: the bouquets and floral table decorations were exquisitely carried out by Mrs. Blake, wife of the secretary of the North-Western District.

THE BELLE-RINGER

'Twas eight and twenty years ago
That I myself began to show
Some aptitude for belles.
'Tis true I've never rung a peal,
But all the same, that's how I feel—
Affinity with belles.
Although I've never manned a rope
I never quite gave up the hope
Of cultivating belles.
And then—upon one fateful day
A lifetime's chance just came my way.
I found a belle, with slender waist,
In form and fashion very chaste.
And, what encouraged me the more—
This belle a muffled clapper wore.
I've always loved a gentle voice—
And so I made my final choice.
The jeweller was firm but kind
And I, poor fool, was weak and blind.

Who cares? the Bank can go to ——!
By Gimini! I'll ring my belle.

F. BARRIE FLINT.

Cawthorne Vicarage.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ATTEMPT ON RECORD

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor an attempt is to be made to ring 40,320 Bob Major at the Bell Campanile, Loughborough, on Saturday, December 4th, 1954. The attempt will commence at 4 a.m. The composition is as follows:—

23456	W.	5ths	M	H
64325	S	3	—	—
32645	—	3		—
56324	—	3	—	—
32564	—	3		—
53264		3		—
25364		3		—
36524	S	3		—
53624		3		—
46325		3	—	—
24365	—	3		

Eleven times repeated. Bob for first single W. in all other parts excepting the 7th part.

Composed by A. J. Trollope. (C.C. collection No. 191.)—Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster, Yorks.

POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS' DRIVE

Hertfordshire has a substantial lead in the drive for new postal subscribers. The figures at the end of last week were as follows:—

34.—Hertfordshire.
27.—Essex.
19.—Wales.
18.—London, Surrey.
14.—Leicestershire.
13.—Lancashire, Staffordshire.
12.—Hampshire, Norfolk.
11.—Devon, Sussex.
10.—Birmingham.
9.—Yorkshire.
8.—Kent.
7.—Bedfordshire, Durham, Nottinghamshire, Somerset.
6.—Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire.
5.—Australia, Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire, Northants, Suffolk.
4.—Berkshire, Bristol, Huntingdonshire, Middlesex, Warwickshire.
3.—Cornwall, Dorset, Herefordshire, Northumberland, Worcestershire.
2.—Oxfordshire, Wilts.
1.—Buckinghamshire, Shropshire, Scotland.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' November 6th, 1914

THE BELLS OF LUNDY ISLAND

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that we note from your valued paper of the apparent impossibility of getting anyone over to this island for the purpose of making heard this beautiful ring of bells. For your information we may say that this ring was turned out of our foundry, and was made entirely to the design of Mr. Evans himself. We have received ample testimony of their beautiful and melodious tone from people who have heard them out at sea. To our minds it does seem a shame that something cannot be done to have these bells rung more frequently. Perhaps the airing of the matter may lead to some tangible suggestion being put forward for the elucidation of this problem.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES CARR, LIMITED.

[These bells were the subject of recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' Charles Carr, Limited, a Smethwick firm, are still in existence but have ceased their bellfounding activities.]

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE READER BAILEY

The Norwich Diocesan Association mourns the passing of a very fine ringer and friend in Mr. George Reader Bailey, who died at his home at Wroxham on October 14th. He was 63.

Mr. Bailey learned to ring at Rickinghall, Suffolk, while a schoolboy and was elected a member of the Association in 1907. His first peal was rung the next year and the local band made such progress that George conducted a seven-method peal there early in 1914.

Returning from service in the first world war, Mr. Bailey lived for some years at Leiston and took advantage of the opportunities afforded by the talented band already established there. In 1927, moving to Norwich, George became a most helpful member of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild. Five years later he was living at Wroxham and there he trained and maintained a service band capable of ringing a number of Minor methods up to London Surprise.

A splendid striker, especially at the heavy end, George Bailey's 254 peals for the Norwich Association and 37 for the Suffolk Guild contained many fine performances. He had, too, conducted a number of peals of Major and Minor, but he was always ready to leave the calling to others.

Mr. Bailey was a constant supporter of Association meetings, and his quiet, unassuming disposition endeared him to all and earned their respect. The Association honoured him by electing him a member of the Standing Committee, and he served also for many years on the committee of the Northern Branch.

At the funeral service at Wroxham Church on October 18th, ringers were present from Northrepps, Norwich, and the local band. In the evening a memorial peal was rung at Hethersett, and muffled ringing took place at Wroxham.

There are too few men of the stamp of George Bailey in our belfries to-day; cheerful, modest men, striving for the highest standards, men with the ability and will to teach, with a deep sense of duty and devotion to the Church.

N. G.

MR. RALPH TAYLOR

The death took place in his sleep after a short illness on October 16th of Mr. Ralph Taylor, conductor for 30 years at St. George's, Mossley, Lancs, and a ringer in the tower for 63 years. He was 80 years of age.

In his long period of service it is calculated that he climbed over a quarter of a million steps to ring St. George's bells. He had rung for four coronations and in 1951 conducted a peal in honour of his own golden wedding. Mrs. Taylor died about 12 months ago. Mr. Taylor was a 100 per cent. service ringer and had 23 peals to his credit.

The esteem in which he was held was indicated by the many ringers of the Lancashire Association who attended the funeral service on the following Tuesday.

On Sunday evening, October 24th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by his fellow ringers assisted by Mr. A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn, and Mr. J. Burgess, of Greenfield. May he rest in peace. E. G.

MR. VICTOR BENNETT

An Appreciation

To know 'Vic' was to like him. You couldn't help it. I don't think he had an enemy in the world, and Oxford ringing will be the poorer without him. The tenth at Christ Church was his favourite bell, although during the last few years his preference was round the 'front end,' and in the record length of Stedman Cinques there he rang the second.

His first and best love was his own tower, St. Giles'. He was in the choir as a boy and foreman of the ringers for nearly 40 years. It was due to his enthusiasm and efforts that two trebles were added, and he rang in the first peal on the augmented ring of eight and in the last peal of Stedman in 1952. During the last year or two he gave up peal ringing, but it was impossible to keep 'Old Vic' out of a peal in his own tower. The bells cannot be judged by modern standards but he liked them, and if it were possible to quarrel with Vic you could come nearest it by criticising St. Giles'.

He was intensely loyal to his friends and to ringing. He rang the second in the first peal of 25 Spliced Surprise methods. 'The proper way to ring,' he said it was. 'We none of us knew what was coming next.' Only he knew what an effort it was. He used to go to bed and drop off to sleep ringing 'Spliced.'

For 30 years he was secretary and treasurer of the Oxford Society and a most jealous upholder of its traditions. He was a mine of information on Oxford ringing and justly proud of his part in it. If he was a specialist in any branch it was leading up or down, and those who knew him can see him now, bowing slightly from the waist, his eyes on the sally and his ear on every blow. Dear 'Old Vic!' Oxford is going to miss you sadly.

So many beginners will remember him. His patience was inexhaustible and you felt fresh confidence if he stood behind you. Many members of the University will remember him with affection and respect.

He liked his pint of beer, and it was only in the last few years he reluctantly compromised with a half-pint, and he still had his occasional lapses! Smoking he never gave up although he would have liked to. I think it is on our outings, and when we want some good ringing, we shall miss him most. Who is going to sing the ringers' songs, and where shall we find his equal in the tower? J. R. C.

MR. V. J. F. BENNETT'S PEALS

The following list gives details of the 88 peals rung by the late Mr. V. J. F. Bennett, of Oxford, since December 5th, 1908:—

Minor.—Seven methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 18.

Major.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 1, Kent 2, Double Norwich 5.

Surprise Major. — Cambridge 3, Bristol 4, London 1, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 1, Ashtead 2.

Spliced Surprise Major.—Four methods 3, five methods 1, six methods 1, eight methods 2, ten methods 2, twelve methods 1, fourteen methods 1, sixteen methods 2, eighteen methods 1, twenty methods 1, twenty-two methods 1, twenty-five methods 1.

Caters.—Stedman 6.

Royal.—Kent 1, Cambridge 3.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 12 (includes the 12,663).

Maximus.—Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 1.

BELFRY GOSSIP—Continued

Considerable amusement was caused at the joint meeting of the East Grinstead Guild and the Sussex Association at the tonsorial appearance of a very tall visiting ringer. His hair cut was more reminiscent of an institution than his scholastic profession, writes our correspondent.

A correspondent inquires whether any tower has had experience of nylon ropes, and how they compare with those in common practice.

REDEDICATION

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY

The rededication of the bells of All Saints, Cawthorne, was performed by the Provost of Wakefield (the Very Rev. N. T. Hopkins) on Sunday, October 17th, after Evensong. The work on the bells includes retuning, new wheels, pulleys, steel headstocks, ball bearings and clappers.

While the hymn 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven' was being sung, the choir, ringers, churchwardens, the Vicar and the Provost processed to the west end of the church, beneath the tower.

After the rededication the ringers ascended the tower and a description of each bell was read by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Barrie Flint) as each was sounded. The details are:—

Treble.—J. Taylor and Co, of Loughborough. Fecerunt. 1859.

Second.—Ditto.

Third.—Ditto.

Fourth.—Michaelis. (Cast at the Nottingham Foundry in the 15th century.)

Fifth.—I H S. (Cast by Godfrey Heathcote, Chesterfield. Circa 1550.)

Tenor.—Fili De Miserere Mei. 1620. (Cast by William Oldfield, of York). Weight 8 cwt. 2 qr.

Rounds were then rung on the bells and the procession returned to the chancel to the singing of the hymn 'Unchanging God, who livest.'

The Provost based his address on the text: 'Their sound is gone out to all lands and their words unto the uttermost parts of the earth.' He recalled the ringing of St. Paul's bells during the period he was on the Cathedral staff.

After the service several touches were rung by the local company and friends.

RINGERS' DAY

Visitors from far and wide came to Cawthorne the following Saturday for a Ringers' Day, and a company of nearly 60 enjoyed the excellent tea provided by wives and friends of the local company.

In the absence of the Vicar, Mrs. Flint welcomed the company and spoke of the great pleasure of hearing the bells after a long period of silence.

Mr. L. Dawson, of Friezland, Mr. D. Smith, of Felkirk, and Mr. J. W. Moxon, of Sandal, responded and testified to the excellent work of restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Mr. J. Fidler, representing the Foundry, recalled his early days of ringing in South Yorkshire with such stalwarts as Arthur Panter, Arthur Gill, Albert Nash and George Hill. A brief account of the work of raising the money for the restoration was given by Mr. N. F. Moxon. Retired ringers attending the celebration included Jack Fish, Andrew Hoyle, Harry Crossland and Fred Robinson. A course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' was rung by H. Chant, J. Fidler, W. Moreton and D. Smith.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

There was a good attendance at the Mid-Devon branch meeting at Kingsteignton on October 23rd. The Vicar (the Rev. S. H. Hodges) gave an excellent address.

The business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. E. Lilley, followed tea. Six non-resident life members were elected.

The following list of meetings for 1955 was approved after a discussion, subject to the usual permission being obtained: January 15th, St. Michael's, Teignmouth; April, Townstal, Dartmouth; June, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at Wolborough; July, Kingskerswell and Coffinswell; October, Paignton, with a visit to Babbacombe afterwards; November, extra meeting at Buckfast Abbey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELL RINGERS' EPITAPHS

Dear Sir,—In Glemsford churchyard is a gravestone to James Albon, who died August 10th, 1791, and on it is this verse:—

'In ringing ever from my youth,
I always took delight.
My bell is rung and I am gone,
My soul has took its flight
To join a choir of heavenly singing
Which far excel the harmony of ringing.'

At Bildeston is a grave iron to George Whittel, who died in 1884, aged 83:—

'These tuneful bells for seventy years
He rang, he tolled, he chimed full well;
Births, weddings, deaths he thus proclaimed,
And others now have tolled his knell.'

I should be interested to know of any other bellringers' epitaphs in East Anglia.

L. SEWELL.

Long Melford, Suffolk.

ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
(Lindoff's London)

Method No 208, Corrigan's Collection

Dear Sir,—An examination of the above method reveals that the f.c.e.'s are incompletely given in both editions of Corrigan's '370 Surprise Major Methods.'

In the first editions there are listed as bpqs (24365. 34562, 62345, 46325). This needs amending to abdpqrs (32546, 24365, 46253, 34562, 62345, 54263 and 46325).

In the second edition the groupings should read BDN of M. Hodgson's 19 groups given on page 17, Part C, and not just groups BN as shown opposite the method.

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford.

PLAIN MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Shortly after the 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' was issued I checked it through against my own collection and found that the following eight methods had been overlooked by the Methods Committee. Could they supply numbers to these methods?

12345678	12345678
21354768	21436587
23145786	24163857
32417568	42613875
23471586	46218537
32745168	
23754618	16847253
27356481	16482735
72536841	OR
	18674523
17583624	12345678
17856342	21435687
12345678	24136578
21354768	42316587
23157486	24361857
32517468	42638175
35214786	46283157
15372846	16847253
15738264	16482735
	OR
	18674523
12345678	
21346587	
23164857	
32618475	
23681457	
26384175	
62834157	
16847253	
16482735	
OR	
18674523	

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

TOURISTS' CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Sir,—In a recent letter entitled 'Ringing World Finances' Mr. E. Barnett makes reference to a strong moral obligation on the part of peal-ringing tourists to support 'The Ringing World' far more than they have done or are doing.

As one who jointly with my friend Wilfred Williams has been responsible for the organisation of peal-ringing tours over the past three years in South, West, and North Wales, I consider such a statement to be in bad taste.

For some time now there have been four independently organised peal-ringing tours per year. Who, therefore, is Mr. Barnett getting at?

For our part, over the past three years we have donated to 'The Ringing World' an average of 2s. 6d. per peal rung; to ring them an average of nine ringers travelled approximately 5,500 miles in two cars with its attendant expenses.

From personal experience I know that the total cost of such a tour is high, and under the circumstances consider that we have made a fair contribution to the extra cost of publishing these reports.

I do not wish to enter into any discussion regarding our moral obligations. Surely the moral obligation of any ringer is to take in 'The Ringing World.' If it does not pay then it is up to the proprietors to make it do so and not rely on charity.

Finally, though we have donated toward the extra cost of publishing our reports, I noticed that they have been 'blue-pencilled' to the tune of at least half a column. In this connection one might inquire as to the moral obligations of the Editor to publish in full any reports which contain a donation towards the increased cost of publication. — Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Harrow, Middlesex.

Note.—Every tour has been 'blue-pencilled' this year and some to more than half a column. If nothing is to be sub-edited, why have an Editor?—Ed.

'GIVEN CHEERFULLY'

Dear Sir,—Apropos the letter from Mr. E. Barnett accusing some peal touring bands of not contributing towards the extra cost involved in printing their peals, as a tour organiser, I wish to point out that every ringer who has ever been on a tour with me has always cheerfully given a donation for that purpose when asked for one. The amount collected is then forwarded to the Editor with the peals and tour report.

Who is Mr. Barnett anyway, to be told who has subscribed and who has not?

If the two committee members mentioned in his letter feel that some of the tourists are shirking their responsibilities regarding 'R.W.,' why not ask the organisers concerned to rectify this on future tours?

WILFRED WILLIAMS.

London.

THE LIGHTEST RING

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from the Rev. T. S. Roberts I would like to point out that the lightest ring of five in the world now appears to be that at All Saints', Foots Cray, Kent; the tenor here is recorded as being 3 cwt. 1 qr. This ring was restored and retuned by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1951, and the scale of weights, as recorded by that foundry, is as follows:—Treble, 1 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.; second, 1 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.; third, 1 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.; fourth, 2 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.; tenor, 3 cwt. 1 qr.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough, Kent.

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

Dear Sir,—Two correspondents in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' seem concerned as to what a certain few ringers are apparently not doing towards the upkeep of our weekly paper.

I would, first of all, wish to express by opinion that this correspondence would be unnecessary if 'The Ringing World' Committee and the Central Council in turn took the advice of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who has stated, in plain English, words to the effect that a going concern must be managed upon a sound financial basis and be subject to an assured income—and, moreover, it must not rely upon any form of charitable income.

Under present obligations it is fair for any number of individuals to ring any number of peals and expect—to wait for or to look for as likely to happen—them to be published in 'The Ringing World' without contributing anything towards the cost. But if this remark concerns any present-day tourists, how do your correspondents identify those contributions which are sent anonymously?

One must not overlook the popular conception that peal ringers are the backbone of the Exercise, and the type of ringer most desired is he or she who rings regularly for Sunday services, attends practices and also rings a few peals for the betterment of himself or herself and the other ringers.

I feel sure that the solution to the problem of finance has already been put forward and it now requires a decision from the Central Council.—Yours sincerely,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms, Hatfield.

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. Barnett is to be commended for his outspoken letter of October 8th, in which he notes that some peal ringers sometimes fail to give 'The Ringing World' the financial support due from them.

Quite likely in most cases this is due to thoughtlessness rather than meanness. Often, after a peal attempt, many ringers of the band are in a hurry to catch a bus or train, and the conductor, preoccupied with other details, forgets to collect a donation towards the cost of publishing the peal in 'The Ringing World.' If this oversight meant that the peal could not be published in the normal way, I feel sure that the memories of peal ringers would be sharpened, and they would remember to enclose the odd shilling or two with their peal reports.

Mr. Willis's excellent suggestion re an annual contribution from associations is not a new one, but was contained in a letter of mine published in 'The Ringing World' of May 14th, two weeks *before the last Central Council meeting*. My letter suggested that each association, etc., might make an annual contribution of not less than £1 per 100 members.

More and more correspondents appear to be in favour of demanding financial contributions from those sections of the ringing community to which our paper renders special service.

In this connection, it is right to expect financial support from peal ringers and associations, who have a special interest in the contents of 'The Ringing World,' and in the need to secure its future.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorkshire.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—Can any of your readers please identify the following methods (place notation:—

1. 34, 14, 58, 36, 34, 58, 56, 38—8ths.
2. 58, 16, 58, 36, 14, 38, 14, 38—2nds.

Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

LETTERS—Continued

A DUTY TO LEARNERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Segar's reply on 'Scissoring' is, I fear, of little help to those on whose behalf I raised the query, namely, the learners or students of method structure, whose numbers are steadily increasing. A letter such as mine was submitted on the principle that it is preferable to invite the original author to explain a point than for someone else to attempt to do so for him.

My point for the student was, and is, that it is superfluous to speak of scissoring at the half lead, once the full implications of the structural nature of an orthodox form of method are realised. I had no complaint about the facts, but rather about the implications of his article. (And it was, of course, for general public interest.) Mr. Segar now, in effect, confirms my contention, when he says that the combining of half-leads of **different** design was **not** implied.

Neither have I, as he suggests, any complaint about Double Bob or Reverse Bob in relation to Plain Bob. (See below.) Nor, similarly, about Double Oxford vis-à-vis Double Norwich. Nor do we need him to send us the rows of Major, Royal and Maximus of which he speaks; for I would point out that these may be derived by anyone with the intelligent use of the 'Magic Circle.' (See Corrigan—'Half-lead System, etc.,' pages 66 and 67.)

In fact, it may be helpful here to mention that the number of such rows for any given stage may be generally given by the expression —(n—1) (n—2), where 'n' is the number of bells in the stage. (But there is an exception for the Royal stage owing to the particular combinations of intervals in the Magic Circle.) Thus:— Minimus (3 x 2), or 6; Minor (5 x 4) or 20; Major (7 x 6) or 42; Royal (9 x 8), less a number as mentioned above, or 72 less 18 (being two rows less for each of the nine divisions), equals 54; Maximus (11 x 10) or 110. Now, if these numbers be considered as a series—i.e., 6, 20, 42, 72, 110, the interval differences are seen to be 14, 22, 30 and 38; and that this second series is in Arithmetical Progression with a common difference of 8. In other words there is a mathematical order about this business.

The whole thing may be seen in a nutshell (without any possibility of misunderstanding about chopping up methods at their half-leads), by appreciating that a method may be, in any given stage, completely defined by three distinct factors— (1) The Grid Pattern, plus (2) The Link, plus (3) The Junction. Now these terms are merely conveniently brief ones for what would otherwise be rather a 'mouthful'; thus, the grid pattern includes all the rows in **half** a division (half-lead for hunt-controlled methods), while the link is the form of permutation linking together the divisions, and the junction is the form of permutation joining together the two halves of a division; the pattern of the second half being always a mirror image of the first. Incidentally, the 'permutation' is what happens **between** any two change-rows and is by far the more important consideration than that of the rows themselves, the symbols in the row succeeding the permutation being the result of its effect.

From these facts it may be seen that it is vital for the student to realise that the same grid pattern may be used for several methods, the differences in those methods being given by different forms of links and/or junctions.

For example, Mr. Segar's instances of the three methods referred to above, namely, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Double—these have all **exactly the same grid pattern.** The first and third, however, have the same link, but a different junction; while the second and third have the same junction but a different link; the first and second, however, having both link and junction differing. Nevertheless the identical grid pattern is employed in all three methods. Similarly in Double Oxford and Double Norwich, where, with identical grid patterns, both link and junction are different. Similarly in Cambridge and Primrose, where the difference is at the link only. (Other examples may be quoted.)

Mr. Segar's scissoring at the half-lead is merely the substitution of a different form of junction. And, incidentally, there are other forms of junction than the two he cites, all of which yield division-ends in 'natural' coursing order. Mr. Segar has thus quoted some particular instances of a general law.

I feel it cannot be too strongly stressed that technical articles should be, as far as possible, expressive of principles in **general** terms. There is here a duty to the learner or student, in so far as he should be given not merely something that is part of the truth, but a picture of the truth as a whole, as far as is known.—Yours very truly, A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A day of rare autumnal sunshine prevailed when the Shropshire Association met at Clive on October 9th. The village is not very easy of access, but for those who like heavy bells a visit is a joy indeed.

Punctually at 3 p.m. the bells were raised, and a variety of Doubles and Minor rung before the service. The Vicar, Rev. F. Franklin, conducted this, and gave a very warm welcome. Twenty-four ringers and wives enjoyed tea in the Vicar's Room, and the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard, who had been delayed by family illness, then arrived.

The promised discussion on 'Ringing World' finances was conducted with less divergence of opinion than is usual, and culminated in a resolution that all members should be urged to take out postal subscriptions.

Mr. Pritchard spoke of the very successful meetings of the year and the great improvement in methods rung. Some of this was due to visitors, who were always welcome, he said. He announced that suitable arrangements were in hand for the annual meeting at Wellington on January 29th.

JOINT MEETING AT MAYFIELD

A very successful joint meeting of the Sussex Association (Eastern Division) and the East Grinstead Guild was held at Mayfield on October 23rd, when about 42 members attended. This was the first joint meeting since 1945.

All ringers were catered for by their respective Ringing Masters, Mr. L. Giles for the Division and Mr. E. Ladd for the Guild. Ringing included rounds for the learners, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman, Cambridge and a course of Superlative.

Tea was taken at Lester's Cafe, kindly arranged by the local captain, Mr. W. Kitchenside, after which ringing continued until 8 p.m.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Liversedge's Message to the Exercise

'These eight bells were cast in 1814 and 1815 with brass ordnance taken at Genoa.' Thus runs the inscription on the tenor at Liversedge, where the Society held its meeting on October 23rd. The inclement weather was probably responsible for the poor attendance but those who braved the elements certainly had a very good time both ringing and reading items framed on the walls. One reads:—

'How oft' when learning at the first,
I swallowed many a tempting curse;
And often when I tried to ring,
I thought I'd never learn the thing;
But perseverance is my motto—
Now the rudiments are blotto.'

Another gives this homily:—

'Regularity in attendance.
Industry in learning method.
Neat handling of the rope.
Good striking.
Enthusiasm.
Respect of brother ringers.'

The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 p.m. and fully occupied till 5 p.m., when members were guests of the local company and their good ladies for tea. The business meeting followed with the president in the chair, when the usual routine affairs were quickly disposed of. The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local company for their arrangements and generous hospitality, and to the ladies who served at the tables for their efficient ministrations, was ably proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. E. Betts replied and extended a hearty welcome to the Society.

Three new members were elected—Miss M. Fleeman and Messrs. T. David Jose (Bromley) and E. Burnett (Darlington).

The next meeting is due to be held at Headingley St. Chad's on November 27th.

After the meeting a well-struck touch on handbells was rung by T. W. Strangeway 1-2, F. Hodgson 3-4, R. B. Cooke 5-6, G. Benfield 7-8. Further ringing included a touch of Duffield. I. S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

It says much for the popularity of the pretty Staffordshire village of Brewood with its fine Parish Church and grand ring of eight bells that, despite a wet afternoon, the autumn meeting of the Society on October 16th attracted an attendance of 95. Brewood bells (tenor 21 cwt.) must rank among the best eights in the West Midlands.

A good service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. D. Austerberry) followed by a bountiful tea kindly given by the Brewood ringers and their ladies, assured the success of the meeting, and Messrs. C. S. Dumbell and R. Hawksworth are to be congratulated and thanked for their efficient arrangements.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. Dennis Holden, Ringing Master, who made sure that all ringers present were catered for according to their various abilities.

The next meeting will be at Bushbury, Wolverhampton, on January 8th, 1955.

F. C. A. B.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): R. Humphries 1, A. Richards 2, R Cooke (cond.) 3, G. Newman 4, E. Southwick 5, M. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Ben Dalton, former ringer of the church, who died on October 18th.

OLD NORTH CHURCH, BOSTON, U.S.A.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, forwards us the following particulars of the Old North Church, Boston, U.S.A., the spire of which was blown down in a gale. This was the second time the spire had been blown down.

'I was in Boston some 30 years ago,' he writes, 'and rang in all the towers that contained bells—Christ Church, Watertown, The Institute for the Blind, Groham School and Hungham (a ring of ten). Old North Church could not then be rung as a six-storey apartment had been built close to the church and people could not stay in their rooms when the bells were rung.

'I rang with Mrs. Shurcliff in three of the towers. She is a good ringer and has rung two or three peals in London. She is also a member of the College Youths.'

Old North Church of Longfellow's poem contained a ring of eight bells cast by Abel Rudhall in 1744, the tenor being 16 cwt. and the total cost £560. The Church was built in 1723 by English engineers. The tower was 85 ffet high, a substantial brick structure 24 feet square and walls 3½ feet thick. The design followed the drawings of Sir Christopher Wren and was similar to the Cathedral Church in Quebec, which was also built by English engineers.

The tower was surmounted by a spire, the total height being 175 feet. The spire was blown down in a gale in October, 1804, and rebuilt in 1807. The steeple was restored in 1912 by descendants of Paul Revere.

The lower part of the spire was formerly used as a 'Lantern Light' for ships at sea, and a light was flashed from there by the sexton.

Paul Revere, who was born in January, 1735, and died in 1818, formed a band of bell-ringers. In 1745 the ringers were Paul Revere, John Dyer, Josiah Flagg, Bartholomew Ballard, Jonathan Lait, Jonathan Brown, jun., and Joseph Snelling.

In 1913 the bells were restored in a new oak frame and fittings (supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) by Dr. Nicolls, formerly of London, and father of Mrs. Shurcliff. He was president of the Boston church and handbell ringers, who had a set of 30 handbells.

BELLS UNINJURED

Mrs Margaret H. Shurcliff, of Boston, writes:—

The square brick tower of the historic Old North Church (Christ Church) on Salem Street, Boston, Massachusetts, still stands, only slightly damaged by the hurricane 'Carol.' The wood steeple was blown over and demolished. There has been formed a committee to raise money to replace the steeple. Funds are rapidly being donated.

Fortunately the bells were uninjured, just thoroughly drenched. They are now temporarily protected from the weather. This peal of eight bells, cast by Rudhall, bears the inscription: 'We are the first ring of bells cast for the British Empire in North America, A.D. 1744.' Funds for these bells were collected in England and America.

Only a scanty undated record is left to prove a band of ringers was organised. In 1904, my father, Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, wrote a pamphlet on 'Christ Church Bells,' in which he says: 'A circle of eight deeply-worn depressions in the floorboards of the ringing chamber, observed by the writer as late as 1862, indicate that their practice must have extended over a period of many years. An undated petition, in which the offer is made to the warden to ring the bells for two hours one evening each week, and at such other time as might be desired provided that the whole care of the bells was assigned to them, bears among the signatures the name of Paul Revere.

There is no doubt that on April 19th, 1776, Paul Revere was responsible for hanging the lantern in the steeple of the Old North Church as a signal of an attack by the British. 'One if by land and two if by sea.' Later Revere became a famous bell founder and sent his son to England to learn the art of bell casting. Of the two hundred or so bells he cast many are still in use.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Ilchester Deanery Branch

At a meeting held at East Coker on October 23rd two officers of the Branch gave notice that they did not wish to be nominated for re-election at the annual meeting to be held at Yeovil on December 18th.

They were the Ringing Master, Mr. Walter H. Poole, and the secretary, Mr. F. Farrant, who would then have held this office for 41 years and, it was mentioned, had only missed two meetings. The chairman (the Rev. L. E. Walsh) commented that this was a remarkable record of long service. Seven towers were represented at the meeting. F. F.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

It was appropriate that Mr. Ben Thomson, who learned to ring at Kelsale 60 years ago, should preside at the Saxmundham District meeting at Kelsale and Saxmundham on October 16th.

The hon. secretary cleared up a misunderstanding over the subscriptions. These were due on January 1st for the current year.

A long discussion took place on method advancement and it was decided to devote one evening each month for the practice of one method. The first of these will be held at Saxmundham on November 19th at 7.30, the method selected being Cambridge Minor.

Miss Marian Cook, who was elected a new member, has already rung 720 of Plain Bob Minor and 720 of Plain Bob Major.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The annual gathering at Wrington to honour the memory of Major J. H. B. Hesse was held on October 16th, the week-end nearest the anniversary of his death.

A peal of Stedman Triples, on the glorious eight at Chewton Mendip, was rung on the Friday night—conducted by Mr. J. Thomas—after which Mr. H. Baber, the local captain, gave the band a sumptuous supper.

The usual Saturday afternoon peal attempt at Wrington unfortunately came to grief after nearly three hours of good Grandsire Caters, after which Mrs. Hesse once again very kindly entertained the party to tea.

Mr. Knight announced that he had received apologies for absence from Messrs. E. J. Taylor, A. H. Pulling and R. O. Fry. He then thanked everyone for coming, the Rector for the use of his bells and Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality. Mrs. Hesse suitably replied, and said that she also had an apology from Mr. A. A. Hughes. After tea the handbells were produced and put to good use.

Those present were the Rector of Wrington, Rev. B. Lea, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sanger and Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas; Messrs. L. Derrick, J. T. Dyke, G. and A. Hemmings, G. Prescott and A. Reeves. M. J. H.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Westerman 1, Miss R. Pebody 2, Miss D. Elson 3, J. Kinchin 4, E. Orland 5, R. Wilson (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except 4 and 5.

OUTINGS

EIGHTEEN TOWERS IN A DAY

A party of enthusiasts from Bedfordshire, Essex, Herts, Kent and Northants in a day's 'marathon' tour of Essex, Herts and Cambs rang in 18 towers on September 11th.

The first tower was Clavering (6) with a chute-like entrance to the ringing chamber, followed by Arkesden (6), where a number of dead jackdaws in the ringing chamber aroused consternation as to the state of the bells. A quick inspection pronounced everything all right although a quantity of rubbish rained down on to the performing ringers. A contrast was provided at Elmdon, with a well-kept belfry but an oscillating tower. The last Essex tower was Chrishall (6), where a course of London Mnior was one of the best of the day.

The only Hertfordshire tower was Barkway (8)—tuneful and an excellent 'go.' Everyone had a good pull (for the bells certainly need it!) at Bassingbourne, Cambs (5), and felt that lunch was well and truly earned.

On the fine six at Melbourn the party were privileged to welcome a bride, and the bells at Meldreth were to their liking. A faulty chiming hammer delayed proceedings on the seldom-rung bells at Barrington (5). The five at Foxton are also silent too often. The party were enchanted by the merry six at Harston, and at Little Shelford five-bell experts showed that they had not exhausted their repertoire.

After a real ringers' tea the bells of Stapleford were enjoyed following which Evensong was led by the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Hart). A quick run brought the party to Duxford and then at Ickleton (8) came the best bells of the day with a perfect circle of ropes at the entrance to the chancel.

Back into Essex the six at Littlebury were really deafening in the ringing chamber. Wendens Ambo (6) and the majestic six at Newport ended a memorable day.

BRENCHLEY AND HORSMONDEN

Brenchley and Horsmonden ringers with visitors from Marden, Burwash and Chippenham, had an enjoyable day's outing in Kent and East Sussex on October 16th. Towers visited were Northiam, Rye, Lydd, New Romney, Hythe, Cheriton and Woodchurch. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Minor and Superlative.

CORSTON, NEAR BATH

A good day's ringing, to reach which some beautiful country was traversed, was enjoyed by the ringers of All Saints', Corston, near Bath, on October 2nd.

During the morning ringing took place at Greinton and St. George's, Wilton. After lunch at the top of Brendon Hills at Raleigh's Cross, visits were paid to Timberscombe, Wootton Courtenay, Luccombe and Portlock. At Selworthy Mr. E. J. Taylor and his family joined the party and, after a welcome cream tea, the pleasant six at the Parish Church were rung.

The last stand of the day was at a 'local' at Glastonbury and here, after the usual rounds, Mr. L. R. Taylor thanked the organiser for planning a most enjoyable day.

Long Pendulums

Dear Sir,—If correspondents are interested in longer pendulums than 13 ft., the clock in the tower of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, is fitted with a pendulum of 52 ft. 2 ins., beating four seconds a minute. The clock strikes ding dong quarters and was made by Briant, Hertford.—Yours truly,

ERNEST WEATHERBY.

Los Angeles, U.S.A.

KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By E. F. GOBEY

5,280 WORCESTER VARIATION

	Oxfords				
23456	1	2	3	4	
56342			X		
42635			X		
64235		X		X	A
26435		X		X	
32465	X		X		
65243			X		
43526			X		
26354			X		
32654		X		X	
63254		X		X	
54326			X		
25346	X		X		
42356	X		X		
24365					A
65432			X		
32546			X		
53246		X		X	B
45236	X		X		
34256	X		X		
43265					A
23456					B

First rung at Ilkeston on April 19th, 1954.

5,184 ILKESTON VARIATION

	3				
23456	M	OX	W	H	
23564	1	X		2	
56342		X	1		
26435		X		2	
53624	1	X	1		
24365		X			
65432		X			
25346		X		2	A
63542		X	2		
42356		X			
56234		X			
46325		X		2	B
52643	1	X	1		
43265		X			
34256					A
32465					B
32654	1	X		2	
65243		X	1		
35426		X		2	
64523		X	2		
23456		X			

First rung at W. Hallam, Derbys, May 1st, 1954.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By JAMES TOPP

23456	1	4	6
53624	—	—	—
32654	—		3
36524	2		—
52364	2		2
53264			S
32564	3		—
35624	2		—
56324	3		—
63524	3		—

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1st Course, 1st repeat:—1, 4, 5.
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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

Because the bells are noisy in the neighbourhood ringing was restricted at the third quarterly meeting at Hursley on October 23rd, when close on 50 ringers attended; Mr. R. Smith, District Ringing Master, supervised arrangements.

The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Holthouse) and the Rev. W. D. Maundrell gave the address.

The tea was partaken and meeting held in a nearby hotel at which the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth took the chair.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary was thanked for his work in organising the District outing. Four new ringing members were elected—Mrs. Knight (New Alresford), Messrs. G. Ponton and S. Lovelock (Winchester, St. Maurice's) and Mr. C. Barnes (Winchester Cathedral).

Considerable discussion arose over the next practice meeting. Some considered that very little good was done for the local bands and urged the suspension of the practices during the winter. The secretary, however, urged the meeting to continue with the practices, but to ensure that the towers selected were within easy access of Winchester. The next three practices will be at Stockbridge (November 13th), Twyford (December 18th) and Alresford (January 15th).

The chairman appealed for financial help for the Preston Candover Bell Fund and was promised £5. A collection for this fund was also taken at the meeting, which realised £1 15s.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

For their autumn meeting the Eastern Branch visited Acle on October 16th, where they were welcomed with an inspiring address by the Rector (the Rev. H. R. Chisnell), who also acted as organist. The service was conducted by the Association president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard).

After an excellent tea the business meeting was presided over by the Rector, supported by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) and Mr. H. Walker Jones (churchwarden). Although no new members were proposed for election the Rector mentioned the heartening news that four of this year's confirmees were learning to ring.

A joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on December 11th was recommended.

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By F. E. DARBY

23456	M	* In/5ths	W	H
23564		X		1
43265		X	1	
32465		X		
24365		X		
34625	1	X		1
43526	2			2
45236			1	2
53246	1	X		
34256	1	X		
42356		X		
23456		X		

* 6ths Before and 7ths.

LATE NOTICE

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD and WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Joint practice meeting between Salisbury and Christchurch Districts, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Fordingbridge bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea, Riverside Cafe, Fordingbridge, 5 p.m. Downton bells (8) 6.30 p.m. Notify A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth, for tea by Nov. 17th.—Miss Y. Eloie and A. V. Davis, Hon. Secs. 5304

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ENGAGEMENT

HILL—HUNTER.—The engagement is announced between 2nd-Lt. John Hill, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hill, of Ewell, Surrey, and Marjorie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunter, of Stanhill, Accrington, Lancashire. 5268

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Robert H. Begrie is now: Engineer's Flat, Shamrock Villa, Pinewood Hospital, Wokingham, Berks. 5294

HANDBELLS WANTED

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cookham (8) available for practice from 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13th.—T. J. Fowler. 5278

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Dinner and social evening. Four Swans Hotel, Sudbury, Nov. 20th, 6.45 p.m. All members allowed one invitation each. Bells 2.30 to 6.30. Tickets 8s. from Leslie Mills, Bures. 5275

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 6 to 9 p.m. —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5236

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Holy Nativity (8), Nov. 6th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—A. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 5292

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Social, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each. Cash, please, when ordering from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5224

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5225

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5253

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Highclere (8) available from 2.30 to 4.30, then bus from Highclere to Woolton Hill for service at 4.45. Tea and meeting 5.15. Woolton Hill (6) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. G. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere. 5200

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hever (6), Nov. 13th. Tea at Henry VIII. Names to me by Nov. 11th. Annual dinner, Dec. 11th, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets 10s. Numbers limited, early application with remittance essential.—C. A. Bassett. 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 5244

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, Nov. 13th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify me not later than Nov. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5300

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Look up Durham Surprise. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 5274

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Pocklington on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 10th, to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 5297

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Claverdon (6), Nov. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All welcome.—A. Barrett. 5265

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Morton (6) Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 11th to G. Holdgate, 5, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 5263

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Darlington, St. John's, Nov. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Nov. 11th, to Mr. Peter Angus, 11, Fern Street, Darlington.—E. P. Rock. 5299

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5305

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting advertised for Maldon on Nov. 13th is now **cancelled.**—A. H. Everett, Sec. 5285

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), Nov. 13th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 5266

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Nov. 10th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 5303

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 10th to Mr. Porrett, 16, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting, Nov. 13th, at Sellindge (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must reach Mr. P. Small, Church Lane, Aldington, by Tuesday, Nov. 9th.—W. P. G. 5237

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District. — Quarterly meeting, Queensbury, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea arrangements later. All welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Dis. Sec. 5255

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. J. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley. All ladies welcome; gentlemen cordially invited.—Miss J. Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 5267

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's, Salisbury Street, Liverpool, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells open 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head only to those who take the trouble to send their names, before Wednesday, Nov. 10th, to Mr. T. Egan, 6, Norwood Grove, Liverpool 6.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5276

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 5298

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5301

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Barwell, Nov. 13th. Bells 3. Service 3.30. Tea at Red Lion 4.15. Please notify, by Nov. 10th, Mr. R. Belton, Westgates, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leicester. 5286

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Nov. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in schoolrooms. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 10th, to J. Bennett, 41, Valence Road, Leicester. 5282

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Sileby, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who send names, by the 10th, to Mr. W. Draper, Highgate Road. 5296

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Meeting at Branston (6) on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5289

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting Saturday, Saturday, Nov. 13th, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3.30-4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Ringing, service and business meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 6-8.30 p.m.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5271

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Westminster on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Ringing only — St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., and St. Margaret's, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5281

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at Shiplake (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, before Tuesday, Nov. 9th, to A. K. Street, 4, Blue Cottages, Shiplake, near Henley-on-Thames.—N. E. Colley. 5272

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Litton Cheney, Nov. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names, by Nov. 2nd, please, to Major Plummer, Redway Cottage, Litton Cheney, Dorchester. — Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5269

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—Surprise practice, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. S. 5273

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Petworth (8) on Nov. 13th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at the Tavern 5. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, please, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5277

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Vine Inn. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 5288

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 20th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5280

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Important:—Names for tea to J. H. Brett, 36, Brook Meadow, Sible Hedingham, Halstead, essential. No names, no tea.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 5283

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Harrietsham on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5290

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gosberton, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Usual times. Names for tea, before Nov. 16th, to J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington. 5284

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Llanfrechfra, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 5291

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Preston on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 16th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 5270

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe (6) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—S. L. Barley. 5264

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Preliminary notice: The Annual Dinner will be held in the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 27th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) can be bought from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. Tel 5525. 5293

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SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR — WHITHER ADVANCEMENT?

By LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

IN this modern age one is sometimes tempted to ask, Has the intrinsic value of Spliced Surprise Major ringing changed? If so, what change or changes could truly be said to represent progressive advancement?

Perhaps the best approach to the subject is to briefly review its history and development. Early in June, 1927, the late Rev. H. Law James published a Spliced Surprise Major composition on the now familiar three-lead course plan, incorporating for the first time the four standard methods, viz., London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge. At the time this was naturally regarded as unique, and the following editorial footnote by the late J. S. Goldsmith appeared: 'This ingenious production will be studied with interest by Surprise ringers; that a true peal containing these four methods is possible will come as a revelation to many.' After peals had been successfully rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Middlesex County Association and others, a feeling gradually began to develop that all was not well with this latest contribution to the art—an understandable feeling that something was lacking, in that the tenors only rang the first and last leads of the course of London, the middle lead of either Cambridge or Superlative, and the middle and wrong leads of the course of Bristol—a mere six out of the twenty-eight leads contained in the four methods, or less than the number contained in the plain course of one single method. As time passed on, naturally improvements were made, and subsequently more and more methods were added by other composers. There was, however, very little departure from the original plan until two eminent composers—Mr. A. J. Pitman and Mr. H. G. Cashmore—produced compositions in the same four methods wherein ALL the bells did ALL the work of each method; in other words, ALL the bells rang the full complement of the twenty-eight leads contained therein.

These productions were rightly acclaimed as a tremendous advance in the sphere of Spliced Surprise Major composition, and since that time Mr. Pitman has produced compositions with identical qualities in five and six methods, adding Pudsey to the standard four in the first instance, and Pudsey and Watford in the latter. These masterpieces are quite rightly regarded as the cream of Spliced Surprise Major compositions, not only from a structural point of view but equally because, in order to ring them, it is absolutely necessary for ALL the 'inside' ringers taking part to possess complete mastery over each of the methods employed—a condition not hitherto demanded.

An examination of the Law James plan at once reveals that the same exacting mastery over all the methods used is by no means as necessary by the band as a whole and, as already pointed out, in particular by the ringers of 7-8; and, in the case of a conventional three-part peal, by the ringers of 2-3 as well; especially if the composition to be used is previously studied. In some quarters the view is held —and the writer identifies himself with it—that ringing a peal in the four standard methods on this plan does not exact the same measure of concentration demanded to ring an ordinary peal of London Surprise Major itself, given that the elementary principles of spliced ringing have been mastered.

The one advantage of the plan, however is that it permits of the inclusion of many more methods or, more precisely, odd leads of them, and the process may eventually reach a point when the product could be more correctly described as a composite course than a composition; in other words, a medley of odd leads joined together from numerous methods. Be that as it may, but from the point of view of performance the acid test must be, 'Could the band or bands ringing these multi-method peals claim as a WHOLE to have the same complete mastery over ALL the methods employed as they would need to have in order to ring Messrs. Cashmore's or Pitman's compositions described above?' This is extremely doubtful and, in any case, unnecessary.

Now, the purport of this short article is not so much to extol the virtues of the one plan at the expense of condemning the blemishes of the other, but rather an attempt to set the field of Spliced Surprise Major ringing in its correct perspective, so that the material facts emerging may be analysed with a view to answering the opening questions. The need for both plans must, of course, be recognised, but there can, I think, be very little doubt regarding the respective claim to merit in terms of positive advancement.

The foregoing will, I feel sure, permit of as many or more reasoned opinions as the Law James plan will permit of methods and, having had the first 'stir at the pudding,' I now propose to hand over the spoon to any interested takers, in the hope that by Christmas we may have the best 'stirred pudding' yet.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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Tenor 25 cwt.

*Samuel Martin	*Treble*	John A. Acres	7
*George S. Morris	2	*J. Frederick Milner	8
Brian Martin	3	S. Anthony Jesson	9
Harold J. Poole	4	*E. Alan Jacques	10
*Peter J. Staniforth	5	Terence A. Thornber	11
Shirley Burton	6	William J. Root	*Tenor*

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At the Minster Church of St. Cuthburga,
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Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Kathleen E. Fletcher	*Treble*	David Hoare	6
Michael J. E. Best	2	Louis J. Lockyer	7
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	David R. Reed	8
Daniel T. Matkin	4	Frank L. Harris	9
Herbert H. Abrahams	5	Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Frank E. Darby	6
*Kathleen E. Weller	2	†Stewart F. W. Kimber	7
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On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
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No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*Alan J. Brown	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
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SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
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On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alphege,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

*Percy Stone	*Treble*	Frank E. Pervin	6
Albert Walker	2	L. Michael Callow	7
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On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
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Arthur Tomlinson	3	Robin G. Turner	8
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At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5056 MOORSIDE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Evelyn M. Fletcher	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
Muriel Reay	2	John Pinfold	6
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At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
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Tenor 6½ cwt.

Harold J. Poole	*Treble*	Ernest Rawson	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	John A. Acres	6
Ralph Elkington	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
Mrs. P. A. Corby	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

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HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Kilby R. Holtom	*Treble*	Clifford A. Barron	5
Winifred M. Burton	2	Arthur Pritchard	6
William J. Chester	3	Rodney B. Meadows	7
Brian G. Warwick	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Bryan D. A. Woolley	*Treble*	Frederick E. Wilshaw	5
Arthur V. Pearson	2	Jeffrey B. Webb	6
Muriel Reay	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5152 TYSELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
Evelyn M. Fletcher	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Jeffrey B. Webb	3	George E. Fearn	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Rodney B. Meadows	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Rodney B. Meadows.
The first peal in the method.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Fredk. Wm. Grocott	*Treble*	Ivor R. Nicholls	5
*Charles S. Ryles	2	Ewart H. Edge	6
†Shelagh R. Collins	3	Charles H. Page	7
G. Arnold Moore	4	Fredk. E. Wilshaw	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott.
* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal of Superlative on the bells. Mr. F. E. Wilshaw has now 'circled the tower.'

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

Frank Linfoot	*Treble*	W. George Turner	5
John Pearson	2	Geoffrey Crossley	6
Cyril F. Sutcliffe	3	Albert W. Bond	7
Sydney H. Barron	4	Arnold Rothery	*Tenor*

Arranged by Arthur Champion. Conducted by Albert W. Bond.
This arrangement is believed to be rung for the first time.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Kilby R. Holtom	*Treble*	William F. Woodward	5
Sidney H. Jones	2	Ernest Morris	6
Mrs. S. H. Jones	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Joseph Wm. Cotton.
This composition is now rung for the first time.
A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Cotton, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 'SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Mrs. P. A. Corby	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
*Kilby Holtom	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Harold J. Poole	4	G. Stedman Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by N. Pitstow. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*John William Stokes	*Treble*	Alan Pendlebury	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Peter Crook, sen.	6
Norman Tompkins	3	Joseph Thornley	7
Fred W. Brownlow	4	John F. Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. H. A. Norton, a former Vicar of this church and a beloved parish priest.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Jeffrey B. Webb	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
A. Patrick Cannon	2	Michael G. Morton	6
Clifford A. Barron	3	Peter Border	7
Peter J. Morton	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	Rodney B. Meadows	5
Clifford A. Barron	2	Peter Border	6
George E. Fearn	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Terry R. Hampton	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

C. Aubrey Harrison	*Treble*	Arthur Crowder	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Jack Bray	6
Arthur Tomlinson	3	Roland W. Morant	7
Harry Hall	4	George W. Moody	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by Jack Bray.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation Tenor 14½ cwt.

Harold J. Poole	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner	5
Brian S. Chapman	2	John M. Jelley	6
Donald A. Theedom	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
George S. Morris	4	Samuel J. Haines	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
Specially rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Walter Wyman, deputy churchwarden, and for many years secretary of St. Thomas' Parochial Church Council.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary-de-Castro,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 16 cwt.

G. Stedman Morris	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	S. Anthony Jesson	6
John A. Acres	3	Terence A. Thornber	7
Ernest W. Rawson	4	Frank Crane	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. C. Snow, F.R.C.O., organist at the church of St. Mary-de-Castro for 24 years.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15½ cwt.

John G. Gipson	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	5
*George E. Crisp	2	Christopher R. P. Johnson	6
William T. Cook	3	William J. Ridgman	7
Richard J. W. Housden	4	Dennis E. Pepper	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal in the method.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*P. R. Sanders (Worcester)	*Treble*	K. W. Mackintosh (Keble)	5
*M. H. R. Glover (Merton)	2	G. F. Jenkins (Keble) ..	6
†R. John Nash (St. John's)	3	J. H. Smart (Pembroke)..	7
G. Harper (Hertford) ..	4	D. H. Niblett (Pembroke)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.
First peal of Major as conductor.

BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Stanley H. Wallis..	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	5
*Philip Mehew	2	John Church	6
*Michael Orme	3	Bryan F. Sims	7
Andrew C. Sinfield ..	4	Lewis H. Bywaters..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Mastin. Conducted by Lewis H. Bywaters.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour, Oxton,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*William O. Wharton	*Treble*	Lester L. Gray	5
†Terry Owen	2	†Alexander J. Martin ..	6
†Daphne M. Wain	3	†Ernest F. Bennett ..	7
†Charles B. Pemberton..	4	Joseph Ridyard ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Watson, sen. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Henry, and a 20th birthday compliment to Edna, only children of Mr. W. O. Wharton (towerkeeper).

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*Mrs. E. Chandler ..	*Treble*	Austin T. Wingate ..	5
Jacqueline S. Evans	2	†David J. King	6
Frederick R. Harris ..	3	Reginald T. Jones.. ..	7
Leslie Evans	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal. The first peal in the method on the bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Andrew, Hampton,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Gerald C. Hemming..	*Treble*	Patrick Harris	5
John Thomas	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	6
Wilfred J. Newman.. ..	3	Joseph D. Johnson ..	7
Joseph E. Newman	4	Gordon A. Cropper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 4 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Frank L. Harris ..	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
A. Patrick Cannon ..	2	Richard E. Price	6
Ronald N. Marlow ..	3	Tony Price	7
Hilda G. Snowden ..	4	George W. Pipe .. / Cecil W. Pipe ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the heaviest ring of bells yet rung to a peal of Major.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

George F. Sperring ..	*Treble*	Robert W. Hinde	5
†John W. Griffiths ..	2	Jack N. Brown	6
Frederick R. Evans ..	3	*H. Steward Bailey ..	7
Dennis H. B. Millward	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

Alec A. Richardson	*Treble*	Frederick A. Barker ..	5
Arthur F. Warren	2	William P. Blake	6
Arthur W. J. Butler ..	3	Bernard J. Willis	7
George A. Parsons ..	4	Leonard E. Tubb ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Bernard J. Willis.
The treble ringer is totally blind and this is his first peal.
Rung as a compliment to Frederick A. Barker, to mark his 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at St. Mary's.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Muriel M. Pipe ..	*Treble*	George A. Fleming ..	5
*Patricia M. Clarke ..	2	*Frank Ruffles	6
Leslie C. Wightman ..	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
*Diana M. Matthew ..	4	*Walter W. Miller ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 43). Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*J. Mary Boissard ..	*Treble*	Patrick J. Spencer-Phillips	5
F. Stedman Poole ..	2	David L. Gullick	6
William L. B. Leese ..	3	Lewis Castleden	7
W. Ralph Winterton ..	4	Percy T. Spencer-Phillips	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by David L. Gullick.
* First peal of Major. The first peal of Major to be rung by members of the medical profession.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

W. Allen Richardson ..	*Treble*	Denis A. Frith	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	Stanley E. Bennett ..	6
Gwen I. Rusby	3	George H. Randles ..	7
Walter Tomlinson ..	4	Jack L. Millhouse ..	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Geoffrey Geary ..	*Treble*	Harry Barnes	5
Ronald Russell	2	Harold Huxley	6
George W. Creasey ..	3	William H. Dale	7
James H. Musson	4	C. Arthur Manning ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris Conducted by C. Arthur Manning.
The ringer of the 4th bell has now 'circled the tower.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY HAIRS	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOODBY ..	4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	2	ROLAND BENISTONE	5
JOHN UNDERWOOD	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. W. O. Chantler, who had been inducted to the benefice the previous Monday evening.

DINGESTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DINGAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Stedman (10 callings), 12 extents of Bob Doubles (four callings), 20 extents of Grandsire (10 six-scores with 10 callings) and five 240's (Morris's Arrangement). Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT E. R. SMITH ..	*Treble*	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ..	3
PHILIP G. MORGAN	2	JOHN J. WEBB	4
REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Dingestow, Rev. Albert St. David Buckley, who has been at Dingestow 15 years.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

FRANK ELSOME	*Treble*	OLIVER NORMAN	4
MICHAEL J. DYER	2	E. JACK PARISH	5
*DONALD PEACOCK	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled this tower.'

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 10 extents of Grandsire, two extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 10 extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*F. L. WELLER	*Treble*	†MISS J. M. PHILLIPS ..	3
MISS S. A. RICHARDSON ..	2	G. FRANCIS	4
W. L. WELLER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. L. WELLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

Rung as a farewell to Mrs. E. M. Graebe, the local schoolmistress.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS C. PEDDER	*Treble*	*MRS. M. H. SCHOFIELD ..	4
*MRS. M. EVANS	2	†HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD ..	5
†MISS A. LAYCOCK	3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung as a welcome to H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh on their visit to Bradford.

HONITON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 22 cwt.

RONALD PITMAN	*Treble*	CYRIL C. DEEM	4
*L. KENNETH DAWE ..	2	FREDERICK WREFORD ..	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal ever rung on the bells.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Vernon J. Jones ..	..*Treble*	‡Colin A. C. Conway ..	4
Elisabeth A. G. Grime..	2	§Cedric J. A. Brown ..	5
†Audrey Stephens	3	Roger O. Fry ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger O. Fry.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor and first peal 'inside.' § First peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Frederick A. Salter	..*Treble*	J. Kenneth Wagstaff ..	4
Mrs. M. I. Pailing ..	2	*James H. Pailing ..	5
George Padgett	3	Denis Mottershead ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal of Minor.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Rev. G. L. Turney	..*Treble*	Chas. F. Tovell	4
George A. Cook	2	Sidney Marshall	5
George T. Bunning	3	Cecil V. Ebberson ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil V. Ebberson.

Rung by officers of the branch as an official farewell to the chairman (the Rev. G. L. Turney).

HALSE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. approx.

*Tom Hancock ..	..*Treble*	William Slocombe ..	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Gilbert H. Davies	5
Frank Branchflower ..	3	William G. Gigg ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by William G. Gigg.

* First peal of Minor.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Joyce Evans (15) ..	..*Treble*	Rev. G. Gordon Graham	4
Herbert T. Rooke ..	2	Arnold Hill	5
George Challans	3	†Douglas H. Rooke ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.

* First peal at first attempt. † 75th peal.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bridget.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Thomas Yeomans ..	..*Treble*	David W. Evans	4
*Thomas E. Hiddins ..	2	William T. Petty ..	5
Robert E. Coles	3	*Harold Preece ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. Coles.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. and to Edward D. Coles, son of the conductor.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Ernest J. Munday	..*Treble*	S. Kathleen M. Knight..	4
*Richard H. Smith ..	2	E. Winifred Keys	5
Patrick Page	3	Norman J. Smith ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 45 individual plain course methods, viz.: (1) Shipway's Place Bob and Colnbrook S.C.; (2) Tandridge S.C. and Shipway's Place Bob; (3) Colnbrook S.C., Tandridge S.C. and Shipway's Place Bob; (4) Westminster II. Bob and Knapton S.C.; (5) Chesham S.C. and Westminster II. Bob; (6) Knapton S.C., Chesham S.C. and Westminster II. Bob; (7) Blackburn Place and Lyng S.C.; (8) Broughton S.C. and Blackburn Place; (9) Lyng S.C., Broughton S.C. and Blackburn Place; (10) St. Hilary's Bob and Intwood S.C.; (11) Ockham S.C. and St. Hilary's Bob: (12) New Bob and Forncett S.C.; (13) Itchingfield S.C. and New Bob: (14) Forncett S.C., Itchingfield S.C. and New Bob; (15) Huntspill Bob and Ellingham S.C.; (16) Oakley S.C. and Huntspill Bob; (17) Ellingham S.C., Oakley S.C. and Huntspill Bob; (18) St. Vedast's Bob and Bedingham S.C.; (19) Chipstead S.C. and St. Vedast's Bob: (20) Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham S.C; (21) Dorton S.C. and Reverse Canterbury; (22) Raveningham S.C., Dorton S.C. and Reverse Canterbury; (23) St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall S.C.; (24) Longford S.C. and St. Nicholas' Bob; (25) Fundenhall S.C., Longford S.C. and St. Nicholas' Bob; (26) Winchendon Pl and Thornborough S.C.; (27) Haddiscoe S.C. and Winchendon Pl.; (28) Thornborough S.C., Haddiscoe S.C. and Winchendon Pl.; (29) St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley S.C.; (30) Hascombe S.C. and St. Remigius' Bob: (31) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (32) Boxford S.C. and Plain Bob: (33) Candlesby S.C., Boxford S.C. and Plain Bob; (34) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood S.C.; (35) Rugby S.C. and St. Simon's Bob; (36) St. Simon's Bob, Rugby S.C. and St. Martin's Bob; (37) St. Simon's Bob, Braywood S.C., Rugby S.C. and St. Martin's Bob; (38) St. Simon's Bob, Braywood S.C. and St. Martin's Bob; (39) St. Martin's Bob, Welford S.C. and Slapton S.C.; (40) St. Osmund's Bob and Longworth S.C.; (41) Merton S.C. and St. Osmund's Bob: (42) Longworth S.C., St. Martin's Bob and St. Osmund's Bob, with 345 changes of methods and plain leads only used throughout.

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

Monica Howard ..	..*Treble*	William Butler	4
Frank T. Blagrove ..	2	Michael Hatchet	5
	3	Alan D. Rivers ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

First peal in 45 methods for all, on the bells and for the Guilds. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal; each method had its own plain course and each plain course conformed to Central Council requirements. There were no bobs used throughout the peal, and no method was the bob lead of another method.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 extents (10 callings), five Morris's 240's, six Pitman's 240's. Tenor 15 cwt.

William F. Rickwood	..*Treble*	Leonard Sharpe	4
Kenneth G. Brown ..	2	Arthur F. Ballam ..	5
Richard Rose	3	*Edward V. Ballam ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all.

HANDBELL PEAL

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours,*
At 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 42 methods: (1) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (2) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Windermere, Frodsham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland and Ennerdale; (3) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob: (4) Kent Treble Bob; (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Howard Scott .. .. 1—2 | Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 3—4
W. Eric Critchley .. 5—6

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

First peal in 42 methods 'in hand' by all, and for the Association.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,269 Grandsire Triples: Ann Parvin (first quarter Triples) 1, R. C. Beale 2, C. Ann West 3, Doris A. Banks 4, S. Kathleen M. Knight 5, G. E. Verrill 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. G. Barron 8. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Nuttall 1, R. C. Beale 2, C. Ann West 3, G. E. Verrill 4, Doris A. Banks 5, F. G. Barron 6, S. Kathleen M. Knight (cond.) 7, H. A. Nobes 8.

BENSON, OXON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Wilson (first quarter) 1, F. Godden (first quarter) 2, W. Absolom 3, J. Godman 4, R. Tuckwell 5, R. D. Wells (first quarter) 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, F. Fulker 8. First quarter by all-local band.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, on Oct. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: O. Lamb 1, J. Riley 2, C. Gardiner 3, W. Smith 4, R. Stickley (cond.) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. First quarter in the method in Africa, and for all except 4 and 5. Rung for Rector's birthday and El Alamein anniversary.

EAST CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Phillips 1, O. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, F. Gibbard 4, F. Thorpe 5. Rung for Evensong, and also to encourage local interest.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. E. Finch (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Slade 2, G. Hearns 3, E. Baughan 4, R. K. Russ (first as cond.) 5, C. Baughan 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: James Phillips 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, B. Lunn 3, J. Stephenson 4, W. Rawlings 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, J. Waters 7, J. Allsop 8. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,277 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Stephenson 3, B. Lunn 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Waters 6, A. B. Peck 7, C. Watts 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, J. Allsop 10.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Pratt 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, G. Trendell 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Arnold 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur A. Saunders, whose funeral took place this day.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT SHEFFORD, BERKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,320 April Day Doubles: W. Kewell 1, M. Maisey 2, F. Lewis 3, P. Nash 4, G. Dodd (cond.) 5, R. Rivers 6. First quarter in the method on the bells.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Tanner 1, Miss L. Beeney 2, Miss K. Yeo (first in method) 3, F. Beeney (first as cond.) 4, G. Beeney 5, P. Message 6.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Oct. 24th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Floyer 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Miss C. Forster-Jones 3, G. Bryant (first in method) 4, H. Collings 5, R. Newman 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, K. C. Begrie (first quarter) 8. Rung to welcome the safe return of the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Goodwin-Hudson) from the U.S.A.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire, All Saints' and Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. F. Shedell 5. Rung for morning service.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hollingdale 1, P. Robinson 2, C. W. Linington 3, S. A. Hill 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Emery.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, J. Woods 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, R. Warden 4, F. Hornby 5, R. Rainford 6, S. Jeffery 7, J. Pye 8. A compliment to Canon R. O. Brimley, administrator, on his receiving the title of 'Monsignor.'

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Abbott 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, H. Heaton 4, H. Prout 5, A. W. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, H. Cockell 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Prout.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Copp 1, G. Foster 2, W. Midwinter 3, F. Hooper 4, S. Barley 5, W. Exton (cond.) 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,008 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, T. C. Ryder 2, Miss Margaret Mills 3, Miss E. Bate 4, H. Woodall 5, F. Fisher 6, D. A. Chapman 7, H. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Rung for the patronal festival of All Saints' prior to Evensong.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, W. O. Noble 2, H. W. Pratt 3, G. Nicholls 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. H. Dunnington 6. For festival eve of All Saints.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,344 Double Norwich: R. Jelley 1, J. J. Morris 2, Miss G. R. Bodycote 3, B. S. Chapman (first in method) 4, J. M. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, Miss A. Stephens 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, A. F. Lee 5, T. Milsom 6. For patronal festival.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, W. J. Chester 2, B. Saunders 3, Miss K. M. Cowley 4, M. Saunders 5, G. W. Holland 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Shellard 8. First quarter on 8 bells by the ringers of 3, 5 and 8, who come from Helmdon.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Jeffs 1, D. Gooding 2, S. Skinner 3, J. H. Glanvill 4, K. Dawe 5, C. Deem 6, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Briggs 8. First of Triples for 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to J. Briggs.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stephens 1, J. Rose (first as cond.) 2, Miss D. Nice (first quarter) 3, F. Symonds 4, F. Crudge 5, J. Hart 6, F. Stedman 7, F. Foot 8. Rung for the consecration service of the Church of St. Edmund, a daughter church.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples:-D. E. Vowles 1, L. W. Pullin 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, M. O. Davis 4, E. A. Price 6, R. Brice 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Beechey, daughter of the Rev. G. A. Beechey (Vicar).

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LATE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole, of Leicester, will receive many congratulations on ringing 100 peals together in the first 10 months of this year. Never before has the felicity of married life been expressed in this manner.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A performance of outstanding merit has taken place at Stanwell, Middlesex, by a peal of Spliced Doubles in 45 methods, the greatest number of Doubles yet rung to a peal. What is more remarkable is that the conductor, Mr. Frank T. Blagrove, rang two of the working bells. There were 345 changes of method and no bobs were used throughout the peal and no method was the bob lead of another method. There is no other word than 'uncanny' to describe this feat.

The peal at Heydour, Lincs, on October 30th was arranged for Mr. C. A. Manning and Mr. Harold Huxley from Warwickshire, and Mr. Harry Barnes from Stainton, near Rotherham.

The first peal of Superlative at Stranton (West Hartlepool) was rung there on June 27th, 1925, during a North of England ringing tour (see footnote on page 707).

A ringer who once rocked Stradbroke tower has offered to ring Debenham tenor to 27.000 changes. Any offers to stand in? Suffolk ringers wonder if Pat will ring the seventh for him.

By conducting the peal at Itchingfield Mr. W. L. Weller joins the ranks of the few who have called their fathers' first peal. Congratulations to Mr. F. L. Weller on ringing his first peal in fine style at the age of 58.

We acknowledge a donation to 'Ringing World' funds as the result of a bet. A budding author thought that the Editor would look askance at his contribution but his friend did not, and a bet followed. The Editor did not and the payment of the bet has been forwarded to us. Is this what is known in racing parlance as a 'double'? The bet was doubly beneficial. A part of the magnum opus appeared and 'The Ringing World' was enriched.

The back eight of Exeter Cathedral were rung for the first time to a peal of Major on October 30th. On the tenor was Mr. Cecil Pipe and his son, George. Miss Hilda G. Snowden was also a member of the band.

Mr. Leslie Evans, tower captain at Eardisland, Herefordshire, has been able to 'complete the circle' in the first eight peals rung on these bells.

With reference to the article on Samuel Scattergood, Mr. P. Amos points out that Winwick, Northants, has but three bells in its large church. It seems obvious that Scattergood could not have practised change ringing in the church where his father was Rector.

Mr. Alan Ward who conducted his first peal of Plain Bob Royal as a 21st birthday compliment to himself at Worsley, on October 30th, wishes to thank the ringers and friends of the Manchester District for the gift of a wrist watch to mark the occasion.

A banner heading in the 'Sunday Express' reads: 'I can't stand these church bells,' and is followed by a letter asking for a vigorous campaign against the monstrous din of church bells in the morning.' Mr. A. F. Wellington, who has replied to the letter, hopes that others will follow his example.

Tuesday, November 30th, should be a great ringing day in this country when Sir Winston Churchill celebrates his 80th birthday. Ringers will doubtless like to show their affection and esteem of one who through years of darkness and despair rallied the forces of freedom throughout the world and clothed in noble and inspired language the inarticulate hopes of millions of men and women.

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BISHOP'S PRIDE IN HIS RINGERS

Dr. Williams' Encouraging Message to Leicester

AN encouraging message was given not only to his own ringers but to the change ringers of the country by the Lord Bishop of Leicester (the Right Rev. R. R. Williams) when speaking at the annual festival dinner of the Leicester Diocesan Guild on October 23rd at the Co-operative Assembly Room, Leicester. The capacity attendance represented all parts of the diocese with large contingents from Melton and Markfield. Visitors came from Nottinghamshire, Northants, Dorset and Surrey.

Supporting the president (Mr. H. J. Poole) and Mrs. Poole were the Bishop and Mrs. Williams, the Provost (the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong) and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-presidents) and Mrs. Turner, Mr. S. Burton (peal secretary) and Mrs. Burton and Mr. W. A. Wood (general secretary).

Following the loyal toast Mr. H. J. Poole spoke of his great pleasure as president of the Guild to welcome the new Lord Bishop of the Diocese and the Provost of Leicester, together with their ladies. It meant a lot to the ringers for the head of the Diocese to be present at their functions.

Referring to ringing in the Diocese, Mr. Poole was proud of the bells, their ringers and their achievements since the formation of the Guild. It had meant much hard work, much practice and much enthusiasm. It was very necessary for ringers to have facilities for practice to ensure the bells being rung properly for service.

ST. JOHN'S, LEICESTER

In St. John's they had one of the finest rings of ten in the country. These had been nearly lost but, very fortunately, one of the first acts of the new Lord Bishop had been to make a decision regarding these bells. This decision—to save the bells of St. John's—had made an indelible impression in the hearts of all ringers in the Diocese, who were very appreciative. Mr. Poole hoped that ringers at St. John's, as well as other towers, would continue to be active and play their part in the church services.

New churches were being built in the new housing estates and it was unlikely that towers capable of supporting a ring of bells would be provided, therefore very great care should be taken of existing bells. The question of St. John's bells had been the subject of a formal resolution of the Guild addressed to the previous Lord Bishop. He was very glad that the bells of Church of St. John would remain to give, he hoped, service for many years.

The new Lord Bishop would meet ringers in the Diocese; their aim, he should know, was to man all bells with the best talent available. The heart and soul of every ringer should be devoted to that purpose in order to serve the Church in the best way they could. It was a great pleasure to have the Provost of Leicester with them. To the Provost Mr. Poole would stress the necessity of regular ringing practice to maintain the standard of ringing. Mr. Poole concluded by expressing a welcome to Mrs. Williams and to Mrs. Armstrong.

'TOWER WIDOWS'

The Lord Bishop expressed his thanks for being invited to such a pleasant function. He would like to thank all ringers for their services, not forgetting the ringers' wives, who often could be described as 'tower widows.' He greatly appreciated the ringers' contribution, by their services, to the work and life of the Church, and, indeed, to all in the Diocese.

The Lord Bishop spoke of his pride in the change ringers of the country and said ringers would have his fullest support. The art of change ringing was a splendid English custom and was part and parcel of church work, even a part of the worship itself. He thought of ringers in the same way as organists, the choir and the sermon; they were all part of the thanksgiving to God. If the bells did not actually bring people to church they certainly kept the church in the minds and hearts of people. He suggested it was a good thing to ring for a longer period before services, possibly to ring the evening before, to let the people know. It was reasonable to expect ringers to attend every service for which they rang, but he was sure ringers would want to do their full share of service. It was discouraging to see ringers walking out as the congregation walked in.

The Provost expressed his gratitude to the Cathedral ringers, who, he said, worked very hard. The Cathedral tower was kept in a beautiful condition. The Provost commented on the good timekeeping of the Cathedral ringing and once more expressed thanks to Mr. Poole and his ringers.

Mr. P. L. Taylor proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' mentioning especially the Vicar of Old Dalby (a ringer) and the curates of Melton who were present, although not yet ringers. Other welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Milner, Mr. and Mrs. G. Morris, Mr. Pat Cannon, Mr. Holtom and Mr. E. Orland, with whose name he coupled the toast.

AN EVENT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO

Mr. Orland, in reply, said it was the second time he had had the pleasure of replying. The Leicester Diocesan dinner was one of the most pleasant functions he attended and he looked forward to it each year. He congratulated the Leicester Guild on their achievements and, on behalf of the visitors, he expressed thanks and said they would all look forward to further progress of the Guild.

The president thanked all who had contributed to the success of the dinner and social, mentioning specially the beautiful decorations of the room, which had been carried out by the Cathedral band under the supervision of Mr. C. Knight. The effect was truly delightful and had transformed the room.

Referring to his earlier remarks on church bells, Mr. Poole said some bells were not so good, others in the Diocese were not working, some were unringable. They, as enthusiastic ringers in the Guild, ought not to be silent while bells were in this state. In the near future public attention would be called to this matter. Ringers themselves could organise sales and other efforts to raise funds to enable these unused bells to be restored to their proper use.

Handbells were used to demonstrate to non-ringers change ringing and the 'rising and falling' of church bells. A touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, H. J. Poole, P. J. Staniforth. A. Ballard, H. Poyner and B. G. Warwick. On the successful termination of this touch a specimen 'rise and fall' was demonstrated by H. J. Poole, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, F. Wilson, T. Thornber and P. J. Staniforth.

An enjoyable social evening followed. Music, dancing, many games and a sing-song made the time pass all too quickly and one more 'best ever' came to an end.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK

On October 2nd Stonham Aspal and district ringers visited Norfolk on their half-day outing. Ringing from rounds up to Yorkshire was enjoyed at Swaffham, East Dereham, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and St. Giles'. To the incumbents, local ringers, Bill Button and Nolan Golden the party tender sincere thanks for an enjoyable outing. R. E. L.

BELFRY GOSSIP — Continued

Mr. F. T. Blagrove informs us that Westminster Bob II. is the correct name for Accrington Bob.

The peal of Bob Royal at Bedford was rung on July 10th and not as stated in our issue of 'The Ringing World' of July 30th.

We welcome to our columns a peal of Grandsire Caters at Wimborne Minster, Dorset. It is about 26 years since a peal in this method was rung on these fine bells.

St. Michael's, Honiton, has previously defied successful peal attempts. Success came on Oct. 28th, and the band expresses its appreciation to the two back-enders (Frederick Wreford and John Quick) for retaining sufficient energy to last the peal, writes our correspondent.

One of the three Quidenham (Norfolk) ringers to score their first peal, Mr. George Herbert, is the son of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Mr. Herbert is one of a keen band of beginners which has revived the art in this tower, after a lapse of several years.

When Pamela Goodfellow, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, was married recently at Iver Heath, friends rang handbells outside the church porch to welcome the newly-wed pair. There are only two bells in the church tower!

Disappointment has been expressed to us that previous notice was not given that Leicester Cathedral bells, with its famous band, were 'on the air' on October 31st. May we again ask all towers the co-operate with us and notify 'The Ringing World' of forthcoming broadcasts.

Sixteen-year Peter Ketteridge will remember October 27th, the day of H.M. the Queen's visit to Sheffield. He, with Mr. S. F. Palmer, the 80-year-old veteran, and Mr. Gordon Chaddock, was in the band which rang at the Cathedral for the Queen's visit to the Cutlers' Hall. The bells were rung until the royal couple's arrival and a few minutes later the ringers were rewarded with a grandstand view from the roof of the Queen and the Duke as the royal pair came on to a specially erected belfry to acknowledge the salutations of the cheering crowd.

ANOTHER DOCTORS' PEAL

At the fourth attempt eight doctors have rung a peal of Bob Major at Great Baddow, Essex. After the peal of Bob Minor, the first to have been rung by doctors only, at Abbots Langley, Herts, in July, 1947, the idea of an eight-bell peal was given up on account of the shortage of ringing doctors. A letter to 'The Ringing World' from the present organiser and conductor early in 1953 brought only two replies, and those were already known. Research had, however, been going on and by that time there were about 20 names on the list.

The first attempt took place on the eve of St. Luke's Day, 1953. At the second attempt Kent proved too much for the band; while the third came to an untimely end with the breaking of a rope. Of the present band three rang in the peal at Abbots Langley. Great regret has been felt that Dr. E. L. Taylor, who stood in all the attempts at Abbots Langley (although living in Cornwall at the time), and in the first two at Great Baddow, was prevented by an accident from taking part in the last two. His place on the treble was taken by the only lady doctor known to be a ringer, who, it is understood, only started to ring last winter, and since the first attempts for the present peal.

If there are any other ringing doctors, unknown at present, who would care to take part in another peal attempt, would they please communicate with the conductor or with any of the present band, who would welcome further opportunities for the pleasant social reunions which these attempts have entailed.

F. S. P.

VITALITY OF MAIDSTONE DISTRICT

Success of Second Annual Dinner-Dance

The Maidstone District not only run a newsy monthly magazine, 'The Belfry,' but also hold an annual dinner and dance. The latter was held at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant on October 23rd and was attended by a company of 80 members and friends.

Mr. Alec Waddington, who proposed the toast of 'The Church,' spoke of the happy relations which existed in the District between ringers and clergy, and cited as an example the Vicar of his tower (Egerton), who climbed the many steps to their belfry to light a fire for them. Boxley recently welcomed the Archbishop of Canterbury in their belfry.

The new Vicar of Maidstone (Canon F. Bennett) replied and thanked the ringers for their kind welcome to him on appointment. He admired the work of the ringers and applauded their desire to have the bells of Maidstone rehung, but explained that there were many other things to be done in the town of higher priority. He urged the company to be proud of their membership of the Church of England.

The toast of 'The Guests' was honoured on the call of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, who mentioned in particular Canon and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pratt Boorman and Mr. A. B. York-Bramble.

Replying, Mr. Boorman, who is editor of 'The Kent Messenger,' said there was no greater enthusiast for bell ringing in Kent than Dr. Hatcher, and that the members of the Association were deserving of thanks for maintaining the ancient English tradition of bell ringing. Talking of bells, he said they bore the names of those who 'made me.' This denoted pride on the part of the founder, who knew it would remain down the years and was not afraid that people should know who founded the bell.

The toast of 'The Maidstone District' was proposed by Mr. A. York-Bramble, who said that the District had come a long way since it came into being in 1889. The membership of nearly 200 had probably never been higher. The District had a vitality of which any ringing society might be proud, and which, no doubt, sprang from the examplary energy and initiative of its officers, and not least from one who was until recently the District secretary—Dr. Hatcher, who was now promoted to the office of the Association's general secretary.

Talking about the District magazine, 'The Belfry,' he said that now that the ladies were taking such a practical part in ringing he would not be surprised if the Editor were asked to run a 'heartache advice' column! They might read: 'Advice to the Lovelorn,' and, for example: 'Is my ringing boy friend really religious, or is he trying to get rid of me? He has given me up for Lent.'

Referring to the varied activities of the District he mentioned, apart from 'The Belfry,' the planned programmes of meetings with printed fixture cards, the special methods at meetings, the two series of combined practices, the annual coach tour and the annual dinner and dance, and the recent formation of the Maidstone Grammar School Society. Some measure of credit for this flourishing state of affairs must go to the District secretary. The new one, Mr. Reg Sills, had distinguished himself by attaining this position at the comparatively early age of 23.

Mr. Sills replied, and, in a tribute to his predecessor, said that besides having a hand in everything, most of the unique features of their yearly programme were initiated by Dr. Hatcher. In fact he was the life and soul of the District and infected all with his enthusiasm. Finally, Mr. Sills thanked Mr. Mark Couchman and Mr. Bill Manser, whose committee had organised the function so efficiently.

Dancing followed, interspersed with handbell ringing, some of which was tape-recorded and played back. 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'The Queen' brought to an end at 11.45 p.m. a very enjoyable evening. R. L. S.

THE N.S.T.G. AGAIN

Nailsea was the rendezvous for ringers from three counties (Essex, Devon and Somerset) on Saturday, October 23rd. The primary object was a peal attempt, but the organiser had also, in typical N.S.T.G. style, arranged for visits to a few new towers.

The 'advance party' joined Clutton ringers at their practice on Friday night before continuing to H.Q. On Saturday morning two cars took ringers to Badgworth (5, 13 cwt.). These bells are very rough—the fourth was pulled up with the assistance of a strapper (both ladies!). However, the four bells of the next tower, Biddisham (9 cwt.) went well.

The peal band was completed in the afternoon by the arrival of Cyril Deem, but Stedman Doubles at Weston-in-Gordano were, unfortunately not successful. Undaunted, however they attended the Axbridge Branch meeting at Kewstoke (6) and were afterwards entertained to an excellent supper by Mr. and Mrs. Horseman.

On Sunday morning the six at Portbury (24 cwt.), where there is no service band, were rung. After a wonderful chicken lunch provided by Mrs. Strong, the visitors enjoyed the bells and a magnificent view at Dundry (6, 16 cwt.). Service ringing in the evening was divided between Bristol, SS. Philip and Jacob (8, 20 cwt.), Nailsea and Clutton.

Thanks for a very enjoyable week-end are due to the Nailsea ringers, and particularly to Mrs. Horseman and Mrs. Strong, who provided all the meals and accommodation, and to Michael Horseman, the organiser. M. E. F.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Learners Prominent in Leatherhead District

Ashtead was the venue for the autumn meeting of the Leatherhead District and about 50 had a ring during the afternoon and evening. This included a large number of learners of both sexes, for whom the ring of eight was highly suitable, though it was a bit of a crowd for the small belfry. The Ringing Master, Mr. H. N. Pitstow, had a busy job seeing that everyone had a ring, but rounds and Triples with an occasional course of Major kept everyone happy.

At 4.30 the Guild's form of service was taken by the Rev. G. J. Halsey (Rector), who also gave the visitors a warm welcome to Ashtead. The lesson was read by Mr. J. T. Symonds, who combines the captaincy of the local band with that of choirman and churchwarden. A sumptuous tea had been prepared by lady helpers in the Church School, which had even the choirboys stumped, though numbers were up to expectations.

Mr. Pitstow presided at the short business meeting and praised the beginners for the way they handled their ropes—a credit to their teachers. In thanking the Rector for his address and use of the bells, he said he thought that ringers to-day were more appreciative of that duty to practise what they preached in calling people to church. Quite a large number of learners were elected.

DEDICATION

MARSDEN, YORKS

The beautiful Church of St. Bartholomew, Marsden, was nearly filled for the dedication on October 24th of the two new treble bells.

Weighing 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb., the treble was the gift of the employees of John Edward Crowther (Holdings) Ltd., in memory of the late Phillip Dyson Crowther, the managing director of these well-known woollen mills, who died in a Leeds nursing home on October 19th, 1953. The second, which weighs 5 cwt., is the gift of Marsden Parish Church bellringers and is dedicated to 'The men of this Parish who fell 1939-1945.'

The congregation was composed of ringers from many towers from as far away as Doncaster and Wakefield, relatives of the late Mr. P. D. Crowther and of those men killed in the war, the chairman and Marsden members of the Colne Valley Urban District Council, and the staff, directors and employees of the Crowther group of mills.

The ring of eight was kept going by the visitors for an hour before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Facey), who also dedicated the bells following a procession to the tower from the sanctuary, and which included the four clergy, representatives of the other Marsden churches and chapels, John Edward Crowther, Ltd., the Marsden bellringers, Mr. J. P. Fidler (of John Taylor and Co.), the churchwardens and full choir. After the dedication and while the procession was returning down the main aisle, rounds on the new ring of ten were rung by: S. A. Jaine 1, D. E. Lodge 2, Miss S. Brown 3, J. Shrigley 4, J. A. Grace 5, S. Carter 6, H. R. Clegg 7, W. Hansom 8, D. B. Cater 9, J. S. Whitehead 10.

The lesson was read by the Rev. H. W. Facey, of Newfoundland, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Tuff, Vicar of Lindley.

After the collection, which amounted to £27, had been taken by eight of the Marsden ringers, prayers and the Blessing were said by Canon Bellman, Vicar of Almondbury and patron of the living of Marsden.

Following the service the bells were rung until 4.30 p.m. The opinion was that once again the Loughborough firm is to be congratulated.

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BETHNAL GREEN, E.—On Oct. 24th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Harvey (first in method) 1, T. H Taffender 2, B. G. Moore 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. R. L. Blewer 5, F. Ranson 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, C. A. Hughes 8. Rung to celebrate the 1,350th anniversary of the diocese.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Dyer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For Matins.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST OF MAJOR AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—I would like on behalf of the locals and myself heartily to congratulate the band on their achievement on the 'Grandisson Eight' at Exeter Cathedral on October 30th. Only those who know and understand the Exeter bells realise what a feat this was, bearing in mind that it took them three attempts to get Triples!

With my friend, Mr. W. A. Theobald, I listened to the whole of this peal and, after an hour of settling trouble, the bells were sending out really excellent Major.

Special mention must be made of Tony Price's efforts on 'Stafford' and the Pipes' ringing of 'Grandisson' with their two ropes idea, and I listened with envy and awe to Frank Harris's 'spot on' treble.

A stunt? Yes! But how many peals aren't? Such spirit keeps the Exercise alive.

To those interested here are the particulars of the bells:—

Fifth.—Pennington, 1658. 8 cwt. 2 qr. 'Pennington.'

Sixth.—Purdue, 1676. 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. 'Purdue.'

Seventh.—J. Taylor and Co., 1902. 18 cwt. 4 lb. 'Fox.'

Eighth.—Purdue, 1693. 19 cwt. 19 lb. 'Doom.'

Ninth.—Purdue, 1676. 28 cwt. 4 lb. 'Cobthorne.'

Tenth.—Evans, 1729. 33 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. 'Oldham.'

Eleventh.—Purdue, 1676. 40 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. 'Stafford.'

Tenor.—J. Taylor and Co., 1902. 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. 'Grandisson.'

Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK WREFORD.

Exeter.

TEN YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir,—Just over ten years ago you published a letter of which the following are extracts:—

(i). There are obvious practical reasons why bells may not move more than one position in each change (but I'm not so sure that I am clear as to why only two blows may be struck in any position when place-making).

(ii). Plain Bob Lead Heads. (The Snowdon series on Surprise methods (page 35) states:—'An investigation was made with a view to seeing if there were any other methods producible with similar qualities (as Superlative). Though there are several, many of these being doubtless excellent methods, they have, with one exception, lead heads other than those of Plain Bob.') Isn't it artificial, therefore, to allow only Plain Bob lead heads when there are excellent methods not having them? Surely the method and its music should come first.

(iii). Why is it bad to have bells lying in 7, 8, in Major?

(iv). Why is it bad to have back-handed places?

(v). Why the seemingly artificial dividing of methods by place-making into Surprise, Delight, Exercise and Treble Bob, giving the idea that the former are the most complex when they're not necessarily. And why the keen study of the first at the expense of the latter?

(vi). Why is it bad if the bells don't turn up at the back in their 'natural coursing order'? (And why this term—shouldn't it be Plain Bob coursing order?)

This letter was written by one of the present members of the Methods Committee. As, by the recent action of the committee, he has obviously satisfied himself on these points, could he please now enlighten myself and the remainder of the Exercise?—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. WILLIAM BUTLER.

PUBLICATION OF NEW METHODS

Dear Sir,—I should like to comment on one particular sentence in the Editorial 'Keeping the Balance.' The one I have in mind said, 'It is to our regret that we have been unable to publish all the compositions and new methods we have received.' I quite agree that it would be impossible to publish all compositions that are turned out, and all new methods that are discovered (not composed!). I do feel, however, that priority should be given to new methods which are rung to a peal. If such methods were omitted, it could lead to considerable confusion; it might become possible for the same methods to be rung in different localities, each being claimed as a new method, and each being given a different name. So far as I am aware, however, you have not omitted any such methods in the past, and I sincerely hope the sentence to which I have referred does not imply that you intend to do so in the future.

Relating to the need for economy in space, would it not be feasible for all methods to be published in place notation? This would result in a marked saving in space. To illustrate this with an example, the method St. Wolstan's Delight, published on October 15th, could have been printed in this form as 38x58, 14x58x18x14x58x16 HL7. LE 4263857. Compare this with the space it actually took—17 rows each of eight figures. To assist any readers who might not be familiar with this system, a short article could be written to explain it by any one of the many theorists who have used it for many years.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster, Yorks.

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

Dear Sir,—You were good enough to publish a letter from myself on the above matter, and I emphasised the necessity of spreading the deficit in 'The Ringing World' accounts over the largest number of ringers possible, thereby reducing the cost per individual to about the equivalent per annum of two cigarettes.

While I appreciate Mr. E. Barnett's support for the plan, I must point out that he seems to seek to deal with the problem by imposing extra costs on a certain section only.

Mr. Pugh quite openly recommends the imposition of a 6d. fee on all peal ringers for each peal published, and he asserts that this 'would be far better than making a levy on Association funds **which are obtained from people like learners and Sunday service ringers.**' Well, well, Mr. Editor! So now we know where our Association funds have come from!! Mr. Pugh has told us!!!

I wonder what the accomplished and energetic ringers who figure week by week in the peal records thought of that disclosure by Mr. Pugh. And how does one distinguish a peal ringer from a Sunday service ringer? I have known hundreds of people who rang peals, but I cannot remember one among them who was not also a keen Sunday service ringer.

To classify ringers into sections of peal ringers and Sunday service ringers is impossible, and the plan I put forward of levying the vast sum of about 3d. per member annually on all affiliated Associations is the only sound and practicable method of ensuring the financial stability of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WILLIS.

Folkestone.

SHANKLIN TOWER

Dear Sir, — Shanklin tower was built some years after the church, and in order to avoid reducing the seating accommodation the buttresses came inside the roof and were gradually narrowed down till they finished off as a straight wall. There is also a cellar under the tower to house the heating apparatus, and one of the four pinnacles serves as a chimney for it.

I learnt to handle a bell there at the age of 16 and well remember when sitting out during ringing feeling the tower lurch like a ship in a heavy sea. The original intention, I understand, was to have four bells, but a ring of eight with an 18 cwt. tenor was installed in two tiers. If my memory serves me right, six of the eight bells swing the same way across the tower.

I noticed when I visited the tower last year that it had been reinforced inside the church. One peal has been rung on the bells. There was growing opposition to the bells before I left Shanklin, so perhaps the peal put the final seal.

Two years ago a student at Bishop's College told me there was some talk of putting the bells in a ringable condition. I sent a donation towards the fund which the Vicar promptly returned with the information that a large sum of money had been spent on the tower, and they were not thinking of doing anything about the bells. It is a great pity, as they are a grand eight.—Yours faithfully,

W. NEWNHAM.

Cheshunt, Herts.

COOKHAM BELFRY

Dear Sir.—It was with much pleasure that I read the letter under the above heading from P. Tocock. As a past member of the Cookham band, and having pleasant memories of the exceptional conditions that are met with in this tower, I would like to congratulate my old friend, John, on the latest addition towards the ideal that he has in mind. Here is to be found an example of what a ringing chamber can be and, dare one say, should be.

It may be of interest to mention the electric fan for use in hot weather and the electric heater for winter use. A very pleasant, homely touch is to be found on entering the room on Sunday. It is the vase of flowers on the table, and on occasion in other places as well. A custom at this tower is to leave the bells 'up' continuously: and only rung down for the occasional periodical inspection.

It is a great joy to the church officials to know of the good attendance of the ringers at the Sunday services. I have known of full attendance at Holy Communion at 7 a.m. after early ringing on festival days. Service ringing is always preceded by a belfry prayer.

Ringers who know John as branch ringing master of the Oxford Guild will remember his insistence on the importance of good striking, and can imagine what his attitude is on this matter in his own tower.

GEO. H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Middlesex.

PEALS AT HIGH HALDEN

Dear Sir.—The peal rung at High Halden, Kent, on October 13th, was not the first in 13 Minor methods for the Kent County Association. A peal of Minor in 13 methods was rung at Lamberhurst on November 26th, 1932, and is recorded in the 1933 Kent County Association report, page 89.

When the summary of peals rung was published in the 1950 report, the omission of this peal was pointed out to the officials, but no action has been taken to include it in any later reports.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

LETTERS—Continued

MY GREATEST JOY IN RINGING

Dear Sir,—Although I don't think I have had 'a greatest,' all have been great joys to me. I tried to express 'one of the greatest' in the article which appeared in 'The Ringing World'—also a great joy—under the caption 'Church and State Ringing' (October 8th) and failed inadequately.

I have arranged a few peals. Early this year I set out to arrange another. I was granted the use of the bells, then the ringers from my home tower—including three in the peal attempt—visited the church on their outing; I was not with them. Imagine my surprise when on the Monday following I received a letter from one in the proposed peal to say he did not think it would be wise, or even possible, as the ropes were in such poor condition; also there were no ringing mats, nothing to sit on, and goodness only knows when the ringing chamber was last brushed out.

You remember the former radio character, 'Sid Walker,' who used to ask, 'What would you do, chums?' Now I ask you.

I immediately wrote to the Rector, enclosing the ringer's letter, which, to a great extent, was supported by the other two I pointed out, however, that whatever happened—short of withdrawing the use of the bells—the importance of the occasion of the peal—a compliment to a very gracious lady—we should go for the peal.

The Rector passed the letter on to the honorary secretary of the Parochial Church Council. His reply was that they were shocked by the letter and its implications, in view of the fact that they had recently had the bells reconditioned and rehung at a cost of £600.

Despite the shock, the secretary was very kind and helpful, and a firm friendship has resulted. He said the ropes had been changed where necessary, some new ones had been obtained in case of emergency, new ringing mats had also been obtained, and the ringing chamber 'swept and garnished.'

The Rector and secretary of the Church Council met and welcomed the ringers, also the gracious lady chairman of the Urban District Council; the local ringers also met and welcomed the peal band.

Whilst all this was going on, one of our 'Ringing Worlds' carried a splendid front page leader dealing with the preservation of bells and bell frames, etc.; it also mentioned the Central Council's handbook on 'Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell Frames and Fittings.' I forwarded a copy of the latter, also a copy of 'The Ringing World.' I also forwarded, for their better knowledge, Ernest Morris's 'Bells of All Nations,' and his 'Legends o' the Bells,' and Nichols' 'Bells Through the Ages,' and asked the Rector, the 'gracious lady,' and the secretary of the Church Council, to change round after perusal.

Now, after all the trouble, I come to the object of, I think, 'My Greatest Joy in Ringing,' the letter of appreciation which I enclose.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

Note.—The letter to Mr. Stenson contains the following:—

'I am more and more convinced that the deep joy which you all so obviously derive from ringing, coupled with the sanctity of the belfry, makes an abiding impression on your characters and outlook towards life—or am I putting the cause before the effect? Is it your outlook on life which impels you to express through the bells your joy and belief in the creation of all things beautiful? Whichever it is, it has made a lasting impression on me.'

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Downie (first quarter) 1, Miss D. J. Perrins (first 'inside') 2, A. Short 3, R. C. Ingram 4, H. Yardley 5, W. Pettigrew 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, A. H. Rainey 8.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss J. K. E. Harris 1, R. Elkington 2, A. Disney 3, Miss J. M. Simpson 4, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 5, D. S. Harris 6, G. H. Arguile 7, M. D. Staniforth 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. Rung for the local band on the eve of the festival of St. Luke.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Jones 1, M. K. King 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, C. G. Bryant (first 'inside') 4, J. J. Sims 5, J. E. Morgan 6, R. E. Coles 7, D. J. King (cond.) 8. Arranged for R. E. Coles, Cowbridge.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Monica Howard 1, M. Purchase (first 'inside') 2, Diana Spice 3, A. Bird (first as cond.) 4, W. Butler 5, R. Purchase 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Reavell, wife of the people's warden, interred on the same day.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, L. Busby 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, P. Smith 4, M. Harding 5, W. Holloway (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4. A farewell to the Rev. N. Howells, who has left the parish.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Nicola Savage 1, A. Richardson 2, Miss Ann Gower (first quarter) 3, A. Goodall 4, A. Warren 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, F. Barker 8. Rung for Evensong.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Frances Bibby 1, W. G. Bibby 2, F. Jackson 3, J. E. Bibby (cond.) 4, T. Lightfoot 5, O. Claybrook 6, C. Valentine 7, H. Matthias 8. Rung for Evensong.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. M. Jeffery (first quarter) 1, B. W. Parke (first quarter) 2, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 3, J. H. Sitch 4, D. J. Crouchman 5. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Edwards.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Fulker 1, P. Wilson 2, F. Godden 3, R. J. Wells 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. For harvest festival.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Jackson 1, M. H. R. Glover 2, R. J. Nash 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, J. H. Smart 5, D. A. Edwards 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, J. L. Eaton (first quarter) 8. First of Stedman for 2 and 5.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Williams 1, H. Claridge 2, E. Claridge 3, G. Cooper 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, M. Smith (first quarter) 6. A message of welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. John R. Bennion, B.A.) and Mrs. Bennion.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. L. Parry 1, G. Newton 2, S. K. Taylor 3, W. Bamford 4, J. Barlow 5, F. Appleton (cond.) 6, H. D. Mills 7, H. Hamer 8. Rung in honour of the visit to Rochdale of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Oct. 24th, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: G. McKay (first quarter on 12) 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, W. Williams 3, T. H. Francis 4, J. R. Leeming 5, A. P. Cave 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, P. J. Coward 8, W. R. Winterton 9, A. R. Ling 10, R. F. Deal (cond.) 11, E. F. Willcox 12.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 24th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: A. W. J. Thompson (first of Major) 1, W. Kerrison 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, G. A. Sutherland 4, E. J. Thurlow 5, C. J. Gibson 6, R. J. Darch 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. Rung for the service of dedication and unveiling of the new east window, at which H.R.H. the Princess Royal performed the unveiling.

WALMER, KENT.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Miss Monica Hawkins 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. A. Rye 4, M. R. Hawkins 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, P. J. Rye (cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung for Evensong, also for wedding anniversary of A. C. Rye, and welcome home from National Service of P. J. Rye. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. E. Stephens 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, Miss Ann Vine 3, P. J. Rye 4, T. Wickens 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, M. J. Stephens 7, F. A. Rye (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and also for wedding anniversary of the conductor.

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

Memorial to Mr. W. Honor Dedicated

The annual gathering of the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 23rd. The church authorities and ringers at Hillingdon regard this visit as one of the important occasions of the year, and the service and tea reflected this mood.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Tyler) conducted the service, during which he proceeded to the west end of the church and dedicated a ring of 15 handbells restored in memory of William Honor, who was for 68 years a ringer at Hillingdon, and who died at Christmas, 1952. The bells, size 21 in D, are a first-class ring and will hang in the ringing chamber in a rack specially made for them by a Somerset friend. Immediately after the dedication some of the bells were rung in rounds by five of the local ringers and Mr. H. W. Impey (son-in-law of Mr. Honor).

In his address the Vicar paid a wonderful tribute to Mr. Honor's personality and his services to the church and village as a ringer and churchman.

Mrs. W. H. Coles and other ringers' wives had prepared a very welcome tea in the Church Hall and over 70 persons plus the choirboys enjoyed the meal. In the course of the several speeches made, special welcome was extended to Mrs. Tyler, the churchwardens, members of the Honor family, and the son and daughter-in-law of the late W. C. Parker, of Staines. And, although not mentioned in the speeches, there was another important visitor present, the daughter of Evelyn and Tony Turley.

The evening social, organised by Mr. W. F. Butler, Branch secretary of the Oxford Guild, was much enjoyed. The Middlesex men wrested possession of the cup from their Oxford friends by winning the annual handbell contest (no blood this time, much to the fans' disappointment). Mr. Pidwell, a Pinner ringer, entertained with his violin, and the new handbells revealed their qualities in the tunes played on them by the St. Mary's, Ealing, handbell ringers. Dancing and some novel games were also in the programme. There was some ringing on the tower bells, of course, both at St. John's and St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, with Mr. F. T. Blagrove and Mr. R. Biggs, Ringing Masters, in charge

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The October meeting of the Selby and District Society was held at Acomb, Yorks, where the newly-dedicated ring of six was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. There was a representative attendance. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Oxby Parker, M.A.), who, in welcoming the visitors, hoped they would pay another visit in the not too distant future. A bountiful tea was provided by ladies of the parish.

At the business meeting Mr. H. Morley presided, supported by Mr. L. Woodhead (secretary) and Mr. F. Terry (Ringing Master). It was agreed the next meeting be held at Snaith and that no dinner be held this year.

Mr. E. Hudson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and ladies for the arrangements which had made the visit so enjoyable. Mr. H. Walker said a local company had not yet been formed but sufficient old ringers were coming out of retirement and a number of learners were coming along, to ensure that by Christmas there would be enough local ringers to man the ropes for each Sunday service. Meanwhile the York Minster ringers would continue to give assistance.

H. W.

RINGING IN DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AS in the case of their next-door neighbours of the north-west, Cumberland and Westmorland, it is convenient to take the two north-eastern counties, Durham and Northumberland, together, but not for the same reason. In the former case it was because peal ringing was not very extensive, but in this case it is because of the close association of the two counties as far as ringing is concerned, not for lack of peals, for the Newcastle district has a very good reputation both for numbers and variety of peals. The number of rings of bells concerned is not very large compared with some counties, but they have been put to very good use throughout the period under consideration.

There were not many peals rung in the 1880's (about 20 in all), but things were getting quickly under way and in the 1890's there was as much if not more peal ringing than there has been ever since. Thus at St. John's, Newcastle (8), no less than 68 were rung in that decade, and a similar proportion to its total number at St. John's, Darlington (8). The great majority of towers record their first peals about that time also.

It is St. John's, Newcastle, which holds the record for number of peals in the two counties —185. One hundred and twenty of them were rung before the first war. It is still the most popular peal ringing tower in Northumberland, for 27 have been rung there since 1946, but the present average is not as great as at the beginning of the century.

This is followed by Newcastle Cathedral, with 97 peals—37 being rung between 1892 and 1914, 45 between 1918 and 1939, and 14 since the war (only one in each of the years 1952 and 1953 and none so far this year, which seems to point to a decline in peal ringing this last year or two—there are indications of this in other places, too). The Cathedral is the only 12-bell tower in the area, but although its total is approaching the century mark as far as the period under review is concerned, I fear there cannot be any celebration, for several early peals are known at this tower and the 100 has already been passed.

Third on the list comes North Shields (Tynemouth), Christ Church, with 88. The heyday here was definitely before 1914, for 60 of them were rung between 1881 and 1912; 25 were rung between the wars and there have been one each in the years 1951, 1953 and 1954 since the last war. This church is one of the five in the two counties which have ten bells.

WHITLEY BAY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Whitley Bay (8) follows very closely with 87. Most ringers will know of this famous tower connected for so long with the achievements of the Gofton family. It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity of a ring here at the Central Council meeting recently (as, of course, at all the towers we were privileged to visit). At the beginning of the century there were only six bells here, but 12 peals were scored on them up to 1910. The first on the eight was in 1913, and the war doesn't seem to have affected this tower much (least of any tower in the country, I think), for 21 peals were rung between 1913 and 1919. Thirty-nine were rung in the 1920's and ten more up to 1936, when there was a silence for ten years. Five have been rung since the war, in the years 1946 to 1949, but none since. The methods rung here (as at St. John's, Newcastle, and elsewhere) have been amongst the highest achievements of our art.

Bishop Wearmouth (Sunderland), St. Ignatius' (8), comes next with 79 peals. The period between the wars seems to have been most popular here, for 62 of them were rung then. There have been six since 1945. A six-bell tower follows closely—Holy Trinity, Darlington. Its total of 78 makes it among the leading six-bell towers in the country (for, as was said in the first article, only one of these has passed the 100 mark so far). Nine were rung between 1903 and 1910, then there was a gap until 1926, which started a sequence of 32 up to the war, and there have been 37 since 1945—the highest number of any tower in the two counties. There were only two last year, however, and none so far this—another piece of evidence of the decline mentioned above.

Having given the chief peal ringing towers in the area, we now turn to the towers in descending order of numbers of bells, as usual. The only 12-bell tower has been mentioned already. Besides Christ Church, Tynemouth, there are four other churches with ten bells. They are Gosforth, West Hartlepool, Stockton-on-Tees and Roker (Sunderland). As an eight-bell tower, Gosforth scored 29 peals between 1901 and 1914 with two more just after the war. The first on the ten was in 1921, and there were 18 rung between then and 1932. An odd peal was rung in each of the years 1936, 1948 and 1952. So peal ringing has declined here, too.

West Hartlepool shows three phases of activity. Its total of 33 is made up of 23 between 1904 and 1913, six from 1924 to 1932, and four from 1946 to 1951. Thus it was much more popular 50 years ago than now. Stockton has also had its ups and down. Four peals of Minor were rung between 1883 and 1887, then 16 on the ten bells between 1902 and 1909, and four odd peals in 1924, 1931, 1953 and 1954 since —a total of 24 in all. Roker's, of course, are new, and only two peals have been rung there, in 1949 and 1953. So much for the ten-bell towers.

CHESTER-LE-STREET

Several other eight-bell towers deserve mention apart from those above. First must be Chester-le-Street, which has the largest post-war total of peals on eight (and upwards) bells —31 out of a total of 62. This tower is now enjoying its best period in its history. Darlington, St. John's (already mentioned), has 60, 37 before 1914, 14 from 1921 to 1932, and nine since the war. Twenty-nine out of Gateshead's total of 56 were also before the first war and there have been six since the last war. This completes all the towers with more than 50 peals. Newcastle, All Saints', which was destroyed by fire in 1946, had a total of 47 despite the fact that the last peal rung there was in 1912. Also in the 40's is Bishop Auckland with 43.

As for six-bell towers, apart from Holy Trinity, Darlington, Whickham deserves first mention, for 43 peals have been rung here. Twenty-three were rung between 1944 and 1953, but it has not appeared this year in the peal lists. The other towers which have reached double figures are Stella (23), Benfieldside (14), St. Peter's, Jarrow (11, last peal 25 years ago) and Newburn (10).

One eight-bell tower has never had a peal rung at it yet—Newcastle, St. Matthew's. Three sixes are likewise unconquered—Hebburn, Newcastle, St. Andrew's, and Corbridge. Neither are the only two five-bell towers in the counties—Sedgfield and Willington. But six out of 64 is a very small proportion and is another indication of the popularity of the Exercise in the north-east. May it long continue to flourish there.

DEDICATION OF GREENWICH BELLS

The restoration of the historic church of St. Alphege, Greenwich, where Thomas Tallis was once organist, and which was badly damaged during the war, was completed by October 31st by the dedication of the bells during Matins by the Archdeacon of Kingston. The bells, an octave from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1731 and augmented to ten in 1734, have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank except for the tenor, a fine bell of 23 cwt., which was in good condition, and the ring rehung in ball bearings with iron headstocks. Whereas the old bells were mostly of poor quality, the tone of the new ring is excellent.

Among those present at the service were the Mayor of Greenwich and Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. In the course of his sermon, the Archdeacon likened the church up to that day to a patient recovering from a serious illness, but still unable to speak, and referred to the fact that the opening rounds after the dedication had been rung largely by a band trained by Mr. J. Dafters, steeplekeeper of his former church of St. Mary, Lewisham. After the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in 53 minutes by a band mainly representing different towers in the district, Mr. A. R. Ling, of Lewisham, very kindly standing out for a visitor. The ringers were E. B. Crowder (Eltham) 1, P. J. Spice (Bromley Common) 2, F. W. Richardson (St. John's, Deptford) 3, E. A. Barnett (Crayford) 4, A. S. Richards (West Wickham) 5, G. H. Daynes (St. Nichholas', Deptford) 6, H. W. Clark (Greenwich) 7, H. E. Audsley (conductor) (Dartford) 8, J. Freeman (Lincoln Cathedral) 9, F. J. Cullum (St. John's, Erith) 10.

A stone tablet in the belfry records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung right back in 1732, and the walls are covered with boards recording peals by other societies, such as the Eastern Scholars in 1828, down to more modern times. In many of the later ones a famous ringer and member of the local band, Isaac G. Shade, ringer of 1,450 peals, took part, and in the opening rounds was the grand-daughter of another well-known London and Greenwich ringer, the late Harry Hoskins. The local band of their day was something to be reckoned with.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' Nov. 13th, 1914

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 2, 1914, in 3 hours and 37 minutes

At the Bell Tower

A PEAL OF BOB CATERS, 5,040 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

Frank Jinks	Treble
James Hemming	2
Frederick J. Johnson	3
*Joseph D. Johnson	4
Herbert Jordan	5
Frank Cook	6
Frederick Jordan	7
Henry J. Phipps	8
Harry Middleton	9
William Workman	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by H. Middleton

* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

[Some 35 years were to elapse before another peal of Bob Caters was rung.]

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Colgate 1, J. Smart 2, J. Colgate 3, M. Smart (cond.) 4, A. B. Cannings 5, E. Knight 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5. For harvest festival.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. R. Cox 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, J. L. Morris 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, P. P. Brown 5, D. Beresford (cond.) 6. First quarter of Cambridge for 1, 2, 4 and 5. Rung for Matins.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR A. SAUNDERS

The death occurred on October 14th at Black Notley Hospital of Mr. Arthur A. Saunders, of Greenstead Green, at the age of 77 years. He was well known in the Essex Association, having held the office of Northern District Master for several years before the war. Unfortunately ill-health had prevented him from taking an active part in ringing for several years.

Mr. Saunders' peals number round about 200; no record has been kept, but they include several of London Surprise. He had a reputation as a very good tenor man, one of his greatest achievements being the ringing of Great Waltham's tenor to a peal when the bell was not going too well.

Arthur cycled many miles for ringing and was always willing to help the young recruit. His cheerful outlook, in spite of his handicap, was a lesson to all; his interest in the art never waned, and week by week he read every page of 'The Ringing World,' keeping up to date with all that was going on. Whenever the opportunity presented itself at meetings near his home, he was brought along to sit in a chair and enjoy a pleasant hour or so amongst old friends.

So passes on another respected member of the ringing fraternity. May the ideals he so proudly taught and upheld be carried on by those who follow in his footsteps.

The funeral took place on October 18th at Greenstead Green. Several ringers were present, including Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master, Essex Association), Miss Hilda G. Snowden (Northern District Master), Mr. F. Claydon, Mr. W. Arnold and Mr. H. Sibley. In the evening a quarter peal was rung with the bells half-muffled. H. G. S.

MR. FRANK SLINGSBY

The death occurred on October 22nd of Mr. Frank Slingsby, captain of St. Martin's, Cheriton, Folkestone.

Aged 82, he had been a member of the band since 1902, when he came to Cheriton from his birthplace, Aldington. He was the son of Charles Slingsby, famous as the centenarian ringer ('Ringing World,' January 27th, 1939, page 54).

Frank continued ringing until 1951, when he became almost blind. He was able to resume after a successful operation for the removal of cataracts. A serious illness in 1953 again kept him from ringing and although he recovered sufficiently to walk to service his weakened heart would not allow him to ring.

A complete record of his peals is not available, but he is known to have rung at least 15 during the years 1925-1937, plus many quarter peals and 720's of Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob.

A band drawn from Cheriton, Folkestone, and Hythe towers rang the half-muffled bells in rounds for the funeral on October 27th. The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Robinson), included the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and was attended by many parishioners and ringing friends.

Again in the evening fellow worshippers and ringers attended a special service of remembrance after which 1,344 Grandsire Triples were rung half muffled by: B. Heppenstall (Wath-on-Dearne) 1, C. Swan (Hythe) 2, Rosemary Longhurst (Newington) 3, Maisie Vantom (Lydd) 4, W. C. Chandler (Cheriton) 5, G. Pearson (Ashford) 6, J. R. Cooper (Ashford), conductor, 7, J. F. Soles (Cheriton) 8.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung to his memory by a representative band of the Ashford District at Cheriton on October 30th.

MR. HARVEY WATSON

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Harvey Watson, of Shouldham, Norfolk, at the age of 72. A member of the Ely Diocesan Association for several years, Mr. Watson was not a peal ringer but was very interested in various methods. He will be missed at the Branch meetings.

At the Branch meeting at Terrington St. John the members stood in silence as a last token of respect to his memory.

At the funeral service Mr. F. C. Price (nephew) was the organist, and Messrs. A. V. Bowen and E. Barker represented the Ely Association. Afterwards a short touch of Bob Minor was rung hulf-muffled.

In the evening a quarter peal of 1,260 Plain Bob was rung half muffled by the following members of the Ely Association: A. H. Bridges 1, W. W. Cousins 2, C. Cousins 3, A. V. Bowen 4, E. Barker (conductor) 5, Claude Cousins 6. E. B.

MR. HENRY J. MEADS

Ringers of Turner's Hill and neighbourhood have suffered a great loss by the death on Oct. 22nd of Mr. H. J. Meads.

Despite his increasing years—at 89 he was the oldest ringing member of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association—Mr. Meads was most regular in his service ringing and in attendance for practice.

He made no claim to ringing fame—indeed, for a period of almost 50 years he 'dropped out' of ringing circles, but peal boards at Balcombe and in nearby churches point to his prowess in Minor methods during the latter part of the last century. Of these peals he was particularly proud of two rung in one day for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887.

When Mr. Meads returned to North Sussex, in retirement, he resumed his bell-ringing activities, and in 1952 rang in his first quarter peal for well over 50 years. It was at this late stage that he commenced 'eight bell' work, and in February of this year was overjoyed to take part in his first quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, thus celebrating his 89th birthday. His ambition, following this, was to score a peal in the method—a wish which, unfortunately, was never fulfilled because of his ill-health.

So passes one whose example in regular service and practice ringing will long be remembered by all who knew him well.

Members from his own and neighbouring towers met on October 30th, and paid their token of respect by ringing, half muffled, a peal of Grandsire Triples.

I. B.

Foots Cray

Confirmation as to Foots Cray being the lightest ring of five comes from Mr. C. A. Wratten now serving in Vienna with the Allied Commission for Austria. He comments: 'The bells are by no means a good ring. They have quite a long draught and are rung from the centre of the narrow aisle—the situation when ringing for a wedding may easily be imagined.

'In addition, the front three bells suffer from "double striking" due, no doubt, to over-heavy clappers. I have always maintained that this is the only ring of five on which it might be possible to ring an eight-bell peal!'

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — The rededication of Exford bells, after recasting and rehanging, will take place on Nov. 20th at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, by Nov. 15th, without fail, please, to Rev. H. F. Warren, Rectory, Exford, Minehead. 5279

ALL future communications concerning ringing at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, to be addressed to: Miss Doreen A. Deverell, 61, Ashburton Grove, Holloway, N.7. 5295

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Witney and Woodstock Branch desires help for Sunday evening service ringing from any unattached ringer. Details, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5322

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The permanent home tower of the Society is now St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). Weekly practices during term, Mondays 6.30–8 p.m., commencing Nov. 15th. Sunday service ringing 5–6 p.m., commencing Nov. 21st. — G. McKay. Hon. Sec. 5334

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Morton (6) Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Gateshead, Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. 5321

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hever (6), Nov. 13th. Tea at Henry VIII. Annual dinner, Dec. 11th, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets 10s. Numbers limited, early application with remittance essential.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 5244

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5305

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting, Nov. 13th, at Sellindge (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — W. P. G. 5237

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District. — Quarterly meeting, Queensbury, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. All welcome. Please bring own tea.—E. Dorice Kelly, Dis. Sec. 5255

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea 5.15 p.m. All ladies welcome; gentlemen cordially invited—Miss J. Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 5267

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. George's, Millom, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5331

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Meeting at Branston (6) on Saturday, Nov. 13th.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5289

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting Saturday, Saturday, Nov. 13th, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3.30-4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Ringing, service and business meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 6-8.30 p.m.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5271

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Westminster on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Ringing only — St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., and St. Margaret's, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5281

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at Shiplake (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—N. E. Colley. 5272

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Litton Cheney, Nov. 13th. Usual arrangements. — Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5269

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—Surprise practice, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. S. 5273

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Vine Inn. 5288

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Bletchingley (8) on Wednesday, Nov. 17th, from 7.30-9 p.m. 5318

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 20th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5280

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Portishead, Nov. 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5323

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Upton (Birkenhead), Nov. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free only for those notifying by 17th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5310

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (North Branch) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley Branch).—Joint meeting at Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, by Nov. 17th.—J. L. G. H. 5326

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Buckden (5), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5324

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Important:—Names for tea to J. H. Brett, 36, Brook Meadow, Sible Hedingham, Halstead, essential. No names, no tea.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 5283

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nomination meeting at Hersham, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church House approx. 5 p.m. Tea notifications by Wednesday, 17th, to J. F. Dodson, 19, Green Lane Avenue, Hersham, Surrey. 5313

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Names for tea by Nov. 17th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5312

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Bells 8. Service and tea.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 5332

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Harrietsham on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5290

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. P. Chapman, 8, Ash Road, Kettering, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 17th. All ringers and friends welcome. 5317

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea at 4.45. Meeting in tower at 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited. — J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5333

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 3 p.m., Nov. 20th. Cups of tea. 216 bus, Stephenson Square; 218, 219, Portland Street. All welcome. — R. Benson. 5327

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Oadby, Nov. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5320

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gosberton, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Usual times. Names for tea, before Nov. 16th, to J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington. 5284

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Saxilby on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. C. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5309

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Llanfrechfra, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 5291

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Ringers' Day, Nov. 20th. Peal of ten 1.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and official welcome 5 p.m. Whist 6.45 p.m. Dance 7.15 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) to D. B. Cater, 7, Lane Ings, before Nov. 15th, please. (No names, sorry, no tea.) 5306

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — South Ealing, St. Mary's (8), Nov. 20th. Bells from 3 and after tea. Service 4.45. Tea in Church Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. The Vicar of Ealing looks forward to meeting you.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 5325

MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Winshill, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—J. W. Cotton. 5328

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Meeting, North Creake, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to T. Owen, West Street, North Creake, Fakenham, by Nov. 16th.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5330

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 5314

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Preston on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 16th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 5270

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD and WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Joint practice meeting between Salisbury and Christchurch Districts, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Fordingbridge bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea, Riverside Cafe, Fordingbridge, 5 p.m. Downton bells (8) 6.30 p.m. Notify A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth, for tea by Nov. 17th.—Miss Y. Eloie and A. V. Davis, Hon. Secs. 5304

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Snaith on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate chtarge) to all who notify Rev. B. A. Ramsker, The Vicarage, Snaith, on or before Nov. 18th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5316

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe (6) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—S. L. Barley. 5264

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 18th to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 5287

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Dinner at Saracen's Head Hotel, Eastgate Street, Gloucester, 7 p.m., Nov. 27th. Tickets 10s. per head. Limited to 50 seats. Apply early, enclosing remittance.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 5315

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Kintbury (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. White, 3, Queen's Way, Kintbury, Newbury, by Nov. 24th. 5307

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting, Kislingbury, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 23rd to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 5311

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barnes, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, Kitson Road, Barnes. Names to Mr. Hollingworth, 146, Kew Road, Richmond, by Nov. 24th. Meeting following. Business includes nominations for district officers, 1955. Richmond bells (8) available 6.30-7.30. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5302

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Preliminary notice: The Annual Dinner will be held in the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 27th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) can be bought from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. Tel 5525. 5293

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ON KNOWING WHAT IS GOING ON

AT the conclusion of a peal of Stedman Cinques, rung not too long ago, while coats and collars were being adjusted and the clock scrutinised, some comment was made on the unusual construction of the homing courses, and the ringers of the small bells fell into some discussion of types of compositions and their peculiarities. It was then that the ringer of the 7th remarked rather wistfully that he wished he could follow the course of a peal as (he said) "you chaps do." This is an extremely interesting expression of desire, for it leads immediately to speculation on how much the average non-conducting ringer really knows of what is going on in a peal or touch, and this in its turn leads to inquiry as to why men ring peals at all. Is it for the sake of getting to the end of the required number of changes, with a glance at the clock and a great sense of relief? Or is it for the purpose of enjoying the evolutions of the bells, to note the beauties of the music as they occur and recur, and to watch with interest the gradual unfolding of the composer's plan and its inevitable consummation?

There is, of course, no complete answer to these questions. Every peal ringer, be his knowledge great or small, has certainly at some time or other been conscious of beauties in the musical positions of the bells; and equally, every peal ringer has at some time breathed a sigh of relief when "That's all" has been called.

The ringing of a peal has much in common with the making of a journey with a fixed objective, and brief thought will show interesting parallels. The journey may be made in a closed guard's van or at night in a compartment with blinds drawn. In these circumstances the voyager is conscious to a very small degree of the progress of the journey beyond, it may be, the stoppings at certain stations on the route. The journey may, however, be made in daylight, with a view of the surrounding scenery and complete opportunity for enjoyment of the views unfolded as the train proceeds. Lastly, the trip may be made with a full pre-knowledge of the route, gathered either from a study of the map or from previous experience of the countryside, and with all the joy of anticipation and earnest looking forward to interesting landmarks and features of beauty along the way.

The parallel to be found in peal ringing is, one may venture to think, too obvious to need elaboration. But into which class of traveller peal ringers fall is worthy of speculation. There must be, one is forced to believe, a considerable body of ringers who ring for quite long periods without being acquainted to any useful degree with the plan of what is being rung. This is not to say that they are unconscious of the landmarks of lead-ends or course-ends, or that they do not appreciate the beauty of certain musical effects the bells in their courses produce. But it may be that with some small extra knowledge of the plans of methods and their callings such ringers would gain extra pleasure from their ringing.

Such extra knowledge and added ability may be secured without the practitioner aspiring to become a conductor. There are many who shrink from the responsibility of guiding a band through a peal; there are some who would say, as Alderman Paddon Smith has often said, "It matters little who conducts so long as the ringing is good." And it so falls out that there is a large body of ringers with no great desire to excel in the art of conducting. But to these it may be pointed out that more knowledge of what is going on both adds to the enjoyment and increases the safety of the ringing.

All methods do not, of course, offer the same opportunity for study or the same quality of interest in construction of compositions. The Surprise methods in Royal and Maximus, with their very rigid mould of form and limited musical plan, offer less fields for observation than Caters and Cinques. Without seeming to decry the construction of blocks of changes on 10 and 12 bells, the opinion may be ventured that methods adapted to 9 and 11 bells, with their greater freedom from rigidity and their flexibility in manipulation, provide more of interest to the non-conducting observer.

Thus some simple study of Grandsire Caters and of what happens to the big bells in a course called 9-3 or a course called 89 will give to even the average ringer an added interest in the progress of a course. Some simple investigation into the sequence of treble-place bells in Stedman Caters and Cinques is well within the range of ability of anyone capable of ringing these methods. There is nothing mysterious and certainly nothing difficult in these small matters, but the increased enjoyment in the progress of a peal that arises from this comparatively small amount of extra knowledge has to be experienced to be believed. With this knowledge we may indeed travel hopefully, and (we hope) arrive safely at journey's end, and perhaps cry with the joyousness of the late George Swann: 'I didn't want any clock: I knew what was coming.'

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

Herbert E. Audsley	*Treble*	Arthur G. Mason	7
Charles J. Sedgley	2	George J. Butcher	8
George E. Symonds	3	Fredk. J. Cullum	9
Lewis W. Wiffen	4	John F. Tillett	10
Hilda G. Snowden	5	James Bennett	11
Cecil W. Pipe	6	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

Harold J. Poole	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner	6
Brian Martin	2	Ernest Morris	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	G. Stedman Morris	8
S. Anthony Jesson	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Peter J. Staniforth	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Kenneth C. Lewis. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*Vivienne Horton	*Treble*	*Alan Foster	6
Sampson Walklate	2	*David K. Walklate	7
Philip Mehew	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Albert E. Thompson	4	Francis R. Lowe	9
Maurice Bailey	5	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Ayre. Conducted by David D. Walklate.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

Frank V. Gant	*Treble*	†Frank J. Matthews	6
Frank B. Lufkin	2	Frank C. May	7
Frank H. Hicks	3	Frank T. Blagrove	8
Frank G. Bloomfield	4	Frank C. Price	9
*Frank G. Wilton	5	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. The first peal of Royal by 'all Franks.'

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Leatherhead District.)
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

Edward G. L. Coward	*Treble*	Albert E. Cheesman	6
George L. Grover	2	Bernard Hawkins	7
Alfred H. Winch	3	Albert J. Adams	8
George Marriner	4	Arthur E. Smith	9
Gordon P. T. Peters	5	Albert Harman	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Albert Harman.
Rung on the Eve of Remembrance Day. Also the 50th anniversary of G. Marriner's first peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. EDMUNDSBURY BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt.

*Linda R. Binnington	*Treble*	Frank Reed	5
Robert B. Blond	2	Malcolm S. Cloke	6
James P. Blond	3	Alan R. Pink	7
Brian Bladon	4	†William Gilks	*Tenor*

Composition from the Central Council Triples Collection.
Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Denise J. Shaw	*Treble*	Rev. G. G. Graham	5
Charles McGuiness	2	†Frederick J. Jackson	6
Milton C. Fowler	3	John J. L. Gilbert	7
Howard Scott	4	W. Eric Critchley	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	John A. Underwood	5
G. Stedman Morris	2	Roland Benniston	6
J. Frederick Milner	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*Michael W. Crowder	*Treble*	†Ronald Naylor	5
Arthur W. Hoodless	2	Jack Bray	6
Norman Bell	3	W. Arthur Crowder	7
Walter Goddard	4	Walter Ayre	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal; aged 12. † First peal on eight bells.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

William J. Prescott	*Treble*	Graham R. Eyles	5
Leonard Derrick	2	George W. Massey	6
*William F. J. Cope	3	Eric Naylor	7
†David Hoare	4	†Herbert Hardwidge	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method as conductor.
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank A. Slingsby, a ringer at this church for many years.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	5
*BERT CHILVERS	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
LESLIE G. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	OLIVER G. BARNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*STANLEY WALMSLEY	*Treble*	JOHN CHARNOCK	5
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	2	ARTHUR HATCH	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	E. ROGER MARTIN	7
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	4	*FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* First Surprise peal and first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, D.S.O., M.A., as Bishop of Blackburn, which took place on October 28th.

HIGHWORTH, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HAROLD POPE	*Treble*	HUGH FALKNER	5
MRS. W. A. GODWIN	2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	6
JOYCE MORSE	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	7
†THOMAS F. STONE	4	*SIDNEY H. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on bells since restoration.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	†B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	5
*MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.)	2	†R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	6
†R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn)	3	†W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
†J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	4	†J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

*PETER S. BEDFORD	*Treble*	RICHARD S. PAYNE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	6
*RAY PECK	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
C. JACK GIBSON	4	'H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First attempt for an eight-bell peal.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Jarvis, of Southwold.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	HARRY BAKER	5
*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	LUTHER HONESS	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	†LESLIE G. MAYNARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*PETER NEWING	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	5
†SUSAN JACKSON	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
†IVOR GOULTER	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
A farewell peal to R. G. Morris, who is called up for National Service.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 NETHERTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
PETER BORDER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
BETTY SYRETT	2	THOMAS SIMMONDS	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	WILLIAM J. FLATT	7
CECIL A. THOMPSON	4	CHARLES W. LORME	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SOWTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

ARTHUR TAPLEY	*Treble*	SIDNEY SKINNER	5
GEORGE RETTER	2	RONALD PERRY	6
WILFRED PANTER	3	WILLIAM REEKS	7
JOHN QUICK	4	RONALD PITMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM REEKS.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*MICHAEL VERNON	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	5
JOHN H. BAILESS	2	JOHN A. SMITH	6
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	7
RITA M. STRATFORD	4	C. ROGER HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Kent Major by all except ringers of 2nd and 7th.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*Patricia M. Howard	*Treble*	George J. Jennings	5
John H. G. Gardner	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
John W. Meade	3	†Eric H. Knapp	7
Ivan A. C. Butcher	4	*Ernest J. Constable	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry Meads, aged 89, a ringer in this church, who was interred at Crawley Down on October 27th.

URCHFONT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

Richard J. Bowden	*Treble*	Harold L. Parfrey	5
Eric Sutton	2	Frederick S. Slatford	6
Percival W. J. Harding	3	Philip W. Weeks	7
*Laurence E. Hitchins	4	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells.
Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. J. Harding, the tower-master of Urchfont, who has been a ringer here for 56 years.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

*Cyril E. Lewington	*Treble*	*Robert E. Turner	5
Albert Diserens	2	*Ronald F. Diserens	6
*Walter Hunt	3	Reginald W. Rex	7
*Frank W. Lewis	4	*Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

An arrangement of 5,056 by H. Dains.
Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Bristol.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb.

George W. Howlett	*Treble*	Stanley W. Copling	5
Peter Kindred	2	Douglas Mitchell	6
*Horace W. Easey	3	A. William Bird	7
John W. G. Kindred	4	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal. First attempt.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also a birthday compliment to Charles Bailey, of Kirby Cane, Norfolk.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary-de-Castro,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Peter J. Staniforth	*Treble*	Ernest W. Rawson	5
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
*Harold J. Poole	3	John A. Acres	7
*Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	S. Anthony Jesson	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
* 100th peal together this year. First peal in the method as conductor.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Candida and Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

*Harold J. Arscott	*Treble*	G. Stedman Morris	5
Walter H. Poole	2	Roger Keeley	6
Canon C. Carew Cox	3	Harry J. Gaylard	7
Gordon Gaylard	4	†William A. Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Keeley.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal. First peal as conductor.
A farewell peal to Roger Keeley, leaving for National Service with H.M. Forces.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 ZENNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
Barbara A. Mitchell	2	Brian D. Threlfall	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	Alfred J. House	7
Alick Cutler	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
The first peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

James Bennett	*Treble*	*John W. Blythe	5
*Robert E. Lester	2	*Cecil W. Pipe	6
Patricia M. Clarke	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
Frank Ruffles	4	*George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Kevin S. Hohl	5
*Stanley G. Ponting	2	John W. Meade	6
Charles A. Bassett	3	William A. Kitchenside	7
Arthur F. Lewry	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Harold J. Hazell	*Treble*	Wilfrid G. Wilson	5
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	2	A. St. John Boyack	6
Harold W. Rogers	3	Thomas E. Davies	7
Squire Croft	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Southwell Surprise Major by all the band, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.
A birthday compliment to Harold W. Rogers.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Arthur J. Scott	*Treble*	Canon C. Carew Cox	5
Mrs. C. W. Powell	2	*Walter H. Poole	6
G. Stedman Morris	3	*William A. Yates	7
Henry G. Keeley	4	Cuthbert W. Powell	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the recast bells.
Rung for the Festival of Remembrance.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Geoffrey Dodds	5
*Joyce Dodds	2	Ronald J. Sharp	6
C. Henry Harding	3	Andrew C. Sinfield	7
G. William Critchley	4	Lewis H. Bywater	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.
A 21st birthday compliment to C. Mann, a ringer at this tower.

SIX BELL PEALS

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Plain Bob, 20 of Grandsire and 16 of April Day.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb.

PETER J. SKINNER	*Treble*	VIVIENNE HORTON	4
JOHN F. MURFIN	2	SAMPSON WALKLATE	5
DAVID K. WALKLATE	3	FREDERICK G. MURFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
First peal of Doubles in three methods for all.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise, and one extent each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

MRS. E. C. JARVIS	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	WALTER ARNOLD	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
Conductor's 50th peal for the Association.
In memoriam Arthur A. Saunders, of Greenstead Green.

CLAYWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN WARDLE	*Treble*	JOHN J. TAYLOR	4
*ALEC WILSON	2	FRANK LAMB	5
ALBERT HULLEY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal in three methods.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 16 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob IV., Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob. (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	4
PETER J. EVES	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
PETER J. CAME	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Brewer. Also a farewell to Rev. Ian Leekey, who is going as a missionary in the Belgian Congo, and a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Saunders.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*FRANK BARNETT	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	4
ALLEN MORGAN	2	*FREDERICK C. PUGH	5
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	3	WALTER H. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to the glory of God, as a mark of thanksgiving for the recovery of the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Moreton-Jackson, after a serious illness.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HUBERT G. CHASTNEY	*Treble*	*GEORGE HERBERT	4
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
*MICHAEL A. R. GREEN	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal.

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SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Kent Treble Bob; (5) Double Court; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

MICHAEL VERNON	*Treble*	C. ROGER HAYWARD	4
RITA STRATFORD	2	JOHN VERNON	5
CHRISTINE STRATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal in seven methods by all the band, and on the bells. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*ERNEST G. JONES	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	CYRIL H. KINCH	5
†EDGAR J. SMITH	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. First peal of Minor in eight methods on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (four callings), 12 120's Plain Bob (eight callings), two 240's Grandsire (two callings), and 22 120's Grandsire (10 calllings). Tenor 12 cwt. approx.

*JESSIE COCKBURNE	*Treble*	†FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	4
PERCY NEWLAND	2	R. GORDON CORBY	5
†DAVID COBB	3	*SIDNEY J. PUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Carlisle, (2) Chester, (3) Canterbury, (4) London, (5) York, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*ALAN R. SYDER	*Treble*	*JOHN WARNER	4
*LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	*WALTER ARNOLD	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	*TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*D. MARY WARD	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
*MARY R. ANDREWS	2	PETER N. BOND	5
†IAN H. ORAM	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' The first peal on these bells since December 13th, 1913, that being the first. The conductor's 80th tower in Kent for a peal.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

MOLLIE TILBURY	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
*CHARLES G. JONES	2	JOSEPHINE GREEN	5
JOHN J. WEBB	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor away from the treble.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of College Single Reverse and two extents each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	*BARRY SHEPPARD	4
*DIANA LEWIS	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
YOLANDE WILKINS	3	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor, who has completed the 'circle of the tower.' First peal of Minor by a local band and rung on St. Leonard's Day.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Ipswich and Cambridge and two 270's each of York and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*†MARGOT R. THOMPSON	*Treble*	RAY PECK	4
NORMAN R. BAILEY	2	†JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of N. R. Bailey's first peal.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
VIVIENNE HORTON	2	ALAN FOSTER	5
JOHN F. MURFIN	3	DEREK SHAKESPEARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

First peal of Bob Doubles for all.

FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*C. SARGENT	*Treble*	R. MORLEY	4
*R. PALMER	2	G. RAMPLEY	5
J. MORLEY	3	K. MUNNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RAMPLEY.

* First peal. All ringers of local Sunday service band.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. B. Prior, who is retiring.

HANDBELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15.

EDWIN A. BARNETT	1—2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	5—6
JOHN FREEMAN	3—4	EDWIN BARNETT	7—8

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First handbell peal in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 29 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT STANLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 13 in E.

*DEREK P. JONES	1—2	†DAVID K. WALKLATE	3—4
		†JOHN F. MURFIN	5—6

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

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

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

PHILIP BARNES	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	C. AUDREY HARRISON	7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

OBITUARY

THE REV. FITZWILLIAM CARTER

The Rev. F. Carter, who died, aged 81, on Oct. 23rd, will long be remembered in Devon as one of the kindest of men, the most helpful of teachers, and one whose quiet modesty concealed real ability.

After spending ten years in South Africa, during which time he became Principal of St. John's College, Johannesburg, he came eventually to Withleigh, near Tiverton, in 1915, and held Calverleigh in plurality from 1917. It was due to the influence of Mr. John Woodley that he became interested in the bells of Calverleigh Church and, after being taught to ring by Mr. Woodley, he made rapid progress and soon was a competent instructor himself. He was for 13 years chaplain to the nearby Ingleside School, many of whose pupils learned to handle a rope, and the school was often able to provide a service band at the church. He served the N.E. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers as secretary and treasurer in 1923, and as chairman from 1931 to 1940. In 1946 he was elected a vice-president of the Guild. He was also Rural Dean of Tiverton for four years.

At the funeral in Withleigh Church on Oct. 27th the Guild was represented by Prebendary E. V. Cox (President), who read the Lesson, Mr. E. J. Taylor (general secretary), Mr. W. H. Ware (hon. secretary N.E. Branch), and Messrs. A. W. Payne and W. Cockram. Two members of the Calverleigh band, Messrs. R. Hill and W. Greenslade, acted as bearers. The bells of Calverleigh Church were rung half-muffled during the evening.

HARLINGTON REMEMBERS GUY FAWKES

There are many towns and villages where Guy Fawkes Day is commemorated by the ringing of bells, but hardly one which is associated with a leg of pork supper. This is at Harlington, Middlesex, and in 1606 a lady now unknown was so overjoyed by Parliament being saved that she donated a piece of land (now part of London Airport) to a trust, which stipulated that Harlington bells should be rung at sunrise and sundown on November 5th, and the ringers enjoy a leg of pork supper afterwards.

The 347th anniversary was observed this year and it was a particularly happy occasion as the Harlington company of ringers had, during the past year, been recruited to full strength and the ringing, which included 'firing' the bells, was undertaken without outside help. The ringers were: J. A. Nelhams (capt.), L. Grice, J. Grice, G. Dell, Mumford, Ian Gatsford, H. Smith, L. Sudul, C. A. Portsmouth and Alan Sapsford.

The gathering at the Jolly Waggoners in the evening, when the traditional dish was served, was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Morgan), supported by the Rev. H. W. Reindorp (former Rector) and the Rev. G. E. Reindorp (a well-known broadcaster). Other guests included Mr. W. H. Coles and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow. Among the many toasts was 'The Unknown Donor,' submitted by Mr. C. A. Portsmouth.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Sinden 1, M. Sinden 2, F. Corfield (cond.) 3, H. Cox 4, P. Devenish 5, Mrs. Devenish 6, J. Brickell 7, J. Tomsett 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

We send our best wishes to the following New South Wales ringers on their weddings:—

On August 28th, Tom Goodyer and Margaret Winter, at St. Patrick's, Church Hill. A tape recording was made for Margaret's parents in Bristol.

On September 9th, Ian Lipscombe and Betty Sloan, at St. Jude's, Randwick.

On September 11th, 'Bill' Wilson and Margaret Mills, at St. Stephen's, Sydney.

On September 11th, Harry Voss, of All Saints', to Lola Goff, at Lismore.

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LATE NEWS

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in Scotland was rung on November 6th at Paisley by some of the band that rang the method in England, Ireland and Wales. The journey was made from Manchester by air.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Is bellringing an art of craft or a crafty art? asked the Dean of Worcester when he presided at the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The 'Franks' are in evidence this week with a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Kingston-on-Thames.

Mr. Roger Keeley, of Lyme Regis, is joining Her Majesty's Forces for National Service. He conducted his farewell peal at Whitechurch Canonicorum.

A ringing lesson in Aston Parish Church, under the instruction of Mr. A. Rainey, was a front page picture in 'The Birmingham Mail' of November 5th. Learners include choir boys and some of the ladies of the congregation.

Mr. Peter N. Bond, of Gaywood Stocks, Green Road, Hildenborough, nr. Tonbridge, Kent, hopes to arrange a Masonic peal attempt in London or the Home Counties early in the New Year. Brethren interested are asked to communicate with him.

A peal at Loughborough bell foundry was appropriate for the birthdays (all on October 15th) of Mr. E. A. Barnett, Crayford, Kent, the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. A. S. Richards, West Wickham, Kent, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, of Bradford, Yorks, secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. George Marriner, of Leatherhead, will receive many congratulations on standing in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leatherhead on November 6th. It was the 50th anniversary of his first peal, which was rung at Ashtead on November 5th, 1904, in which his old friend, Mr. A. H. Winch, took part. Mr. Winch was also in the 50 years after peal.

'The last two months have seen a 20 per cent. casualty rate among New South Wales ringers through engagements and marriages. We fear there will be no stopping Love's tide, and further victims may be expected.'—'Ringing Towers.'

In their disappointment at losing a peal at Newton St. Cyres the band did not forget the 'Ringing World.' Their contribution is much appreciated.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd rang his 150th peal on 12 bells on November 2nd. His first on 12 was in 1923, the band including Tom Russam, James George, Jim Shepherd (Swindon), Albert Walker and Albert Norman, who conducted.

Commenting on husbands and wives as ringers 'Ringing Towers' observes: 'If the home takes precedence then bellringing takes second place, and pity the poor husband who must choose between steak and Stedman on Sunday mornings.'

November 5th was the 84th birthday of Mr. Arthur Lewis, of Caldicot, one time Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. He still rings for service and listens to a peal attempt. Unfortunately, his birthday peal came to grief this year, but a quarter peal was scored by the admirers of this grand old gentleman.

Few ringers can claim the distinction of coming back to peal ringing after an absence of 12 months and conducting their parents' 100th peal together (completed in 10 months). Such was the 'come back' made by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth in conducting her first peal of London Surprise Major which was rung at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on November 3rd.

(Belfry Gossip continued on page 746)

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COLLEGE YOUTHS' 317th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

MEMBER OF 70 YEARS' STANDING — RINGING A CRAFT — MORE YOUNG MEMBERS THAN EVER BEFORE — ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE: FORMER RECTOR'S ECCENTRICITY

THE accent at the 317th Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 6th was on youth. The popularity of the Master, Mr. John E. Chilcott, was evinced by the presence of such a large number of young ringers in the company of 164. Nevertheless, there was an appropriate veneration for those not so young, and a great ovation was accorded Mr. John Christopher Mitchell when he rose to take wine with the Master as the representative of the College Youths of over 70 years' standing.

There were other long-standing members present, who received appropriate recognition—Richard Stannard with 64 years' membership, Wm. T. Elson and Isaac Emery, 63 years; Roland and Caleb Fenn, 58 years; George W. Price, 57 years; Ernest G. Fenn, 56 years; Henry Hodgetts, Alfred B. Peck and Joseph S. Hawkins, 53 years; and Albert A. Hughes, 52 years.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said, when he was first elected Master of the Society, some of his predecessors warned him that the worst part of his year of office was the annual dinner. Facing such a distinguished assembly, many of whom had travelled a long distance, he felt it was a great honour to preside that evening. They had come because they had a great affection and sense of loyalty to the Society.

RINGING A CRAFT

Some ringers in different parts of the country referred to ringing as an art or an exercise. He preferred to think of ringing as a craft. When a man was a craftsman he had skill in that craft, and one of the essential features of a craft was that it was something that was handed down from generation to generation, and that was particularly true of bellringers. There were good ringers and bad ringers, and that there were the latter was often due to their tuition. A good teacher could produce a good ringer. To-day he thought there was too much sloppiness in tuition. Those who had learnt under a strict tutor looked back and felt they had something worth while.

The Master pointed out that while the craft of the stone mason and the wood carver were all blended together to make a beautiful building, so was their service ringing; it was a contribution with the choir that made for the beauty of that service. The churches where the College Youths were privileged to serve in London were all of a high standard; they were beautiful buildings with well trained choirs. It made them feel as ringers that if their service was not of a high order they were not worthy.

He mentioned that an essential of a craft was that it was handed down from one generation to the next. They saw in ringing the elderly and the young mixing together, and it was his joy that they could claim as real comrades members of the older generation. He could assure the clergy that as long as the Church needed their services they would be pleased to supply ringers and ring the bells as they should be rung.

The Rev. Cecil E. Young, Rector of Stepney, who replied, said he had no idea when he came to Stepney that he would find such friendship and comradeship among bellringers, who were some of the most helpful members of his congregation. He felt that one of the things they of the Church must do was to give ringers the facilities they needed, and help and encourage them in their ringing. Almost everyone in Stepney appreciated the sound of the bells and the skill of the ringers.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was submitted by Mr. Frederick Sharpe. He said there was no other function that he attended in the course of a year which gave him so much pride and satisfaction as that dinner. Year by year they looked forward to coming there and meeting old friends, and joining in that bond of friendship of which they had heard from the Master. That bond of friendship had been called the freemasonry of the art of ringing.

AN OLD RINGER'S LAMENT

One old ringer did not agree with his Rector's sermons, and also complained bitterly that the Rector would never have his favourite hymn. At last he plucked up courage and asked the Rector for the hymn, A. & M. 575. 'But,' said the Rector, 'you don't want that hymn:—

'Within the churchyard side by side,
Are many long low graves.'

The old man implored the Rector to think of the fourth verse:

'They do not hear when the great bell
Is ringing overhead,
They cannot rise and come to church
With us, for they are dead.'

And then he added 'there is more sense in that than some of the things we listen to in the sermons.'

The same ringer attended the service when the Rector preached his farewell sermon. Afterwards he said, 'I am very sorry you are going, Rector.' 'Why do you say that? questioned the Rector, 'We never see eye to eye.' The old man replied: 'Well, I have never known a Rector go without a worse man come in his place!'

Their Society had had a long and interesting history, and history was one of the things in which he was interested. There were some societies as old and older—he was thinking of Bristol—but none had held the position of their Society. The Ancient Society was largely the liaison between the old societies like Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol. When Fabian Stedman and Richard Duckworth combined to bring out the first text book it was to the Noble Society of College Youths that they dedicated their book. One need not recount all the exploits of their Society, but it was a fact that for the opening of many of the famous rings of bells in the country the Society took part.

He was told by Mr. Hughes that there were possibly more young members of the Society now than at any time in its existence. That was very good news, and they congratulated the Society. To the young members he would say: 'Do read Trollope's book on the College Youths.' It made very good reading, and he always felt that Mr. Trollope knew a lot more than he committed to that book.

A TOWER GRABBER

Mr. Sharpe said he was not much of a bellringer—he had rung about 40 peals—but he was a tower grabber of another kind. He was quite happy among the owls and bats. He knew what it was like to be imprisoned in a belfry or to be chased out by a swarm of bees. He remembered one tower that nobody had been up for 32 years, and they had to smash the lock to get in. There he found a beautiful mediæval frame going to rack and ruin and an elderberry tree growing out of the parapet.

Mr. Sharpe said that as he travelled round the country he found an increasing interest taken in bells and ringers. He thought there had been progress since the war. The ban on ringing did a lot of good. It made people realise what a heritage they had and what they had lost, and once it was restored they realised that it was well worth keeping. They heard at times about recorded and synthetic bells. He did not think the danger from them was that bad. He also found that there was a deeper interest in church matters and spiritual matters for which they ought to be justly proud. He felt they had got over the period of apathy and, as far as the spiritual side was concerned, the tide had turned. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. A. B. Peck, the secretary, who had been a member of the Society for 53 years.

'LIVE IN UNITY.'

In his reply, Mr. Peck said he would like to say a few words about the Masters that it had been his privilege to serve under as secretary. They were a grand lot; it had been a joy to work with them. In his opinion they were worthy successors of a long line of eminent men. These remarks also applied to the other officers and, indeed, to all the present members of the Society. 'I am happy to feel that there is a wonderful spirit of brotherhood in our ranks. We must always remember our motto: "Visamus Unanimeter" (Let us live in unity).'

During the year the usual monthly meetings had been held, the most outstanding one being the visit to Leicester, where they were the guests of Mr. Harold Poole and the Leicester ringers. They all had a most enjoyable day. Forty ringing practices had been held. The number of new members made during the year was perhaps not quite so high as the year before, but the standard was as good as ever it was. He thanked Mr. A. A. Hughes for his help at all times, particularly in connection with the dinner.

A very great honour had been bestowed on one of their members. Mr. Harold Pitstow had been invested as a member of the Order of the British Empire. It was an honour in which they all shared.

The company stood while the names of those members who had died during the year were remembered. They were: George M. Kilby, William J. G. Browne, Victor Jarrett, Joseph White, Martin Jackson, David Wright, Daniel Cooper, Wm. Poulson, Francis Gleaves, Albert E. Norman, Ernest Herbert, Edgar Russell, Victor Bennett, Robert Lingwood, Eric Dench and Charles P. Chalk.

They had rung 17 peals during the year, mostly in the provinces.

NEW MEMBERS

John Ashcroft (Warrington), William G. Bibby (Frodsham), Ernest J. Wells (Farnham), Henry G. Weedon (Stepney), Wm. A. Stote (Coventry), Allen P. Cave (Liverpool), Kenneth Timbury (Hitchin), Leslie D. Duguid (Portsmouth), David Hoare (Radstock), Frank E. Corfield (Wimbledon), John Waters (Penzance), Frank E. Roberts (Ross-on-Wye), Bernard Ongley (Holmes Chapel), James Rea (Balham), Clifford A. Barron (Erdington), Albert H. Hinton (Weedon Lois), Stewart Kimber (Wallington), Brian Grinter (Bristol), Francis C. Mogford (Bristol), Frank E. Hansford (Bristol).

Frank Stead (Preston), John Moore (Hounslow), Philip G. Draffen (Consett), Patrick I. Chapman (Kettering), Frederick J. Bailey (Cardiff), Reginald Hayden (Bishop's Stortford), A. G. Farndell (Mitcham), Cyril Savage (East Budleigh), Thomas Look (Yeovil), Arthur H. S.

COLLEGE YOUTHS—Cont.

Rainey (Erdington), Charles Ottley (Fulham), Frank Udall (Chelsea), Ronald J. Forster (Maidstone), John H. Lott (Chelsea), Ronald H. Gardiner (Wells), Victor G. Roberts (Wookey, Wells), Gwilym G. Salmon (Wells), Rognvald St. C. Wilson (Midlothian), Chris. H. Hawkins (Llanelly), Raymond Parsons (Carshalton), Horace P. B. Davis (Poole).

ABSENT FRIENDS

Among the apologies for absence was one from Mr. Albert Walker, who wrote: 'Kindly note at 9 p.m. I will raise my pint and drink success and congratulations to the Master and all members and friends present.'

At 9 p.m., on the call of the Master, the toast of 'Absent Friends' was honoured.

Other apologies were from the Provost of Southwark, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, A. York-Bramble, Kenneth Croft (who had been bereaved by the sudden death of his father-in-law) and J. M. Stallard.

Mr. George W. Cecil, a past Master, proposed the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors,' and said that at their annual dinner they found one of the largest cross sections of the Exercise. That day they had 19 counties and 16 associations represented. On behalf of the Ancient Society he extended to the different associations represented a message of goodwill and fellowship and wished them a successful continuance of their activities during the ensuing year.

Mr. Harold J. Poole, who replied, brought the congratulations of the Leicester Guild to the Society. Much had been said that evening about youth. They believed at Leicester in encouraging youth. There were two kinds of members—good and bad or indifferent. Those who thought they could ring were the danger. Good ringers need not shout about their ringing; it was the bad ringers who needed to shout from the house-top.

ONE OF THE GRANDEST YOUNG MEN

There was a great value in tradition, and he thought it was important that the young men should realise the charm and beauty of tradition. They could not have done better than they had done that year in placing at the head of the Society one of the grandest young men in the country.

The Rev. Everett G. Turner, Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate, also replied, and spoke with pride that his ring of 12 bells, which were destroyed in 1940, had been restored. The bells were inaugurated by a band from their Society with one lady, Mrs. Deal. It was a joy to hear those bells rung. He understood that the old bells of St. Giles' were sad bells, and it was said of his predecessor that he gave permission for ringers to ring his bells on condition that they paid him his expenses for a day out. He need not tell them where the bells came from—the head of the foundry was like Kipling said of Lord Roberts: 'He is little and is wise, and he does not advertise.'

The toast of 'The Press' was wittily proposed by Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and responded to by Mr. T. W. White.

THE FRAGRANT MEMORY

The concluding toast was 'The fragrant memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago.' In the absence of Mr. E. Alex Young, particulars of these worthies were read by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

1654. — Daniel Clockwell, who joined the Society in 1649 with William Bishop, who was Master in 1653, and Brian Eldridge, the well-known bell founder.

1754.—James Watson, who joined the Society in 1733 and was elected steward in 1742.

1854.—Robert Jameson, who was born in 1818 and died in 1899. He joined the Society in 1845, and that year rang the first of the 23 peals he rang for the College Youths. He rang in the famous Cornhill peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques, and was referred to in Dwight's song:—

Then Robert Jameson rang the 4th
A ringer good and sound,
And many miles you travel might
None better could be found.

Jameson was a member of the original band at St. Paul's Cathedral, and took part in the first peal on the bells.

During the evening touches of Stedman Cinques were rung on the new set of handbells presented to the Society by the treasurer.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. A. Hughes), the hon. secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck), Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell, the Revs. E. G. Turner, A. Powell Miller, C. E. Young, H. V. Fynes-Clinton, Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, H. Miles, J. F. Smallwood, H. J. Poole, F. Sharpe, S. Foskett, B. P. Morris, L. Barry, E. V. Gower, F. E. Hawthorne (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), G. N. Price, H. Hodgetts (2).

Others present were Messrs. M. Fox, T. Boreham, C. Martin, A. M. Tyler, R. Hooper, L. Derrick, B. Grinter, F. Skidmore, T. Townsend, H. W. Bishop, W. C. Cook, J. Hawkins, A. A. Hilliar, R. Bowden, F. Hansford, D. Yeo and D. Clift.

Messrs. H. Edwards, R. Dennis, J. Bullock, R. Lathbury, C. C. Deem, G. Ebenden, J. Moore, B. K. Lunn, J. Waters, P. Woodgyer, D. Parsons, J. Hill (Royal Signals), R. Cadamy, F. Howson, J. Gipson, J. Ward, P. Bettridge, D. Fowles, D. Burnett, J. Sansom, P. Chalk, R. Mackintosh, R. Parsons and M. Chilcott.

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5,120 OLNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

By HAROLD G. CASHMORE

In Corrigan's place notation:—

56—56, 14—58—36, 14—14, 58—14—18. 8ths place lead-end, 4ths place bob, f.c.e.'s 34562, 62345, 54263, 46325.

23456	M	B	W	H
64352	2	—	1	1
24536	2	—		1
62345		—	2	2

Four times repeated.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Dingestow, Mon., on October 23rd was the first on the bells.

The ringer of the second at the peal at Shiplake on October 9th was Francis G. Henbest and not as published.

Mr. Richard Benson, hon. secretary of the Manchester Branch, had the misfortune to break a toe while at work on Remembrance Day. His friends wish him a speedy come back to ringing.

Calling the attention of his parishioners to the annual meeting of the Hinckley District at Barwell, the Vicar writes: 'This gives a convenient chance to express the best thanks and appreciation of all Barwell people to our team of ringers for their constant loyalty.'

Due to threats of a bus strike each Saturday in the Manchester area ringers attending the meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, tomorrow are advised to travel by electric train from Manchester (London Road) to Guide Bridge.

Mr. Arthur Hoodless has rung in the first peals of three generations of the Crowder family. The last was grandson Michael, aged 13, who scored his peal at the first attempt at Barrow-on-Humber on October 30th. Mr. Walter Ayre has conducted peals for all three Crowders.

The enthusiastic tower master of All Saints', Newport, Mr. Donald Clarke, was married to one of his many pupils, Miss Maureen Moore, at Nash Church, Mon., on November 5th. Both Don and his wife are now ringing at Nash, starting anew to form a band. Their many friends in the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association wish them the best of luck.

Bronllys ringers have a lost a friend by the preferment of their Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies), who, with Mr. D. H. Bennett, was instrumental in getting the bells rehung and a treble added in 1939, making a ring of six. It was to the regret of the band that the Vicar's son, David, and his daughter, Ann, were unable to stand in the farewell quarter peal to Mr. Davies.

A parting gift of a leather wallet has been presented to Mr. Sidney Breeze, who, for the past 17 years, has been a valued member of S. Nicolas', Guildford, band. He is now living in retirement at Cawston, near Norwich. On November 1st a long touch of 2,256 Plain Bob Major was rung as a farewell by R. Kenward 1, E. Etheridge 2, S. Breeze 3, Miss M. Collins 4, Miss A. Cox 5, W. R. Morey 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, R. W. Morant 8.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' November 20th, 1914

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[If not by an Irishman, who was the first?]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGERS' EPITAPHS

Dear Sir,—Can you tell me whether the delightful epitaph to 'Samuel Snell,' quoted on page 186 of Miss Dorothy Sayers' 'Nine Tailors' is entirely fictitious?

While on this subject, surely the following epitaph is worth quoting. Although it has no connection with ringing, this century-old howler from Woolwich Churchyard must justify its being mentioned in this journal by its sheer ne plus ultra:—

'Sacred to the memory of Major James Brush, R.A., who was killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol by his orderly, 14th April, 1831. Well done, good and faithful servant!'

—Yours truly, IAN JONES,

Iver, Bucks.

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I saw a stone slab embedded in the churchyard wall at a point almost opposite the west door of the Parish Church at Maidstone, Kent, on which was the following:—

'Here lieth the body of John Wallace, who died Feb. 20th, 1745, aged 29 years.

Stop Ringers all and cast an eye,
You in your glory, so once was I,
What I have been as you may see
Which now is in the Bell-free.'

I wonder if there are any records in the belfry relating to the above.

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Middx.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Stephen Ivin, I would say that No. 1 Method seems to be wrongly set. I believe that it was intended to read: 34—14—58—36—14—58—56—38—. As printed there is no finish. The false course ends for this are: 46253-32546, 62345-46325-54263-34562. No. 2 is rightly set, with false course ends 54263-34562-46325-62345-65432-53624. As far as my records show neither method has been published nor rung. There are methods recently rung of which, so far, I have no record.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

BOB MAJOR AT EXETER

Dear Sir,—We feel it our duty to congratulate, through 'The Ringing World,' the band who rang the peal of Bob Major on the back eight at Exeter Cathedral (tenor 72½ cwt.).

On hearing of this attempt some months ago many of us here in the Devon Guild discussed the matter and anticipated an unsuccessful and ill-struck attempt. This was not so, however, and a magnificent performance was achieved with a good standard of striking.

To the many who appreciate the music of Major, listening to this from selected parts of the Cathedral environs created the effect of a mighty organ and was an impressive occasion. —Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MALLETT and
FRED WREFORD.

Barnstaple.

PEAL RINGING IN DORSET

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead that there are, in fact, 19 eight-bell towers and not 18, as stated in his report.

He has probably been misled by 'Dove,' who places Bournemouth St. John's amongst the towers of Hampshire. Although the tower is affiliated to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, it is actually situated in Dorset.

Nine peals have been rung at this tower, thus the total for Dorset will be increased to 410.—Yours sincerely, MICHAEL J. BEST.

Bournemouth.

SURPRISE MAJOR—A CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—Recent correspondence in the 'Ringing World' has tended to spotlight the problem of 'ownership' with the focus on Winchester Surprise Major.

The 'ownership of figures' in ringing is traditional, be it methods or compositions, not so much in the sense of achievement (like sticking a flag on Mount Everest) but as a question of responsibility for the products of mind and pen.

In the field of composition there are pitfalls for the unwary 'adapter' or transposer, so they should be prepared to take the responsibility and append their names.

In the production of new methods, particularly Surprise Major, recent efforts seem to vie with each other in the debasement of the term 'Major.' When two pairs only change and four bells make places, it is not a 'Major' change, being a Doubles change only. The producers of such methods, whether deliberately guilty or merely indifferent, should certainly not evade responsibility by failing to append their names.

Mr. C. Kippin, who has 'admitted' to Winchester, may also like to answer his other critics — C. J. Sedgley ('Ringing World,' August 27th, 1954) and G. Baker (September 10th, 1954). As a member of the Methods Committee and an expert on method construction there is surely no need for him (as E. W. T. has said) to hide his light under a bushel.

Mr. Blagrove may perhaps differ from the views expressed above but I challenge him to produce a Surprise Major method to the following stipulations:—

1.—Coursing pairs only in 7-8.
2.—Regular lead-ends.
3.—No adjacent places.
4.—To be pealable (i.e., must permit a 5,000).
5.—Not to have been previously rung or published.

I have noted his remarks 'anyone can write out all the Surprise methods,' so this should not prove too difficult for him. With the indulgence of the Editor, may we look for something a fortnight hence? An opportunity here to give a new lead to the Exercise.

After all this one wonders if many of the new methods recently rung would ever have seen the light of day if it was not for the label 'Surprise' that is affixed to them. The definition of 'Surprise,' no doubt useful in days gone by, seems to be detrimental to worthwhile progress to-day and should be amended. This is apparently where I came in—'Ringing World,' July 16th, 1954.

We are often reminded **why** we ring, sometimes about **how** we ring, but it is important, too, **what** we ring.—Yours sincerely,,

K. A. ROE.

Wigston, Leicester.

THE FIFTH BELL AT CAWTHORNE

Dear Sir,—Your informant (page 714) in his account of the rededication of the six bells at Cawthorne, near Barnsley, is hardly correct regarding the fifth, which is described as having been cast by Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield (circa 1550).

Granted the word 'circa' is stated, but Godfrey Heathcote does not come into the picture until 1588. He was a bellfounder for 55 years, from 1588 to 1643, being succeeded by Ralph Heathcote III.

Preceding Godfrey was Ralph II., from 1558; George, 1525 to 1558; Ralph I., 1510 to 1525; and William, the first of this long-established family of bellfounders, 1502 to 1510.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

THE LAST OF THE JOYCES

Dear Sir,—It is a great pleasure for me to write to you expressing the happiness I found when the College Youths met. I am not a ringer, but I am the last of the family of Joyces. Samuel Joyce was my cousin, my brothers Tom and Alfred (both deceased) were ringers. However, I have decided to help the bellringing spirit a little; hence I have 'The Ringing World' delivered each week and I can assure you I find it very interesting.

November 6th was my happiest day for a long time. I felt among friends as I mingled among the gathering at St. Olave's, Hart Street. I had to have a look at the now respectable tower, for when I used to chime the three bells there by myself for the old steeplekeeper some 46 years ago, he gave me the privilege of going into the belfry and taking what pigeons I wanted. They were good old days. Maybe with a less stern father I might have been a ringer to-day. (He, by the way, was steeplekeeper at All Hallows', Barking.)

It is my one wish now to visit as many towers as I can and be a friend among friends. It is a splendid memory to my brother Alfred. Last Saturday was my first visit to St. Michael's, Cornhill, and it was a joy to meet Mr. A. B. Peck, a friend of the family. My regret was that I could not ring; but it pleased me to see some youngsters, and I wish them all the luck.

In conclusion I must say that I shall be pleased to hear when a band is going to try a peal at West Ham. I shall be listening.

Wishing the 'Ringing World' success — Yours sincerely,

J. JOYCE.

London, E.15.

OMISSIONS FROM PLAIN MAJOR COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—We have investigated Mr. Blagrove's comments about the omission of methods in the Plain Major Collection and find he is quite correct. On behalf of the Methods Committee I thank him most sincerely for pointing this out and apologise to the Exercise for this error. It seems to have been a human and inexplicable lapse, for the methods concerned (except two) are in our original collection for insertion. The two are the little methods at the top of the right-hand column in Mr. Blagrove's letter—these do not have Plain Bob coursing order at the back, and we omitted all such except those already rung. The Plain method is Stanton Bob and should be numbered 65—its number in the former Plain methods book. The Little methods, apart from the two mentioned above could be numbered 84 (bottom left-hand column), 85 and 86 (bottom right-hand column), 87 and 88 (centre column).—Yours sincerely.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

COME ON, CRITICS

Dear Sir,—We note with interest F. C. Pugh's remarks concerning 'peal grabbers' paying to praise themselves. We heartily endorse all he says, but would also ask peal ringers and those who call at towers on outings to show their appreciation by each placing a small gift of cash in the box to be found in the church. The incumbents of parish churches seldom, if ever, refuse the use of their bells and would, we feel sure, welcome this tangible form of ringers' gratitude. We know of cases where, after ringers on tour have had the use of the bells, the amount left in the box has not averaged one penny per ringer. There was probably more left at the 'local.'—Yours sincerely,

H. and I. CARTER.

Aylsham.

JASPER SNOWDON—THE GREATEST MAN IN RINGING

22nd Annual Dinner at Doncaster

THE Snowdon Dinner, which is held to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, took place for the first time at Doncaster on October 30th. Prior to the dinner, ringing was available at Arksey and Rotherham, and both towers were visited by large numbers. Everyone regretted the fact that, owing to cracks having appeared near the top of the tower, the magnificent bells of St. George's, Doncaster, could not be rung on this occasion. At present the cracks are being grouted, and the Diocesan architect has recommended that there should be no ringing for three months.

The President of the Association, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, presided at dinner, which was held in the Co-operative Emporium. He was supported by the following officers: Messrs. P. J. Johnson, D. Smith and A. E. Sellers, vice-presidents; L. W. G. Morris, general secretary; G. Benfield, treasurer; W. E. Critchley, peal secretary; and J. J. L. Gilbert, H. S. Morley and A. E. Marsh, district secretaries. The guests of honour were Canon H. G. G. Herklots, M.A., Vicar of Doncaster, and Mrs. Herklots.

The President, having proposed 'The Queen,' Mr. H. Walker, of York, submitted the toast of the 'Church and State.' Mr. Walker said that, as an old Doncastrian, it was a great pleasure for him to have the privilege of making this toast. He spoke of the long connections between the town of Doncaster and the Christian Church, and said that over 1,300 years ago the first Bishop of York, Paulinus, having consecrated his Church in York, came to Doncaster and established the second Christian Church in Northumbria.

The Church and State in Doncaster had always been served by a succession of able men: it was traditional that the Vicar was also Chaplain to the Mayor and Corporation, and the people's warden was nominated by the Mayor. It was probable that at one time the Council meetings were held in the church vestry, as it is recorded that the sixth bell was rung to summon the Council to its meetings.

Mr. Walker recollected that a former Vicar of Doncaster was a ringing member of the Yorkshire Association, and well remembered him coming into Doncaster tower one New Year's Eve to demonstrate to his curate how a bell should be rung. He mounted the tenor box, and pulled, and the more he pulled the lower the bell swung, until he had to be given assistance to raise the bell high enough to set it again. Mr. Walker commented that that was the only occasion on which he had seen a gaitered and aproned Archdeacon performing on the tenor box. He then made mention of a former Mayor of Doncaster who had been a ringer, and of Edmund Beckett Dennison, later Lord Grimthorpe, who learned to ring at Doncaster. Lord Grimthorpe wrote a book, 'Clocks, Watches and Bells,' and when the Parish Church was being rebuilt in 1853 he was responsible for the design of the bells, bell-frame and clock.

BELLS HUNG TOO HIGH

Mr. Walker spoke on the difficulties which had arisen in connection with the tower of St. George's, and expressed his regret that the company were unable to ring there. He said that at the time when the present church was built there was a craze for central towers with lofty lanterns, and this had resulted at Doncaster in the bells being hung far too high in the tower, with resultant excessive strain on the structure. He recalled similar trouble with cracks in 1927, and said that, in his opinion the only remedy was to replace the Grimthorpe frame by one of modern design, and to fix it much lower down in the tower, even though it would mean sacrificing the lantern. Mr. Walker then formally proposed the toast of 'Church and State.'

In his reply, Canon Herklots said that he felt rather guilty that his speech had been preceded by ringing on handbells; he knew well that his sermon on Sunday would not be ushered in in the same way. He thanked Mr. Walker for his speech, and recalled one story of the ringing Vicar of Doncaster, Archdeacon Sandford. This Vicar was quite proud to insist that he could officiate at any service without recourse to a prayer book, and on one occasion was to take a wedding service. The verger offered him a prayer book, but he waved this aside, and went into church, to plunge straight into the funeral service!

JASPER SNOWDON

Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president, proposed the main toast of the evening, 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.' He said that without doubt Jasper Snowdon was the greatest man in ringing. His works were still read and quoted, and would be for many years to come. Mr. Johnson said that one of his most treasured books on ringing was Snowdon's 'Treble Bob,' and he considered it to be one of the most authoritative publications.

After surveying the history of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Johnson said that one thing of which he was extremely proud was that all compositions rung for the Association had been published in the annual reports, and over 3,000 of them had been proved by Mr. W. Barton, past peal secretary. He spoke with feeling on the work done for the Association by Mr. Barton, and regretted very much that, owing to ill-health, he was unable to be present on that day. After the toast the President read out a greetings telegram from Mr. Barton, which said, 'Greetings to all. Best wishes for a happy gathering. Regret absence.'

Mr. W. E. Critchley proposed the toast of 'Visitors and Kindred Societies.' He said that one aspect of being a ringer, which was not realised by other people, was that a vast circle of firm friends was established in all parts of the country; there were few other interests which could compare to it in this respect, and one could go to any church in the country, and be sure of a welcome and an invitation to ring. He himself had made a very great number of friends all over England.

Mr. Critchley made mention by name of some of the visitors present, namely Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Mr. B. Harris from Cheshire, who for some strange reason was temporarily resident at some place in Yorkshire called Catterick, Mr. J. Scott, Cheshire, Mr. W. L. Robinson, Derbyshire, Miss E. M. Bliss, Cheltenham, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Raddon, Warrington.

After this toast the President remarked that from Mr. Critchley's speech he could visualise Mr. Critchley walking down a street in some far-off part of the country, and a hand from a belfry door grabbing him to take part in a peal attempt. Were peals arranged like that? He could not imagine it happening to himself! In connection with the toast to the visitors, apologies had been received from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and the Rev. G. G. Graham, of Bakewell.

Mr. Charles McGuiness, in reply, said he came to these dinners because he was sure of a great Yorkshire welcome, to get some good ringing, and good food and company—what more reason could he have?

Another visitor, Mr. W. L. Robinson, then proposed 'The Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association.' He said that he was especially pleased to do this, as he owed a great deal to the Association, in that most of his experience in ringing had been obtained inside the county. One of his most treasured possessions was his certificate of membership of the Yorkshire Association.

The President commented that he was much cheered to know that the certificates of membership were appreciated to that extent. He had never seen any that compared in size to them, and he thought that only four of them were needed to be able to paper a wall of a room; in fact, when he took charge of a large batch of them, he had thought seriously of having the Diocesan architect's opinion as to whether the floor would stand the strain!

Mr. Staveley, of Doncaster, gave the final toast of the evening, 'The Chairman.' He said that, as organiser of the dinner this year, he was very pleased to see the large gathering, and he thanked all for their loyal support. He thanked the president for his most able handling of the position of chairman. After the president's reply, the company then gave themselves over for the remainder of the evening to games, organised by Mr. D. A. Chapman, and handbell ringing.

Interspersed between the more formal parts of the evening were vocal and musical items. These were provided by Mr. S. Bardell, tenor; Mr. A. Whittingham, bass; Mr. P. Powell, piano; Mr. G. Thornhill, guitar; the handbells rung by Messrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, N. Chaddock, W. L. Robinson, L. W. G. Morris and W. E. Critchley, and not forgetting the president, who 'drummed' a course of Grandsire Doubles in an unusual setting.

DECEMBER BROADCASTS

Bells will be heard before broadcasts of December services in the West Home Service at follows:—

5th.—Evening service from Stoke Courcy Parish Church, Somerset.

19th.—Evening service from St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

26th.—Morning service from Wincanton Parish Church.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. D. Brown 1, Pamela Law (first as cond.) 2, Mary W. Brown 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown 5, Beryl Reynolds 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on becoming a Queen's Guide.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: H. Dunsdon 1, J. Grace 2, A. Greenough 3, H. Wells 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: J. Vincent 1, Miss D. Lewis 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, B. Sheppard 4, W. Trueman (cond.) 5, Miss A. Pettiford (first quarter) 6. First in method by 2, 3 and 4. On the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Tedder 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Ann Laycock 3, H. Parkinson 4, H. B. Schofield 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 7, T. Tedder 8. For Remembrance service.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe, on Nov. 4th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: F. G. Leaker 1, A. E. Reeves 2, R. G. Hooper 3, A. M. Tyler 4, F. E. Hansford 5, F. C. Mogford 6, J. M. Stallard 7, R. J. Bowden 8, I. H. Trueman 9, R. O. Fry 10, N. H. Coombs (cond.) 11, A. A. Hilliar 12. Rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On Nov. 7th, at St. Anne's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alfreda Dannel 1, T. Bevan 2, J. M. Payton 3, R. Ducker 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. T. Odell 6, P. G. Foote 7, G. Ponton (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

BRONLLYS, BRECONS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Owens 1, W. G. Smith 2, S. E. Edwards (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Griffiths 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Perry 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies, B.A.), who is leaving for Llandrindod Wells after 16 years as Vicar.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Lambert (cond.) 1, Miss B. Tester 2, C. Tester 3, Miss N. Cadey (first quarter) 4, R. T. Lambert 5, R. E. Lambert 6. A farewell to Miss N. Cadey, who is leaving the district.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—On Oct. 30th, at the Church of St. George, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, Miss P. Sullivan (first 'inside' of Triples) 4, E. G. Webb 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: B. J Stafford 1, Miss M. Swann 2, J. D. Painter 3, Miss G. A. Smith 4, R. Beaumont 5, W. T. Cook 6, J. H. Fielden 7, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 2 and 3.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (600 Kent, 600 Oxford, 60 Plain Bob): W. Broadhead 1, G. Crompton 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, C. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For the visit of Queen Elizabeth II. and the Duke of Edinburgh to Barnsley on that day.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Webb 1, A. Hodge 2, J. Coombs 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, S. Bright 6.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hales 1, J. W. T. Davis 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, D. L. Hooper 4, L. L. Willis 5, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 6, E. H. Hill 7, H. Walker 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Yeo (first of Triples) 1, B. M. Boyle 2, R. Gubb 3, C. Rook 4, D. Jewell 5, L. Walters 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, F. Yeo 8. Rung in honour of Mr. A. Willis, verger for 50 years.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. E. Lambert 1, E. R. Lambert 2, B. Saunders 3, A. H. Hinton 4, F. C. Case 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: S. H. Dearden 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, E. W. Razzell 4, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 5, Miss P. Steere 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, P. G. Humphries 8, G. H. Humphries 9, R. G. Abbott 10, W. F. Oatway 11, F. E. Collins (cond.) 12. First quarter of Maximus for 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11.

QUARTER PEALS

CULHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wright 1, R. Broad 2, J. Greenwood 3, G. Allam 4, B. Davis (first as cond.) 5, D. Davis 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

DEAL, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wickens 1, M. Stephens (cond.) 2, W. Rich 3, J. Baxter 4, R. Rees 5, M. Milner 6. Rung for service marking the 150th anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

DOVER, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, E. T. Ellender 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George (cond.) 4, E. J. Walker 5, G. Gray 6, B. J. Luck 7, C. Devonshire 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,280 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd Bob): Squire Croft 1, A. St. John Boyack 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, J. R. Payne (cond.) 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson 7, Enid Palmer (first on eight) 8. Rung during the Octave of All Saints, with clappers half-muffled in memory of the Faithful Departed.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayes 1, L. J. Baldock 2, F. Lee (first of Triples, aged 13) 3, G. Beeney 4, J. W. Rollison 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Cowling (aged 82) 8. A farewell to Joyce Lee on her marriage, also L. J. and E. Baldock joining H.M. Forces.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Howells 1, Ann Howells 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, A. S. Besant 4, Ch'erie Payne 5, D. J. Oakshott 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. For Confirmation service.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. R. Rose (first quarter) 1, L. Honess 2, R. J. Harden 3, C. G. Parsons 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, D. Bowen 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, at All Souls' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. S. Hollas (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Miss P. Lord 2, Miss M. V. Copping 3, Miss S. M. Taylor (first as cond.) 4, E. M. Fielden 5, R. E. Moulds 6, J. F. Bryant 7, V. Bottomley 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the dedication of the parish war memorial by the Bishop of Wakefield.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Naish 1, Mrs. Hilda Kimber 2, J. Naish 3, J. Brooks 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, Mrs. Betty Willcox 6. For evening service, and also as a farewell tribute to Mr. R. J. Lawrence, hon. lay reader since 1912 who is leaving the parish.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Minor (480 London Surprise, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 120 Plain Bob): M. Orme 1, S. J. Ivin 2, B. Pattison 3, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 4, P. Mehew 5, D. P. Jones 6. For Confirmation service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,440 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, Miss L. Allen (first of Minor 'inside') 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the Festival of All Saints.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 St. Bartholomew's Doubles: Mrs. E. M. Baker (first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. First quarter in method by all. Rung for All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 7th, for dedication festival, two quarter peals of All Saints' Doubles: (Morning service) C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. (Evensong) C. E. Hill 1, Gwenda A. Davies 2, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. F. Shedel 5.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Everest 1, C. W. Linington 2, P. Hollingdale 3, Miss S. M. Wickens 4, A. J. Backshall (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. James Parker to Miss Ann Romney (twin sister of tower captain).

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Hewlett 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, A. A. Upton 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, A. C. Morris 5, R. E. Tallis (first of Triples) 6, D. Harrison 7, A. Nix 8. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Gledhill 1, J. Goodall (first quarter) 2, D. Woodhead (first quarter) 3, H. Armitage 4, D. Snowball 5, A. Rothery (cond.) 6. Rung for Remembrance Day, and a compliment to the ringer of the second on his recovery from a serious operation.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, Heather Bonner 2, J. T. Clay 3, Eric Silvey (first 'inside') 4, Evelyn Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, R. E. Dean 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: Jean Saunderson 1, Ivy Werrett 3, R. Dixon 4, Angela Willis 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Juliet Merrel 8 (covering).

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sat. Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, B. E. Bishop 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, L. Sharpe 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss N. A. Cunliffe.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. D. Roughley 1, J. Ashcroft (first 'inside') 2, C. Metcalfe 3, G. Raspin (first quarter) 4, E. Roughley (cond.) 5, S. Sephton 6.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Bacon (first quarter) 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Miss Y. Eloie 3, F. L. Harris 4, R. Marlowe 5, J. Maidment 6. For harvest festival.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. White (first quarter) 1, W. P. Lambert 2, J. Looker 3, L. E. Parris 4, T. J. Setter 5, D. E. Clothier 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. E. Wright (first quarter) 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. King. Mr. King started ringing in 1901 and retired in 1925.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Beach (first quarter) 1, Miss J. French (first 'inside') 2, G. Fry (cond.) 3, J. A. Beach 4, K. S. Hohl 5, R. Fairweather 6. First in method for 3, 4 and 5.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): G. F. Olney 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, T. P. Harris 3, A. W. Allen 4, J. F. Olney 5, F. R. Bunker 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mrs. E. Bottoms, a great church worker, interred the same day. Also on November 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): S. N. Stevens 1, A. W. Allen 2, G. F. Olney (first in three methods 'inside') 3, J. F. Olney 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, P. J. Lawton 6. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. Warner 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, H. Bragg 5, J. Bragg 6, C. Bragg 7, V. W. Rigg 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. G. Leale 1, Miss E. Softley 2, F. G. Bloomfield 3, Mrs. N. I. Lea 4, A. N. Brown 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to South Shields.

STAUNTON, NR. COLEFORD, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bessant (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, G. W. Hollis 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, L. H. Jones 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jill Tombs 1, F. B. Cookson 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, W. H. Cooper 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. A. Reynolds, a former member of the band, who passed away on Oct. 26th. After Evensong the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 67 times by the following: R. Smith 1, Miss Jill Tombs 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, F. B. Cookson 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, B. Crannage 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman 1, T. Collins 2, C. Gardener 3, B. Bladon 4, C. Savage 5, A. Palmer 6, F. Read (cond.) 7, P. Anger 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon F. P. Nash.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Mundy (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Hancock 2, J. Ranger (first quarter) 3, D. Walton 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5. For harvest festival Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, D. Peacock 2, K. Bonas 3, D. Mortlock 4, M. Ginn 5, G. A. Lucas (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the service of Remembrance.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

THE Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. W. E. Beck), who, as president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, was in the chair at the 17th annual dinner held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 23rd, told the 140 ringers and their lady friends that the Association had every reason to think something of themselves for the part they played in the service of the Church. It needed more than brains to weave their patterns of song. Campanology called for the qualities of obedience to the master and a great spirit of co-operation.

Supporting the Dean were Bishop C. E. Stuart and Mrs. Stuart, Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, Mr. C. Skidmore (master) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary and treasurer) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newman and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. W. B. Cartwright said if the toast only had the effect of reminding them of their shortcomings, then, perhaps, on reflection, they ought to have the toast.

In reply, Bishop Stuart said that when he first went to Africa he stayed at a college where the crest was the black and white keys of a piano. This was a lesson, because it is said that although a tune of a sort could be played on both kinds of key separately they both had to be used to obtain real harmony. It was just as important to have the Church and the State working in harmony. He continued:

'It is said, I know, in All Saints' that the bellringers sometimes prevent the children of the neighbourhood sleeping in their beds, whereas, I am told, parsons cause adults to sleep in their pews!'

'The State has certain advantages over the Church,' he added, 'in that it can compel obedience, such as paying income tax, but the Church cannot compel you to pay your Church dues.'

'The Worcestershire Association' was submitted by Mr. F. Bennett, hon. secretary for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

He said the Association had a wonderful past with a record second to none. Paying tribute to the officials, he added, 'I see you have a number of young people here, and it is up to them to see you have the right officials in the future. It is up to them to see that your Association flourishes.'

In a happy reply, Mrs. L. J. Birch (wife of the Association's chaplain) confessed that she was probably the worst striker in the Diocese, but had every pride in the Association and its officers, and thanked Mr. Bennett for his remarks.

CALL-UP ADVICE

Mr. C. Skidmore proposed 'Kindred Associations and Visitors,' and said they were again pleased to see present a contingent from Claverley, Shropshire.

To the young campanologists about to be called up for National Service, he said, 'When you get to your barracks make for the first tower with bells at your earliest convenience.'

Mr. G. Goodson, of Claverley, who responded, said in his own tower they were always anxious to further the social activities of ringing, and if their ringing ability only equalled their desire for this, they would probably be the finest band in the country. Worcestershire had many fine ringers who had rung advanced peals, but all made the humblest of ringers feel one of them, and not least among the former he placed the proposer of that toast.

'We thank you,' he concluded, 'for the warmth of your welcome and privilege of being entertained. Your Association's excellent ringing is only surpassed by your love and charity.'

The Dean proposed a special toast to the Association's general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Joseph D. Johnson, in appreciation of all he did for the Association.

A further toast, 'The Dean,' was submitted by the Rev. L. J. Birch.

A varied entertainment was ably handled by Mr. D. H. Watson as M.C., and included the ever popular songs by Mr. G. J. Hemmings and piano accordion solos by Nick Capoldi (who also accompanied 'The Bluebells' on handbells). The Leigh handbell band were prevented by illness of one of their number from giving their selections, but, at short notice, Mr. B. C. Ashford and his band obliged. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by: R. G. Morris 1—2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3—4, J. Thomas 5—6, D. Beacham 7—8, N. J. Diserens 9—10.

Some of the bright young sparks—determined on variety—produced a 'variation of a Welsh air' with a course of 'Saucepan Bach' Doubles, the covering note being produced by a somewhat 'tinny alloy' cooking utensil of a very doubtful E flat. The effect will probably be recognised by ringers of a former generation as a modern version of 'Skinny Lizzie'! The evening concluded with a communal rendering of 'Jack Bass's Anthem' and 'Auld Lang Syne,' Mr. L. G. Bedenham being the accompanist.

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BIRTHS

SAMSON.—On Nov. 10th, to Audrie (nee Read), wife of Major E. F. M. Samson, a daughter—Veronica Audrie Margaret. 5375

SUTTON. — On November 12th, 1954, at Swindon Maternity Hospital, to Jean (nee Holloway) and Eric, the precious gift of a son (Michael Adrian). 5356

ENGAGEMENT

BARTON—HYAM.—The engagement is announced between Barry, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Barton, of Daventry, Northants, and Edith, daughter of Mrs. M. Hyham, of Daventry, Northants. 5341

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Witney and Woodstock Branch desires help for Sunday evening service ringing from any unattached ringer. Details, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5322

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The permanent home tower of the Society is now St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). Weekly practices during term, Mondays 6.30–8 p.m., commencing Nov. 15th. Sunday service ringing 5–6 p.m., commencing Nov. 21st. — G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 5334

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PUBLICATION

WAIT FOR IT.—Our printers have informed us that the Bellringer's Notebook and Diary will be a little later than usual this year.

Copies should be available, however, by the end of November, and the fact will be heralded, in good time, by our usual advertisement in the 'Ringing World.'—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson. 5350.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 20th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5280

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby (8), on Saturday, Nov. 20th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5371

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Buckden (5), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5324

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 5283

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nomination meeting at Hersham, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church House approx. 5 p.m. 5313

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Bells 8. Service and tea.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 5332

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—Monthly practice, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea available.—P. Newton, Hon. Sec. 5362

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Harrietsham on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 5290

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers and friends welcome. 5317

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Saxilby on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. 5309

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Ringers' Day, Nov. 20th. Peal of ten 1.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and official welcome 5 p.m. Whist 6.45 p.m. Dance 7.15 p.m. 5306

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — South Ealing, St. Mary's (8), Nov. 20th. Bells from 3 and after tea. Service 4.45. Tea in Church Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting The Vicar of Ealing looks forward to meeting you.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Winshill, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—J. W. Cotton. 5328

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Meeting, North Creake, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. —C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5330

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 5314

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. 5287

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM. — The annual ringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham (close to Colliers Wood tube station) on Sunday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5338

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Burrington, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m.—E. C. Wickham, Branch Sec. 5357

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Annual meeting, Grappenhall (8), Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, nr. Warrington. 5369

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting, Stalybridge, Holy Trinity, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. V. Turner, 74, Forester Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire, before Nov. 23rd.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5344

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint branch meeting at Egremont on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by committee meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 24th, to A. Eilbeck, 2, South Street, Egremont.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 5372

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting, West Hallam (8), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) by Nov. 24th to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, Derby. 5353

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. 5351

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Bawtry (6), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Send names for tea by Nov. 24th to A. Wilson, Shady Nook, Doncaster Road, Bawtry.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 5373

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5364

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Committee please attend.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5374

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Coalpit Heath, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, nr. Bristol. 5367

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Beckford, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by 23rd for tea. All welcome. — J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 5347

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Madeley on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 24th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5339

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Pudsey Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5346

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30 until 7.30 p.m. Business meeting 6. Tea free. Names for tea essential by Nov. 24th to J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth. N.B.—First meeting on this new octave. 5335

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, St. Chad's, Headingley, Sat., Nov. 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 24th to Mr. A. I. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 6.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec. 5349

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room. Names to Mr. Tonks, 84, High Street, Ibstock, by 17th.—C. W. Hall. 5340

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swineshead, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 22nd, to Mr. J. P. Morris, Dial House, Swineshead. 5359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Kintbury (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. White, 3, Queen's Way, Kintbury, Newbury, by Nov. 24th. 5307

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Langley, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Horton 6 p.m. Tea at Langley 5 p.m. Names by 22nd. — Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5345

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barnes, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, Kitson Road, Barnes. Names to Mr. Hollingworth, 146, Kew Road, Richmond, by Nov. 24th. Meeting following. Business includes nominations for district officers, 1955. Richmond bells (8) available 6.30-7.30. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5302

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, not Bexhill as shown on meeting cards, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 24th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5366

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Nov. 27th. Bells 4 p.m. Tet available.—G. Francis. 5370

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting at Hawkley, Nov. 27th. Bells ((8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Village Club. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by 24th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 5354

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual dinner, Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 27th, at 6.30. Bar available 6. Bells (St. Maurice) 3. Service in St. Maurice 4.30. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 5361

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual, Woodbury, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30. Names by Dec. 1st to J. Glanvill, Bagmoor, Woodbury. 5345

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Great Waltham (6) on Sat., Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham 5365

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5363

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Quarterly meeting, Stokesay, Dec. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 5342

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. — Meeting at St. Barnabas', Erdington, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Nov. 30th to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 5355

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Joint Meeting.—Llandaff Branch with Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, Cowbridge, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meetings.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 5337

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Brand.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 29th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5360

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Shrivenham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 1st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5358

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Sat., Dec. 4th. Full details next week. Names for tea to the undersigned by Tuesday, Nov. 30th, please.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., S.R.C.Y., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 5343

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at nearby cafes. 5352

CLAWTON, near Holsworthy, Devon.—Dec. 11th, re-opening and dedication of bells (6), recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Opening peal 10.30 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon. Dedication service 2.30 p.m. The presence and support of all interested greatly welcomed. Large sum still to be raised. Further details from R. Pennington, Kempthorne, Clawton. 5336

ARUNDEL RINGER'S WEDDING

A member of the band of Arundel Parish Church since 1950, when the bells were rehung, Miss Margaret G. Ellis was married at Arundel Parish Church on November 6th to Mr. Michael A. H. Gowler, of Chatteris, Cambs. The Vicar, the Rev. H. A. King, officiated at the choral service.

The bride, who was wearing white brocade, was given away by her father, Mr. Ralph Ellis, the well known Sussex artist.

A mixed band from Arundel and Lyminster rang for the wedding, and during the evening a representative band from the Western Division of the Sussex County Association rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event.

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IN 'QUICK,' OUT 'SLOW'?

By T. R. BUTLER.

THE recent report of the Shropshire tour contains no less than seven allusions to the fast speed of the ringing and, in one instance, actually invites challengers to what is believed to be the fastest quarter-peal on record (Doubles in 25 minutes). 'A good peal, if a bit slow,' is almost apologetically referred to in the account of the Universities' Association week, while the Kent tour report contains a similar 'defensive' reference to another good, but slow peal. A few months ago we read that a well-known, experienced band had been gently rebuked for fast peal-ringing by its even more well-known and experienced conductor.

In 'The Ringing World' of March 13th, 1936, we find the following comments by that forthright but excellent ringer, composer and conductor, the late William Willson, of Leicester:—

> I wonder, sometimes, what sort of mentality possesses the ringers who are always out for the quickest peal on the bells? In my opinion, they must be dead to all sense of music.
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> Do they realise that bells are cast in different tones so that they shall be heard distinctly? How can they be heard distinctly if they are raced along until all tones are jumbled together in pandemonium? The time will come when we will have to consider it.
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> It is doubly offensive when rung muffled at racing speed. What would we think of an orchestral conductor who boasted at having rendered Handel's 'Largo' at jazzy speed?
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> Whenever a peal is rung with a 20 cwt. tenor in or about 2¾ hours I assert it is on the wrong side. There is something grand in the rhythm of stately rung bells, but I only feel pity when I hear a good band spoiling their work by racing bells along outside their proper gait.

It cannot, I think, be disputed that improvements in modern bell-hanging, added, perhaps, to a definite if insidious post-war tendency to introduce 'American hustle' in many of our British activities, have tended to gradually increase the tempo of peal ringing generally during recent years. The time may well have arrived, therefore, when, in Mr. Willson's words, 'we will have to consider it.'

One frequently hears the expression, 'Every ring has its own rate (or time)—this, of course, means *average* rate (or time)—and it is admittedly irksome and unnatural for any reasonably good band to endeavour to protract that rate. On the other hand, surely it is extremely doubtful whether some bells are heard to the best advantage if rung at the most comfortable and convenient speed.

Years ago I remember a well-known London ringer pointing out that a *good* slow peal (note the emphasis) is much more difficult and requires a far more experienced band to accomplish than a good quick one. It must also be acknowledged that, in the former, the slightest fault becomes immediately more manifest and pronounced. Nevertheless, in recalling the deep, æsthetic enjoyment experienced listening to some past masters of the art, one is prompted to suggest that, with some bells at least, the effort to imitate these bygone ringers would be well worth while and amply repaid by the better musical effect produced.

With what pleasure I recollect a peal at the Bull Ring well over thirty years ago! Ten minutes to go and I'm the only ringer present! (Actually, I'm not at all dismayed, having been previously warned about this 'last-minute' trait of the Birmingham men.) Three minutes to go and twelve ringers are hurrying into the ringing room. All seems bustle and confusion! Then Albert Walker's terse 'Come on, let's get on with this peal; you can talk after,' and, led by A. Paddon Smith on the treble, off we go. I remember my delighted reaction to the steady, dignified, unhurried striking when one would have quite expected otherwise, each and every bell clearly and distinctly heard for some three and three-quarter hours without 'slurring,' 'blurring' or 'snicking'! In those days, too, the 'Brum' men even seemed to extend this lovely, deliberate type of ringing to handbells.

Then again, a year or so later, my first experience of a Central Council gathering. While awaiting the 'bigwigs,' one of the locals asks me to call a touch and we knock off three *quick* courses of Stedman Triples in what we vainly imagine expert fashion. By this time some of the great' have arrived. With the late Canon Coleridge on the treble, Albert Walker and others take hold. They, too, ring three courses of Stedman Triples, but what a difference! Never shall I forget the grandeur of that calm, stately and again unhurried striking, all back-strokes above 5ths slightly, almost imperceptibly, opened, and assisting to produce a lovely effect.

At the same time a peal of Kent Major was progressing in a tower a few miles away. With others, I was in time to hear a good portion of it and, to me then, it sounded monotonously perfect. Later in the day, however, the ringers (mostly local men) were very tactfully but firmly taken to task by one of the clerical brothers James (I forget which) for not widening their back-strokes in 5-6-7-8. He called it 'the taper.' It is, of course, the reverse. To the best of my recollection the band—certainly no novices, having rung a mere 17,000 Treble Bob

the previous year—took this advice with very good grace and, indeed, accepted the principle of it in the spirit it was given. During the last war this beautiful, expressive style of ringing was referred to several times in 'The Ringing World' by the late J. Armiger Trollope in an obvious effort to revive it, but I feel he did not put the matter too clearly and was, in consequence, misunderstood by some.

I believe, however, that those who have been privileged to hear this grand, slow, musical style of some of our forbears must appreciate there is a lot more in our hobby than ringing complicated methods at the fastest possible speed. In fairness, I should confess that I, too, have often been guilty of taking part in the quickest of this or that on the bells. In one tower I understand I hold the dual 'distinction' of having called (with different bands) the quickest and the slowest peal on the bells. Both were Stedman Triples, and I consider both came well within that somewhat flexible definition of 'a good peal.' Yet there was 33 minutes difference! I enjoyed each of these peals, but have sometimes wondered which the public would have voted for. After all, shouldn't we constantly bear in mind the public 'ear' in preference to our own, but can it truly be said we do this—always? The speed of peal ringing is a subject which must, sooner or later, engage the attention of the Central Council when it has finally disposed of other controversial issues.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

William C. Dowding	*Treble*	R. Roger Savory	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	†Gerald C. Hemming	8
*Peter J. Morton	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	9
Albert Walker	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Frank E. Haynes	5	George E. Fearn	11
Michael G. Morton	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. The conductor's 150th peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Alfred E. Reeves	*Treble*	Enid L. Roberts	6
*Brian Grinter	2	Alan A. Hilliar	7
†David J. Marshall	3	Frank Hansford	8
Frank D. Mack	4	Reginald G. Hooper	9
Albert M. Tyler	5	Francis C. Mogford	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Enid L. Roberts.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Stedman as conductor.
Rung on the Feast of All Saints.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Frank E. Walker	*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley	5
*Arthur G. Mason	2	†Ralph Bird	6
*Dennis Beresford	3	Arthur S. Richards	7
*Trevor A. Cross	4	Frederick J. Cullum	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Michael E. Brown	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
Kathleen Proctor	2	John A. Acres	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
Donald A. Theedom	4	Terence A. Thornber	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*John Appleby	*Treble*	Maurice Holgate	5
Roger Leigh	2	Derek Whitford	6
Gordon Whewell	3	Leonard Walsh	7
†William Ramsbottom	4	Brian H. Wood	*Tenor*

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung by an all local band.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Norman Cornwall	*Treble*	John Kape	5
Roland Biggs	2	Anthony E. Cox	6
*David Cornwall	3	*Walter Avery	7
Doreen Coker	4	Walter Lee	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Walter Lee.
* First peal in the method.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Evelyn M. Fletcher	*Treble*	John Lloyd	5
*Molly P. Flynn	2	Brian D. A. Woolley	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
William C. Dowding	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter, C.C.C. 202.
Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
* First peal in the method.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

Percival W. Cave	*Treble*	Alan Pendlebury	5
Joseph Leatherbarrow	2	*Arthur Cowan	6
Sydney Leatherbarrow	3	Christopher Gudgeon	7
Harry S. Cooper	4	Albert Greenhalgh	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Earle-Bulwer (No. 7).
Conducted by Percival W. Cave.
* First peal of Stedman.

PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the U.F. Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	John Worth	7
John E. Bibby	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise in Scotland. The ringers of 3, 4, 7, 8 have rung, and the conductor called, this composition in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Annable's Six-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EMILY T. B. WALKER	*Treble*	*ALBERT J. DUNK	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
EDWARD C. BARTON	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	7
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4	WILLIAM HOLLANDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal 'inside' of Grandsire Triples. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Francis J. Cheal.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*DAVID HOPWOOD (15)	*Treble*	ALBERT C. WENBAN	5
CHARLES WENBAN	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
*JOAN WILCOCKSON	3	†ROY STODDARD	7
*MARGARET MESLEY	4	JOHN E. ROOTES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung by the local Sunday service band as a farewell to Roy Stoddard on joining H.M. Navy (National Service).

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

DEREK BROYD	*Treble*	ROBERT L. PIRON	5
JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
R. JOHN SCOTT	3	JAMES G. NEWMAN	7
FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
Rung for the tercentenary of the 6th and 7th bells, cast by Chandler in 1654.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	GEORGE F. BURTON	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
*FREDERICK VICKERS	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 16). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the Feast of St. Leonard.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JEFFREY B. WEBB	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 TYBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
MICHAEL G. MORTON	3	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method (Tipler's B23/1).

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN E. LLOYD	*Treble*	JOHN E. S. MORETON	5
*DOROTHY J. CLARKE	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	3	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Elizabeth Beamish, an honorary member of the Guild and mother of the conductor.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
G. STANLEY BREWIN	4	PETER F. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

W. A. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

DENNIS BERESFORD	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
*IAN H. ORAM	2	RALPH BIRD	6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*JOHN L. MORRIS	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 RAMSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BERNARD G. MOORE	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	†TREVOR BEVIS	5
*RUTH MORGAN	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	6
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES HAW	7
HERBERT GOAKES	4	GEORGE BUSH	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.
Rung to commemorate the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the 3rd.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

ALFRED H. WINCH	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	5
*ANN M. COX	2	E. JOHN WELLS	6
JAMES F. DODSON	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
COLIN J. CHAMPION	4	*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal together. First peal in one Surprise method on the bells, and first peal on the bells for the above Guild.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

RALPH W. CARLISLE	*Treble*	MARK J. BARKER	5
GEORGE E. OLIVER	2	*JOHN B. STENNITT	6
DEREK P. JONES	3	†HAROLD TAYLOR	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM DIXON	*Treble*	ALFRED SMITH	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	*JOHN W. GIBSON	7
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise on the bells since being recast, and first of Yorkshire Surprise in the tower.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*HENRY HURST	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
ELIZABETH BATE	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	6
DORFEN ARMSTRONG	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Marian year, 1954.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALLEN TWYMAN	*Treble*	MAURICE THOMAS	5
*R. MARGARET BRYCE	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	ALAN PENDLEBURY	7
PETER E. PARRY	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles (Duke of Cornwall) on the eve of his sixth birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND.
ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JEAN MCADAM	*Treble*	*KENNETH C. CHANDLER	4
*ATHOL C. A. CALDWELL	2	ROBERT GIFFORD	5
*DAVID MCADAM	3	COLIN WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN WARD.
* First peal.
Rung on the fourth anniversary of the opening ceremony of the bells.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich and Norfolk. (2) Berwick. (3) Hexham. (4) Beverley. (5) Surfleet. (6) London. (7) Wells. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	BERTIE BEE	4
*WILLIAM R. PARKER	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal in 12 Surprise methods. † First peal in 12 methods.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Bob, two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	ALAN CASSON	5
*FRANK POSTLETHWAITE	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Muriel Caunt, of Burton, and Mr. Michael A. H. Bates, of Silverdale.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*NEAL KITCHEN	*Treble*	MAURICE HOLGATE	4
THOMAS BARKER	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	3	GORDON WHEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WHEWELL.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MARY ARKINSTALL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	4
LEONARD G. TOSELAND	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	BRYAN S. COPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal.

BUCKLAND, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Single Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	ROGER SAVORY	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	5
ALLEN MORGAN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SLYMBRIDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD J. HOBBS .. ..*Treble*	*BRIAN COOPER 4
*ROY TAYLOR 2	*CHARLES ROUSE 5
†HIRAM V. WARD 3	*HUBERT ELLIS .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung to the Glory of God, and to mark the first year of the new ringing chamber.

STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ..*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES G. STANNARD .. ..*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 2	GEORGE A. BUTTON 5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 3	ROY DUESBURY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM M. MANN .. ..*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
JOHN S. BARNES 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM .. 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment and welcome home to John S. Barnes on completing service in R.A.F.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

TONY OWEN .. .. ..*Treble*	ROBERT ALLCOCK 4
DAVID EMERSON 2	ALAN LEETE 5
FREDERICK BEALES 3	JOHN COUZENS .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung by the local band.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW .. ..*Treble*	*STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON.. 2	RONALD C. NOON 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	*FRANK TAYLOR .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* 50th peal together.

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RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*KENNETH TAYLOR	*Treble*	*RENNIE ANDERTON	4
JAMES SKEATS	2	MAURICE PROCTER	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	THOMAS SAGAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. Walter Hubert Baddeley, who was enthroned as Bishop of Blackburn the previous week.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of College Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
DORIS E. LIDBETTER	2	BERT GOGLE	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the 82nd birthday of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Plain Bob, one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*GORDON J. BLOWER	*Treble*	BERNARD SADLER	4
HERMON OLIVER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL	3	LAWRENCE J. BEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a welcome to Alison Clare Sadler, born October 27th, 1954.

UPHOLLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Wigan Branch.)
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DOROTHY HOLLAND	*Treble*	ERIC ROUGHLEY	4
GEORGE MILLS	2	WM. O. FARRIMOND	5
PETER ASHCROFT	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. R. A. Wheeler.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising one extent each of: Beverley, York, London, Ipswich, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

JOHN E. COOK	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	4
BERTIE BEE	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
RONALD APPLEWHITE	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, being (1) Double Bob and Oxford Single Bob, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*FREDERICK CHERRYMAN	*Treble*	*ALAN E. HARTLEY	4
*G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	2	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
EILEEN M. TURNER	3	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal in eight methods. First peal in eight Minor methods as conductor. First peal in eight methods on the bells.
Rung in honour of the wedding anniversary of the Vicar, Rev. B. A. Whitehead, the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr. W. Thompson (for many years a local ringer) and as a birthday peal for Frederick Cherryman, captain of the local band.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of four 120's each of Old and Norfolk, six 120's of Plain Bob, and 28 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

LAURA M. BEENEY (15)	*Treble*	C. JOHN PIPER	4
*KATHLEEN YEO (16)	2	GEORGE BEENEY	5
BENJAMIN STEPNEY	3	FRANK H. BEENEY (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BEENEY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Beeney on their 20th wedding anniversary.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	ROGER SAVORY	5
ALLAN MORGAN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4
STANLEY G. PONTING	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER	5
LUTHER J. HONESS	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to David Manser, son of the ringer of the 5th.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT 120, WILTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	1—2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	5—6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3—4	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'
Specially arranged for Jessie and Charles Kippin to ring their first handbell peal together.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 9, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
		ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.
First handbell peal by all in six methods.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

*MARGARET A. SWANN	1—2	†RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3—4
		WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal on handbells. † 25th peal.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
Coronation Peal Board Dedicated at Totnes

In the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Totnes and a number of members of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, a peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Totnes Parish Church on June 6th, 1953, in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II., was unveiled and dedicated in the tower vestry on November 6th.

The dedication was preceded by a short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Gordon H. Samuel). The board was unveiled by Mr. E. S. Nott, who was Mayor during the Coronation year, and was the gift of Mr. George Harvey, of Totnes. A silver plaque recording the gift, which is beneath the board, was given by Mr. A. L. Bennett. Mr. Nott complimented the band who rang the peal.

The band consisted of Aubrey L. Bennett 1, James E. Lilley 2, Edward W. Biffin 3, E. Maurice Atkins (conductor) 4, Robert A. Southwood 5, Gerald A. Uglow 6, Frederick Wreford 1, William J. Harvey 8.

At tea afterwards, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. J. E. Lilley, chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch, thanked the donor of the board, and the Vicar for conducting the service. He mentioned that his father, Mr. C. R. Lilley, conducted the 1901 peal, which was also commemorated by a peal board. Only seven complete peals had been rung on the Totnes bells. All except three of those who rang the Coronation peal had taken part in the ringing before that afternoon's service.

Mr. Lilley contended that the Totnes Parish Church bells were the finest eight in Devon, and the seventh was the purest toned bell that had ever been cast.

JOINT MEETING AT FARNINGHAM

Farningham was the venue of the annual combined meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association and the Northern District of the Surrey Association. A satisfactory attendence of about 40 ringers made up the congregation for the Kent Association form of service held in the church after the afternoon's ringing. The Vicar (the Rev. P. Maxwell Young) made the office very enjoyable and gave an interesting and inspiring address, including a warm welcome to Farningham.

Tea was partaken of at the Lion Hotel. Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) welcomed the Surrey visitors and thanked them for their support. Mr. F. E. Collins (Croydon) replied in the very best vein of responses and looked forward to the Lewisham District visiting Surrey next year. Further ringing followed, many of the company travelling to Shoreham.

A KESWICK RINGING FAMILY

Bellringing is often a family affair. This is very well illustrated at Crosthwaite Parish Church, Keswick, in the centre of the English Lakes. The late Mr. Stephen Hogarth, who was bellmaster for 28 years, had four sons and one daughter, all ringers. His son, Mr. Tyson Hogarth, followed him as bellmaster and has just completed 30 years in that position. His daughter, Mrs. Tom Wilson, recently celebrated her 70th birthday and is still a keen change ringer with 43 years' service, and her husband has been a ringer for 54 years, and together they ring twice each Sunday.

They well remember being taught change ringing by their father at the dinner table with knives, forks and spoons. J. W. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford District

A brilliantly fine day favoured the members of the Ashford District when they met at the little church of Sellindge on November 13th. The arrangements for the meeting had been admirably made by Mr. Peter Small, the mentor of the local band.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. Petty), who is a ringer, was waiting to greet the firstcomers at 2.30, a gesture which was appreciated. There was an unusually high proportion of beginners present. This is a welcome feature, as it shows that the learners are losing their shyness and are realising that the meetings are intended for those in all stages of experience.

The Vicar conducted the service, with Miss D. Salmon, the organist of the church, and another local ringer, at the organ. About 30 members and friends sat down to a grand tea in a cosy room of the old schools, the catering for and serving of which was carried out by the local band.

At the short business meeting which followed, nine new members were elected to join the Association as from next January—six from Sellindge and three from Willesborough. Thus Sellindge is reinstated as an affiliated tower after an absence of some years. The Vicar and all who had worked to make the meeting a success were thanked by Mr. J. Willis. Then came touches on the handbells, in some of which a promising young lady, aged 12, from New Romney, took part.

A collection for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 3s. 6d. W. P. G.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Miller 1, C. Clarke 2, W. Stevens 3, M. Stone 4, H. Pople (first of Minor) 5, R. Short (cond.) 6.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. Cyril J. Watts was elected the new Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A marble tablet to the honoured memory of Mr. D. Cooper, Master of the Surrey Association and captain of Croydon Parish Church band, was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar (the Ven. C. F. Tonks), in the belfry of St. John-the-Baptist Church on Nov. 14th. The churchwardens, curates and the local band attended the ceremony. A quarter peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung.

Four local ladies rang in a quarter peal at St. Matthew's, Walsall, on November 14th—the first occasion.

Mr. Gerald Sandwell, an active ringer in the Southend-on-Sea area, is shortly leaving for East Africa on his National Service with the Crown Forces.

The ringer of the second in the peal of Bristol Surprise at Willesden on September 16th (page 670) was Miss Barbara A. Mitchell. It was her first peal in the method.

The quarter peal at Clifton-on-Dunsmore, near Rugby, was the first by the local Sunday service band. The 13-year-old treble ringer, who started to handle a bell six months ago, was warmly complimented by the Ringing Master, Mr. S. J. Merry.

Mr. G. Beeney, of Hailsham, Sussex, conducted nis first peal for the 20th anniversary of his wedding at Hellingly, Sussex. The ringers included his daughter Laura (aged 15), his son Frank (16), and the best man at his wedding, Mr. Benjamin Stepney.

Mr. E. C. Barton rang in the birthday peal for Mr. F. J. Cheal at Rainham, Kent, on November 6th, with two black eyes and a bruised nose, the result of an accident earlier in the week while at work driving a tractor. At the birthday spread, kindly provided by Mrs. Cheal and Frank, the tune of the evening was 'Two lovely black eyes.'

In answer to the questioners Mr. Harold Poole writes that no request was received for Leicester Cathedral bells at pre-service ringing before the broadcast. He had never encouraged any suggestion because (1) the amount of ringing actually broadcast did not justify the preparation, and (2) it would be an unenviable job to pick out the 12 out of the 24 Sunday service ringers.

The weight of the tenor at St. Mark's, Worsley, is 24 cwt. 9 lb.

We extend special congratulations to New Zealand ringers on their peal at St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton. Mr. Colin Ward is the first New Zealand born ringer to conduct a peal.

The floodlighting of the 169ft. spire of Chester-le-Street Parish Church on Remembrance Sunday was a remarkable silent witness to the surrounding countryside. Ringing followed the switching on of the lights by the chairman of the U.D.C. and a dedicatory prayer said by the Rector.

On Nov. 1st a peal was rung at Rotherham Parish Church. Unfortunately, the letter was lost in the post, and also the 4s. postal order for our 'Gratefully Acknowledged.' Fortunately our correspondent kept the counterfoil of the P.O., and this week he and 'The Ringing World' have been duly reimbursed.

A grand gathering of ringers attended the joint meeting of the Sheffield and District Society and North Notts District of the Southwell Guild at Retford on November 6th. At the meeting Mr. John Seager, of Retford, met Mr. John Seager, of the Sheffield Cathedral band, for the first time, although they live only 25 miles apart. There was some handbell tapping of Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, etc., from Mr. John Seager, of Retford.

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PEAL RINGING IN ESSEX

WITH Essex, we come to the first of the Home Counties, in alphabetical order, and since London has always been the main centre of change ringing from the earliest times, the neighbouring counties can be looked to to provide large numbers of peals to talk about. Actually, I suppose the City itself is at a lower ebb than at any time in its history because of the destruction during the war and the movement of population. But this loss is the gain of the outskirts, for ringers are ringing more peals there. After discussing the last county in the list, there will be an article on ringing in London itself, which will include towers in the various Home Counties already mentioned, for (as Dove's book indicates) they really go better altogether even though they must be mentioned under their particular counties as well. Another point to remember about the figures given for the counties near London is that they will usually not give the **total** number of peals rung because many of the eight-bell and upwards towers had peals rung at them before 1881. So it is especially important here to keep in mind that we are only considering the period 1881 to the present day.

Although there is no tower which has passed the 200 peal mark since 1881, there are nine towers in Essex which have reached the century, which is a high proportion amongst the counties. Only Kent, Lancashire and Suffolk can beat this. The tower with the greatest number of peals is Romford (8) with 176. This is closely followed by Walthamstow, St. Mary's (10), with 174. Both show very similar features, for both have been rung consistently throughout the period from 1881 with a slightly higher average per year between the wars than before the first war, and both have dropped off since the last war. At Romford, 96 peals were rung between 1881 and 1914, and there were 73 between the wars. At Walthamstow, 87 came before 1914 and 81 from 1919 to 1939. At the former there have been only seven peals since the war (1948 to 1952) and at the latter six (1945 to 1952).

Although it has only been heard twice in the past 20 years (in 1936 and 1948), Stansted Mountfitchet (8) comes 3rd on the list with 155. The first peal recorded was in 1889, when there were six bells in the tower, and 34 peals were rung on them in the next 13 years —a goodly number for a six-bell tower. After augmentation, the church was the most popular in the county for peals, no less than 86 being rung between 1903 and 1914. After the first war it still did very well, but not to quite the same degree, 33 peals coming from the years 1920 to 1933. Since then, only the two peals mentioned above have been rung, which is rather a sudden ending.

Prittlewell (10) has just reached the 150 mark and comes next. It is the post-war period which has shown the greatest activity here, for no less than 58 peals have been rung in the past nine years. But it has shown a consistent two or three a year since the first one in 1896, for 32 were rung before 1914 and 60 between the wars. Thus, in the first four are two 10- and two 8-bell towers. The remaining five are all 8-bell towers—Writtle (126—a consistent two a year since 1882). Bocking (116—94 from 1930 onwards). Barking (113—heyday before 1914, only 21 since). Widford (109—best period also before 1914 with 70 peals then), and Brentwood (102—65 between the wars and 20 since 1945). Nineteen towers are between the 50 and 100 mark—rather too many to mention individually, although some of the higher ones will find a place in the sections dealing with the towers by numbers of bells.

THREE 12-BELL TOWERS

All the three 12-bell towers have totals greater than 50, and Waltham Abbey is approaching the 100 mark (there are older peals here, of course). It has scored 94 since 1881 —55 between 1882 and 1914, when it was an 8-bell tower, 36 on the 12 between the wars and only three since (in the last three years). Chelmsford Cathedral has 61, 39 between the wars, which was the best period, and four since. Saffron Walden has 58. The 15 rung here since 1945 means it is producing a slightly higher average now than previously. Two of the three 10-bell towers have been mentioned above. The third is West Ham, which has also passed the 50 mark with 62 peals (28 came from 1882 to 1914, 30 from 1919 to 1939 and there have been only four since the war).

There are still two 8-bell towers which have not been conquered in the past 74 years—Dedham and Ilford. The former had a few peals rung there more than 100 years ago, but I have found no records of any at the latter. Of the remaining 50 8-bell towers, seven have been mentioned above. Those with more than 60 peals will be mentioned individually. The first is Galleywood with 91, more than half of them being rung between 1926 and 1939. Then comes Harlow Common with 85. The period 1905-1914 was the best here, for 42 peals were rung then. There have been 10 in the past three years. Feering follows with 81. This tower has not been heard since 1938, but previously to that 46 peals were rung between 1920 and 1934. Did the bells become 'difficult'? Great Baddow has 76 spread over the whole period, but especially from 1925 to 1940, when 44 peals were rung. Then comes Foxearth, whose best time was at the end of the last century—43 peals being rung between 1886 and 1899. The only peal since the war was last year, which broke a silence of 18 years.

At Coggeshall, we find 72 peals, the peak being between 1900 and 1913, when 32 of them were rung. This tower has not appeared in the peal columns since 1939. Twenty-nine of Braintree's 65 were rung in the 1930's, and there have only been three since the war, the last in 1949. Leytonstone seems to have been more popular as a 6-bell tower than an 8. Forty-five of its 62 peals were rung between 1897 and 1936, when the augmentation took place. It has, however, been doing better since the war, for 12 peals have been rung (although none this year so far, as I write). Of the 8-bell towers where peals have been rung in the period, Walter Belchamp has been silent the longest, for the last peal there was in 1913. In fact, this is the only peal this century when a false peal rung in 1912 is disregarded. Nineteen were rung between 1882 and 1896. Again disregarding the two peal-less towers, the fewest peals have been rung at Epping, for only two have been recorded there (one in 1914 and the other in 1919).

TEN UNCONQUERED 6-BELL TOWERS

In the case of the 6-bell towers, only 10 out of the 78 remain to be rung to a peal. They are Arkesdon, Ashdon, South Benfleet, Steeple Bumpstead, Great Chesterfield, High Easter, Helion Bumpstead, Littlebury, Ridgewell and Tillingham. Several 6-bell towers have very respectable totals of peals for such rings, the best being Stisted, which has passed the 50 mark with 56. The first peal recorded here was as far back as 1887, but the main activity has been since the last war, for 31 peals have come since 1944, including no less than 14 last year and nine so far this. Colne Engaine follows Stisted with 43. Only two have been rung since the war—the best period at this tower being from 1930 to 1939, which produced 28 of them. There will only be space to mention the 6-bell towers which have passed the 25 mark. Apart from the two mentioned above, there are seven of these, with Great Bromley joining this group with its next peal. Maldon, St. Mary, has the highest number of the seven with 36 peals. Twenty-three were rung prior to the first war and eight immediately after it. The remaining five were rung from 1926 to 1938, and it has been silent since. Two towers have 30 peals—Kelvedon, which has a record of four peals in 1896 and 1897, 20 between 1921 and 1938, and six since 1947, and Downham, where all the peals have been rung since 1948 (but only one this year as I write). This is good going for a 6-bell tower. Gestingthorpe, Mistley and Shenfield have each 26. The first peal at the former was in 1910, and the only period of silence since (except for the war periods) was from 1920 to 1931. Mistley had its first peal in 1904, but the second didn't come until 1923, which started a 'batch' of 23 peals in the next 15 years. There have only been two since 1945. Shenfield has been going consistently since its first peal in 1922. Fourteen were rung before the war commenced, and there have been 12 since. The seventh tower is Roydon, which recorded one of the earliest 6-bell peals in the county in 1888. Sixteen of its total of 25 were rung between 1898 and 1906. The remaining eight are spread out fairly evenly over the past 48 years, with two since the war.

Twelve of the 39 5-bell towers have had peals rung at them, and one has reached double figures—Hutton with 12. This is a good number for a 5-bell tower. As a point of general interest which I have not mentioned before, there are only 16 5-bell towers in the whole of the country which have reached double figures. Seven of them are in Northants (which will occasion no surprise considering the number of 5-bell towers there). All 16 will be mentioned in the individual counties—suffice it to say at the moment that the greatest number (31) is held by Warkton (Northants). Actually, only three have passed the 20 mark—all in Northants. Whitney (Hereford) being the highest outside that county. So Hutton *has* a good number for a 5-bell tower. Black Notley will soon join this select band with double figures, for nine have been rung there. Nazeing (now a 6-bell tower) recorded the first 5-bell peal in the period in 1900. Manuden, where three peals were rung in 1901 and 1902, has not had a peal since, and so qualifies for the longest silent tower.

SUCCESSFUL SOUTH LINCS MEETING

A very successful meeting was held at Folkingham on November 6th by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch) and over 30 ringers and friends were present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Evans) and the lesson read by the secretary of the Branch (Mr. James Haw). In the course of his address the Rector extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and continued to give an interesting address on bells, ringers and the church. Tea was served at the local cafe.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. H. Evans presided. Two new ringing members were elected, Mr. James Manton and Mr. Ronald Hobson, of Folkingham. The Rector was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Branch. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist and to those who had provided such an excellent tea.

Handbell ringing was then indulged in by some, while others returned to the tower for further ringing. A good variety of methods was rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor, and rounds for those less advanced.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Summer Tour in the Lake District

AT the back end of October it is nostalgically pleasant (if not very acceptable from the editorial viewpoint) to summarise recollections in tranquillity of how, on July 24th last, twelve members of the University of London Society converged from various corners of the land on to the modest town of Whitehaven, Cumberland—the chosen centre of a week's ringing tour of the Lake District, which included all, except possibly one, of the ringable towers of Cumberland and a good many in Westmorland. Headquarters were at the Golden Lion. As usual the party took undisputed (after the first hour or so) possession of the residents' lounge and adjoining bar, other residents who attempted to gain entry being greeted by a volley of handbell fire. Here our organiser, Graham McKay, from nearby St. Bees, enlarged on the details of the week's programme.

On Sunday members attended Holy Communion at the bell-less but otherwise beautifully internally appointed Church of St. James. At breakfast we were initiated into the horrid local custom, which was dutifully observed in the high Roman fashion throughout the week, of eating buns with bacon and eggs. The fully-mechanised party thereafter proceeded to Cleator Moor to ring for Matins. Here we were welcomed by the Rev. H. T. Batey and two local pillars of the Exercise—Stanley Richardson and Geoffrey Tembey—whose good fellowship and valuable assistance were to be much valued throughout the week. In spite of a dangerously cracked tower in a very metastable landscape, ringing was enjoyed without incident on this agreeable eight. (We have since learned that we were the last to ring in this tower, which was last seen when we were heading in a westerly direction towards the Solway Firth.) Ringing for Evensong was on the cheerful eight of the charmingly-situated church at Arlecdon, whose churchyard is entered by a fascinating stone 'cattle-gate.'

On Monday the party was joined by Rex Agg (another local authority), David Little and Ann Field, whom we were gratified to find eligible for membership, and who led the convoy eastwards towards Carlisle. Only for the first mile or two, however, were we fully-mechanised; before any appreciable gradient had been reached the presidential car (doubtless in tactful anticipation of the shape of things to come) developed very audible big-end trouble in Cockermouth. The four passengers missed ringing on the light and rather noisy six at Thursby, but arrived in time, public transport and torrential rain, to ring on the venerable but eccentric eight at Carlisle Cathedral. Seven of the sadly derelict eight at St. Stephen's were rung with more curious amusement than real pleasure before going on to the handy eight at Aspatria, the last tower of the day.

On Tuesday, Workington—a town looking very like its name—with an appropriately awkward going eight (very much in F sharp) was first visited. The Rector welcomed us and introduced a reporter, who proceeded to interview the president on behalf of 'The Workington Star.' The resulting report swelled the circulation of that influential organ of local opinion by at least a dozen copies that evening. It was a relief to make our way to Bridekirk, where an enjoyable hour was spent on the rather brassy but good-going six. The inevitable buns were gratefully washed down with beer at lunchtime in Cockermouth before setting out on the magnificent run (for those who remained in charge of their transport) over Whinlatter Pass to Keswick for a ring on the very fine eight (judged by some as the best of the tour) at Crosthwaite. Ringing on the majestic eight at Penrith ended the day.

Wednesday was cryptically described on the programme as a 'day of semi-rest.' So, in fact, it turned out to be, but only on account of the weather. Fell-walking (for those fit enough) and one tower (for the one who wanted it) had been prescribed. Ironically the weather lifted on the way to Irton—the only tower of the day. The magnificent view from this isolated church, on a plateau, looking up the valleys of Eskdale and Wasdale, was enjoyed perhaps more than the ringing on the rather recalcitrant eight.

The president having retrieved his car, the party journeyed southwards on Thursday into the Furness district of Lancashire, where ringing in five good towers with relatively few distractions of scenery (apart from the magnificent climb past Devoke Water on the outward journey), had been arranged as a corrective to the lotus-eating of the previous day. At Broughton we found a brisk eight and a ringing chamber beautifully kept and decorated with reverent imagination. The excellently well-Taylored ten at Dalton (another fine ringing room) were rung with the assistance of Mr. Tom Metcalfe, our tower host, enjoyably to Grandsire Caters, ineffectually to Stedman and purposefully to Royal. After lunch the party set out under lowering skies for Barrow, where the worsening weather didn't seem to matter very much. Here the acoustically-odd eight seemed also to make striking a matter of relatively small concern. Our organiser was persuaded to allow us a brief interval for a cup of tea, which mutinously developed into a knife-and-fork orgy and consequent lateness at Kirkby-Ireleth. In this tower a charming six and yet another model Lancashire ringing room were just beginning to beguile us and to inspire the best striking and most interesting ringing of the day when we were sternly hustled on to our last lap to Millom. An unforgettable welcome awaited us here from the local band of learners (which included the Vicar), who met us in force. After a not very convincing demonstration of Cambridge Minor by the Society on this undistinguished and noisy six, the rest of the time was spent most enjoyably and with missionary fervour ringing call changes with our largely self-taught hosts. We were joined after dinner that evening by David Robinson, who had extricated himself from that military machine at Catterick.

Friday was Westmorland day, and the convoy, reinforced by Stanley Richardson and Geoffrey Tembey and their party proceeded to Great Langdale. Mr. Frank Birkett met us here, and ringing on his most attractive six included the now traditional touch of Original. We headed over perilous roads and inspiring scenery for the cosy town of Hawkshead, with its little hill-top church. We adjourned to a most pleasurable pub. Some fair ringing including a course of London was enjoyed on the mellow six. There followed a mad rush via Esthwaite Water to catch the ferry across Lake Windermere. The main body and its transport was duly waterborne, but our guests and their crews were left frantically waving from the shore, having been locked in the car park at Hawkshead. Kendal was reached in time for tea and an exterior inspection of the Ring of Bells (with its unique ringers' sign), before ringing on the ten fine originals in the imposing setting of Holy Trinity Church. We were met here by Mr. Jim Wilson, who helped us to strike some good Stedman and Treble Ten in an enjoyable hour's ringing.

Tables in the Golden Lion that evening were set rather more formally than usual for dinner, to which the Society entertained the distinguished guests and their ladies. After dinner tradition was again followed in a visit to the local fair, where the party as usual commandeered and shamefully mishandled the 'dodgems.'

On Saturday morning we rang on the easy-going eight at Egremont. Mr. Alfred Eilbeck (to whom we send our best wishes for a return to health very soon) got away from work in time to welcome us to his tower and usefully to strengthen our Stedman. Then we went over the hill to St. Bees and were welcomed by McKay pere and Mr. Harold Wilson. Ringing in the massive tower included recognisable Double Norwich, St. Clement's Major and Erin.

After lunch at H.Q. members digested their buns in tentative Duffield on the fast and noisy eight at Hensingham, the last official tower of the tour. Rex Agg then led a bell-weary, bun-heavy but otherwise enthusiastic party on a memorable scramble over Sty Head Pass to the tarn under Great Gable and Scafell. There are various unflattering photographs of this episode available, so that it is only necessary here to pay tribute to the commendable foot-poundage achieved by John ('Jumbo') Seager. At the farewell sing-song on Saturday evening John Crawley worked overtime on the piano.

On the last Sunday morning we returned to Hensingham to ring for Matins. The only peal attempt of the week (Plain Bob Major) was in the afternoon at Arlecdon. After a rather choppy quarter had been rung the closure was formally moved and presidentially applied when it had become obvious that the tenor did not altogether approve of being turned in.

Numerically, the tour was the smallest on record, both in the size of the party and the number of towers visited. The Society's thanks for the success of this much-enjoyed week are gratefully extended to the incumbents and tower-keepers who met and welcomed us and showed such tolerance of the vagaries of our time-keeping; to Rex Agg, Stanley Richardson and Geoffrey Tembey, who guided us so rewardingly into the heart of Cumberland ringing; to our genial host and hostess at the Golden Lion (Mr. and Mrs. William Berwick); and to Graham McKay for his fine organisation and a memorable example of tact and tolerance.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

About 26 members attended the meeting at Northowram on November 6th, and the pleasant octave was rung to Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

After the service, cups of tea provided by local ringers were served in a cosy room with a cheerful fire. They were thanked for making the Guild so welcome.

The business included a discussion on a proposed trip to be held next Whitsuntide. Details were left to the Ringing Master to work out. The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Halifax Parish Church early in January.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, was visited by the Northern District for their quarterly meeting on November 13th. Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were the main methods rung with rounds for those less advanced.

After tea further ringing took place at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, until 7 p.m., when Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Gorbold), who gave a cordial welcome to the Association.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Room with the Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes, in the chair. It was decided to hold a monthly practice meeting, which will be announced at a later date in 'The Ringing World.'

Further ringing was obtained from 7.50 to 8.30, when methods ranging from London Surprise Major to Grandsire Triples were rung.

L. W. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. L. W. G. Morris's article, 'Spliced Surprise Major—Whither Advancement?' fully deserves the comment he invites, and I hope that this letter is only one of many in an interesting discussion on this subject.

The late Rev. H. Law James, like most men of genius, undoubtedly struck a vein more productive than he knew when he built up a peal on the three-lead course plan. In 1927, to ring such a peal must have presented a real challenge, and in my opinion the fine achievements of the late William Pye and his band in scoring peals in up to 12 methods almost as fast as they were published gave to this branch of ringing a value not wholly proportionate to its true worth.

Having taken part in a few peals on this plan, up to ten methods, I am sure that from the ringer's point of view, Mr. Morris is correct in saying that more concentration is required to accomplish a peal of London Surprise Major. Above ten methods—whatever the plan—a good deal of unfamiliar material has to be mastered, and I rate any peal of spliced containing upwards of about ten methods a very worthy performance indeed. Please note that I express a ringer's viewpoint here; I hope others will put forward the conductor's angle.

Those well-known composers who have produced peals containing all the work of all the methods are deserving of every praise; these excellent compositions were bound to appear in time—the solving of problems such as these are the life-blood of this branch of our art. They must present a real challenge to the conductor, but to the ringer, as six methods is the maximum so far included in this plan (I believe), I do not see that from his standpoint it is a performance of any greater merit than taking part in one of London Major. But I am open to correction here—I have not rung a peal on this plan.

'Has the intrinsic value of Spliced Surprise Major ringing changed?' asks Mr. Morris. The answer is in the negative—real values do not change. The Exercise generally needs to view all Surprise ringing with a more critical eye, and develop a right sense of values. Any peal of Spliced Surprise is a good performance, so is London Major.

What I fail to see is the point, week after week, of peals in new single Surprise methods —merely, it seems, to claim them as rung for the first time. Although some of these are undoubtedly good performances on the part of the bands, and something new is very refreshing at times, I hope I shall not be accounted conservative or even reactionary when I say that a peal of Stedman Triples is every bit as well worth ringing, and every one brought round a credit to the conductor. I should like to see in the peal columns more peals of Stedman—what a fascinating range of compositions there is here—and Holt's Original rung more frequently. Sometimes it seems there will be nobody left to call this! A great Lincolnshire friend of mine, well known and respected in the Exercise, has yet to call it, and he has already put a number of difficult compositions behind him! A sign of the times? But I am getting away from the point, and have said enough, I trust, to evoke some lively criticism on these topics.—Yours faithfully,

K. S. B. CROFT.

Southampton.

We desire to acknowledge 'The East Anglian Magazine' for the bellringers' epitaphs that appeared on page 715. They were sent to that journal by Mr. L. Sewell and forwarded by another reader to 'The Ringing World.'

THE EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Now that an attempt to ring the extent of Bob Major is to be made, no doubt interest in the previous peal will be revived. We are told James Barham and his band of thirteen accomplished this feat at Leeds in Kent in 1761. Is it on record what composition they rang, and who 'called ye bobs'?

When searching the record books of the Society of Cambridge Youths I found the extent of Bob Major composed by Thomas Steers. He was elected a member of the Cambridge Youths on February 6th, 1787, and is described as gentleman, an ingenious mathematician. He was also a good practical ringer, ringing the 6th to 6,600 Bob Maximus, the 2nd to 6,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal and the 5th to 7,002 Grandsire Quaters, all rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. There is no date on his composition of which I have a copy of the full peal, which is printed in a book dated 1770.—Your faithfully,

E. G. HIBBINS.

Cambridge.

DOUBLES METHODS AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Birmingham has explained that his statement 'Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander' is an attack on the Central Council, I wish to withdraw unreservedly my allegation that he was kicking at Doubles ringers.

I must say, however, that I do, in part, disagree with his last letter. I feel sure that most Central Council members have no wish whatsoever to dictate, and that one or two committee members, knowing that most Central Council members have little or no technical knowledge, take advantage of it to get banned what they, the committee members, do not ring. Sometimes they do this in a very low manner, as, for example, when the members were led to believe that irregular Minor methods produce far more 65's at backstroke than do regular methods, this being achieved by quoting only the standard calling in Treble Bob methods, instead of producing the complete facts, which are very much different. No, Mr. Birmingham, the Central Council does not dictate, it is just the odd few satisfying their personal whims.

About Doubles methods. The rules that the Methods Committee are using have been published. The trouble is that no one has yet realised what they mean. Two of the most popular Doubles methods, All Saints and Reverse Saint Bartholomew, do not conform to these rules, and there can be no doubt that the Methods Committee and Peals Analysis Committee will do their utmost to get peals containing these methods excluded from the analysis. The average Central Council member will not want to do this, but as they have already passed these rules without knowing what they mean, they will not be able to do much about it. Cf. Plain Bob Triples.

Finally, I should like to appeal to all fellow Doubles ringers to stand firm against the Methods Committee. Do not be weak-willed like the Minor ringers and give way to suppression. Remember, nearly every Doubles ringer is a regular Sunday service ringer at his local tower. The same cannot be said for Surprise ringers.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

A VILLAGE PROBLEM

From a West Surrey village the following problem of the rector and ringers has been addressed to us for the opinion of other members of the Exercise:—

Often it happens that one is faced with a problem and, having made a decision, is afterwards troubled as to whether the course adopted was the right one.

Briefly, our story is this. Living in close proximity to our church, with its somewhat noisy ring of eight, is a lady who, during the last 20 years or so, has on every possible occasion voiced her objections to any ringing at all.

One tragic Thursday evening, two years ago, her daughter was killed in a road accident some miles away (our practice night is Thursday and we had finished ringing before the news reached us). Last year, on the night which was the anniversary (by the day though not the date) of the tragedy we suspended our practice on a last minute request.

This year, two days before the second anniversary, the lady in question again asked the Rector to silence the bells.

The lady's request was doubtless based on the facts that she hated the bells anyway; that they had been ringing while her daughter lay dead awaiting identification and during a time when she herself was suffering agonising suspense; that every week she coupled the sound of the bells with her daughter's death; and that on the anniversary day she felt particularly unable to bear the sound of ringing.

In discussing the matter with the Rector and in coming to a decision we had in mind the following:—That we all did at the time and still do sincerely sympathise with the lady in her sad loss; that two years have now elapsed; that ringing was not (except perhaps by way of association with ideas) anything to do with the tragedy; that our tower is visited regularly by learners and visitors with whom we could not quickly get in touch; that neither the lady nor any member of her family is a churchgoer at all; that we always do all that is reatonable to curtail our ringing by accepting visiting bands sparingly, by refraining from peal ringing and by keeping District meetings to the minimum; that we do suspend ringing in the case of serious illness or if anyone is lying dead in the vicinity: that having stopped for this particular reason we might be expected to on various pretexts on many future occasions; that there is no reason why the lady and her family should stop at home as they have relatives living within easy access but outside the sound of our bells; that it is unreasonable to expect the outside world to share private griefs indefinitely and that in spite of tragedy the world and life must go on.

Would other ringers like, through the columns of your paper, to tell us what they would have done in similar circumstances?

EARTH AS A SILENCER

Dear Sir,—There is a deep layer of earth under the floorboards of the bell chamber in the tower of Llanbadarn Fawr. Our ringers would like to know whether it is the custom to use earth in this way to deaden the noise in the belfry and whether such a practice is effective. There is one apparent disadvantage in that earth and dust are a breeding place for beetles and worms, which in turn may well attack the wooden frame of the bells.—Yours truly,

O. G. REES (Rev.).

The Vicarage, Llanbadarn Fawr,
Aberystwyth.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN SCOTLAND

A border raid in modern fashion enabled eight Sassenachs to snatch the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in Scotland on November 6th. Leaving Manchester Airport at 9.30 a.m. they had a not too comfortable trip to Renfrew, where they de-planed at 11.20 and proceeded forthwith to seek the lunch already arranged for them. At 12.50 a move was made in the direction of St. James' U.F. Church, Paisley, nearby where the local tower secretary (Mrs. Caldwell) and Mr. Scott were waiting to receive them. Everything was in readiness and the hosts were very solicitous that there should be no hitch and had obviously gone to great trouble.

Ropes were adjusted to the party's liking and the bells went off into a peal of 'real' Spliced Surprise Major (i.e., one in which all the bells do all the work of each method), Pitman's masterpiece in four methods. Of the peal there is nothing of note to report for it proceeded without a hitch and in spite of the difficulty some had in hearing the bells clearly, due in some measure to the intermittent intervention of British Railways, the striking was of a very high order. After some 3 hours and 11 minutes' good ringing the conductor had the satisfaction of saying 'That is all' to the first peal of Spliced Surprise in Scotland, and at the same time he, and other members of the band, completed the quartet of countries with this composition; that is to say they have rung it in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, being the first to do so, and in the case of the last three countries, they were the first band to ring the composition in the country. To enable those members of the band who have not already rung this Spliced Surprise composition in its native land, a trip over Offa's Dike is being arranged in the near future.

Such achievements cannot be accomplished without the ready co-operation of the local ringers, and thanks are due to the ringers at Paisley for their efforts to make the attempt successful and for the wonderful tea which they provided at its conclusion.

The organisation of transport to and from Scotland was arranged by Mr. Dunkerley and Messrs. Worth and Jenkins attended to the matter of bells, meals, band, etc., with the result that everything went off in clockwork fashion.

A 'STEEPLE CHASE'

The North Bucks 'steeple chase' on October 9th was enjoyed by 30 ringers, two coming from Sussex and the remainder from Buckinghamshire.

The first tower, Wingrave, was reached at 8.30 a.m. Aston Abbots, Woburn (Beds), Wavendon (where the party were welcomed by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Milton Keynes and Wougton-on-the-Green were all visited before lunch. The embarking and disembarking was now much speedier and we had learned from Mr. R. Biggs how to deal with recalcitrant clock hammers.

Old Wolverton was the first tower visited after lunch. Here the bells were raised in the order 216543. Nobody told us they were anti-clockwise and we picked the wrong one for the treble.

Stony Stratford, Buckingham, Padbury and Winslow bells were sampled and enjoyed before a short break for tea. Later the five-bell ringers came into their own at East Claydon and Quainton. At the latter tower the rather long draught without guides and the bells falling in the order 13254 caused a little confusion. Fly-fishing described some of the ringers' antics here perfectly.

Hardwicke was the 14th tower, and some very nice ringing with a good fall in peal closed the day. W. L.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Litton Cheney

The recently-retuned eight bells at Litton Cheney were visited by the Dorchester Branch on November 13th, when the ringing was under the direction of Mr. F. Precey and his two deputies, Messrs. F. Stedman and H. Ford. Methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major.

Canon C. C. Cox, the Master of the Guild, read the lesson at the service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Parson), who, in his address, spoke of the various uses to which bells had been put—to proclaim joy, sadness and disaster; but running through all was a note of salvation and hope for everyone. Mr. Sidney Trevett was organist.

Tea was served in the Sunday School room and much appreciated by the 35 ringers and friends who attended. The Rector presided at the business meeting. Forthcoming events agreed to were the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 22nd, and a Branch practice at Wyke Regis on November 27th. The question of joint meetings with other Branches was referred to the annual meeting.

Upon the suggestion of Canon Cox the meeting decided to send a letter of congratulation to the Branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, on his recent marriage.

Mr. Fred Precey said he was glad to welcome the Litton Cheney tower to the Dorchester Branch (it was transferred from West Dorset last February) and he assured the Rector and his ringers that everything possible would be done to encourage change ringing in their tower.

Mr. J. H. Hayne (hon. secretary) mentioned the loss of a ringing member, Mr. H. C. Butter, who died recently in hospital. A native of Wisbech, Cambs, he joined the Branch as recently as April, when working in the locality.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the ladies and the organist and all who had worked hard to make the meeting a success, was moved by the assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, and the Rector, in reply, said he could only repeat the welcome he had given in the church, and they all looked forward to the next visit.

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Durham and Newcastle Association

Ringers from a wide area on Tees-side attended the Southern District meeting at St. John's, Darlington, on November 13th.

A shortened version of Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Brown. Thirty-two ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea, provided by local ringers' wives.

Methods rung: Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin and St. Clement's Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise. F. W. C.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from the 'Ringing World' November 27th, 1914

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in 3 hours and 48 minutes

At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5,007 CHANGES

Tenor 28 cwt.

William J. Nudds	Treble
John H. Cheesman	2
Ernest Pye	3
William Pye	4
Isaac G. Shade	5
William J. Kemp	6
Charles T. Coles	7
Edward Barnett, sen.	8
Harry Flanders	9
James Hunt	10
Reuben Sanders	11
Alfred W. Grimes	Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by William Pye.

This was the conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells, a feat never before accomplished.

MR. JACK L. MILLHOUSE'S 500 PEALS

Mr. Jack L. Millhouse, of Lincoln, rang his 500th peal (205 of which he has conducted) on October 23rd. His list makes interesting reading:—

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (cond. 2), Stedman 2 (2), five methods 1, 6 methods 1; total 6 (4).

Minor.—One to seven methods 23 (7), 7-20 methods 70 (39), 21 methods 1, 34 methods 1, 43 methods 1, 49 methods 1, 53 methods 1, 60 methods 1, 70 methods 1, 100 methods 1, 102 methods 1, 104 methods 1, 125 methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 24 (14), London Surprise 7 (2), Lincoln Surprise 1 (1), Wells Surprise 1 (1), York Surprise 1 (1); total 138 (65).

Triples.—Grandsire 7 (5), Stedman 18 (3), Erin 1 (1); total 26 (9).

Major.—Plain Bob 9 (6), Little Bob 4 (2), Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Erith Little Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich 17 (16), St. Clement's 1, Oxford Bob 1, Wymondham Bob 1, Original 1, Kent Treble Bob 6 (3), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Combined Kent and Oxford 1; total 44 (29).

Surprise Major.—London 42 (19), Cambridge 21 (13), Yorkshire 21 (11), Bristol 16 (6), Superlative 8 (3), Rutland 7 (3), Lincolnshire 5 (3), Pudsey 2, New Cambridge 1 (1), Painswick 1, Ashtead 1, Belgrave 1 (1), Dublin 1 (1), Edinburgh 1, Wordsworth 1 (1), Wembley 1 (1), Lincoln 1 (1), Jersey 1 (1), St. Giles' 1 (1), Withyham 1 (1), Runnymede 1 (1), Norfolk 1 (1), Watford 1 (1), Wombourn 1; Spliced: 2 methods 1, 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 10 (4), 5 methods 2, 6 methods 3 (1), 10 methods 3, 16 methods 1, 22 methods 2, 32 methods 1; total 162 (76).

Caters.—Stedman 15 (4), Grandsire 1 (1), Erin 2: total 18 (5).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 6 (2), Yorkshire Surprise 6 (3), London Surprise No. 3 1, Wembley Surprise 1, Pudsey Surprise 1 (1), Oakham Surprise 1 (1); total 20 (8).

Cinques.—Stedman 37 (5), Erin 1; total 38 (5).

Maximus.—Cambridge 7 (1), Yorkshire 3 (1); total 10 (2).

Tower bell total.—462 (203).

HANDBELLS

Minor: Plain Bob 1 (1). Triples: Grandsire 1, Stedman 1. Major: Plain Bob 7 (1), Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob 1; Spliced: 6 methods 1, 8 methods 1. Caters: Stedman 13, Grandsire 2. Royal: Plain Bob 2; Spliced: Plain and Gainsborough Little Bob 1. Cinques: Stedman 6. Handbell total 38 (2).

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): D. Sheffield 1, Miss M. E. Openshaw 2, T. Turner 3, E. Baldwin 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6. Rung for the induction as a deacon of the Rev. G. B. Dickinson, a ringer at this tower. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Openshaw 1, D. Sheffield 2, T. Turner 3, E. Baldwin 4, I. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6. Rung on the eve of the closing service of the parish mission.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Wood 1, Hilda Haselgrove (first 'inside') 2, D. Smith 3, Betty Haselgrove (first of Triples) 4, C. Shepherd 5, R. Wake 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, J. B. Daughtry (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Margaret Ellis (of the local band), who was married to Mr. M. A. H. Gowler on this day.

ASPATRIA, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Richardson 1, G. Tembey 2 J. Mossop 3, F. Barnes 4, H. Wilson 5, J. W. Brownrigg (cond.) 6, D. Wilkinson cover. For the induction of the Rev. V. D. Clarke to St. Kentigern, Aspatria, on the same day.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob, 540 Grandsire): Mrs. S. Brook 1, P. Tompsett 2, I. Heasman 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, S. Brook 5, H. Turner 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Joan Smith.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Merrett 1, E. J. Fry 2, C. A. Conway (first of Triples) 3, Elisabeth Grime (first in method) 4, W. J. Prescott 5, S. A. Read 6, W. F. J. Cope (first as cond.) 7, R. Stubbs 8.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Coles 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, P. Morgan 3, C. G. Bryant 4, S. Philbrick 5, J. A. Hoare 6, R. T. Jones 7, D. J. King (cond.) 8. Rung for the 84th birthday of Mr. Arthur Lewis, tower master.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Manger (first quarter) 1, J. Pannell 2, Bridget Cox 3, V. Webster 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 14th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, E. W. Razzell 4, C. Parks 5, Miss P. M. Steere 6, R. G. Abbott 7, P. G. Humphries 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, W. F. Oatway 12. Rung to commemorate the dedication of a tablet fixed in the ringing room to the memory of the late Daniel Cooper.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Beeney (first on eight) 1, Miss K. Yeo (first on eight) 2, G. Beeney 3, F. Beeney 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, J. W. Rollison 6, A. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, R. Cowling 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 4th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): B. Aldridge 1, F. Hurrell 2, K. Burbridge 3, D. Holland 4, T. Culver 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. Coode (first quarter) 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. J. Dafters (St. Mary's, Lewisham) and Mrs. Dafters.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On Nov. 10th, 540 Canterbury Pleasure, 480 All Saints' Doubles and 240 Grandsire Doubles. P. Smith 1, A. Green 2, H. Thomas 3, E. Ridett 4, F. Green (cond.) 5, C. Saunders 6.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Armitage 1, J. Cooper 2, Miss M. S. Rhodes 3, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 4, P. Whitaker 5, A. C. Walsh 6, A. Wear 7, W. Dixon 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Brown, choirmaster for 40 years.

HAWKCHURCH, DEVON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Webb 2, W. Baker 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Hayball (first quarter) 6.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Hillier (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, W. Hacker 3, Miss R. Maundrell 4, J. Parsons (first as cond.) 5, H. White 6. A birthday compliment to Miss A. Hillier.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Norfolk, 360 Old and 540 Plain Bob): Laura Beeney 1, Kathleen Yeo 2, B. Stepney 3, C. J. Piper 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, F. H. Beeney 6. First in three methods by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Seckington 1, W. J. Chester 2, B. Saunders 3, C. Haynes 4, M. Saunders (cond.) 5, H. Batchelor 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice service. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Dorothy Palmer 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, A. J. Hobley (first in method) 4, M. Saunders 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Day service.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. L. Crook 1, F. E. Cruttenden 2, Miss F. M. Howell 3, B. W. White (cond.) 4, F. W. Parsons 5, D. J. Parsons 6, E. F. Packham 7, A. Ryman 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: E. G. Talbot 1, Mrs. Manchip 2, J. W. Euston 3, A. K. Twinn 4, T. G. Bannister 5, A. R. Turley 6, G. Parsons 7, R. Storey 8, F. Price 9, W. H. Coles (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 7 and 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Sibbick 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, G. Oliver (cond.) 4, J. Martin 5, W. Saunders 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara M. Forster 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, C. E. Hill 4, W. T. Hill 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R. Carless 1, Geraldine Carless (first quarter) 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, A. Jones 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, D. A. Kaye 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Blake 8. Rung for Evensong.

LLANDILO, CARMARTHEN.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Alcock 1, A. Reynolds 2, D. Llewellyn (first quarter) 3, R. Scudamore (cond.) 4, J. Turvey 5, R. Williams 6. First quarter for the Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled for the Remembrance service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, G. S. Morris 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. Whitemore 5, C. W. Powell 6, W. Poole (cond.) 7, A. G. Whitemore 8. A compliment to the Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Tiarks on their wedding anniversary.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. Page 4, P. L. Dadds 5, L. Twyman 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of those who fell in the two world wars.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Johnson (first quarter, 14 years) 1, T. Pink 2, Mrs. P. Tomlinson 3, M. J. Soper 4, W. P. Blake 5, N. Tomlinson 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Tomlinson.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Minor (360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court): A. Walpole 1, W. Warner 2, J. Forder 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, E. Long 5, D. Long 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL (R.A.F. Station).—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Birch 1, H. Harper 2, R. A. Southwood 3, C. K. Brewer 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, A. H. Eplett 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of those who laid down their lives in the two great wars.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Page 1, L. Page 2, Yvonne Eloie 3, J. Sutton 4, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, J. Mussell 6, F. L. Harris 7, R. Marlowe 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Dunstan's, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Patricia Render 1, A. Thornton 2, H. Paul 3, D. Ruckledge 4, E. M. Bradley 5, D. M. Hawley 6, A. Sheppard (cond.) 7, J. Potts 8. Rung with two leads and a cover for Remembrance Sunday.

STRETHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Barber (first quarter) 1, D. Knights 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Walker 4, A. Yarrow 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1, R. Smith (cond.) 2, F. B. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, W. H. Cooper 6, D. H. Watson 7, B. Crannage (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,380 Doubles (420 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 120 April Day): Miss D. Honey 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, Miss M. P. Sparks (first quarter in more than one method) 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudds 5, S. G. Fuller (first quarter) 6. Rung on Remembrance Sunday and for the patronal festival.

SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: S. Shipp (cond.) 1, D. Knights (rst 'inside') 2, D. Murfet 3, L. Lightfoot 4, A. Yarrow 5, G. Walker 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Peacock (a ringer at this church) and Miss J. Broker on the occasion of their wedding. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Knights (first as cond.) 1, M. Darby 2, D. Murfet 3, L. Lightfoot 4, C. Gimbert 5, S. Shipp 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Cooper 1, Mrs. S. G. Brown 2, Miss G. E. Brown 3, Miss P. A. Gaunt 4, G. S. Wiggins 5, M. Maisey 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Rung for United Nations Day. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss G. E. Brown (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. S. G. Brown 2, N. J. Diserens 3, Miss P. A. Gaunt (first of Stedman) 4, C. E. Lewington 5, R. F. Diserens 6, F. Lewis (cond.) 7, S. G. Brown 8. Rung for Remembrance Day.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Broyd 1, J. Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, F. J. Plummer 4, R. Piron 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6, J. Newman 7, W. Ayre 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. Ll. Jones on leaving the parish.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Mayes 1, B. V. Collison 2, R. D. Divall 3, A. F. Wellington 4, H. Vaughan 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6, J. A. Hilton 7, K. S. Hohl 8. Rung for Remembrance Day.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, J. Hobbs 2, T. Milsom (first 'inside') 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, A. F. Lee 5, R. S. N. Brown (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Fisher 1, G. W. Hughes 2, Miss S. Thomas 3, Miss R. Smith 4, Miss S. Hughes 5, H. Howell 6, J. S. Eastwood (cond.) 7, R. E. Woolley 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 8. Rung for Evensong.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bonner (first quarter) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, J. A. Hales 3, E. E. Holman 4, J. Hales (cond.) 5, R. Chapman (first 'inside') 6, C. T. Coles 7, J. R. Kettering-ham 8.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. A. Ashby 1, F. Rollings 2, Mrs. H. Collins 3, W. Gammage 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Una Baxter, of Weston Favell, to Mr. Peter D. Strang, of Reading, Berks.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: C. T. Hillis 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, W. P. Garner 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Double Court: D. Staples 1, R. J. Carlton 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Both rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Williams (first away from tenor) 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, W. Sturmey 3, L. G. N. Williams 4, H. Runyard 5, H. W. Stevens 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dorey, loyal church workers.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bullivant (15, first quarter) 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, G. Challans (first of Plain Bob as cond.) 3, A. E. Dobbs 4, H. D. Rooke 5, F. Flint 6.

YORK.—On Nov. 8th, at the Minster, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Darbourne 1, S. H. Steel 2, D. Holland 3, F. Atkinson 4, D. Forth 5, H. Forden 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, J. Bower 8. Rung to welcome H.M. Judges of Assize to the city.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE BAILEY

'F. S.,' of Leeds, writes regretting the passing of Mr. George Bailey, of Wroxham, Norfolk, and recalls one pleasant memory of him. It was on December 20th, 1913, when George cycled about 28 miles to meet the young band at Tibenham, Norfolk, for a peal attempt in seven Surprise methods. When the bells came home the delight on George's face was noted by the band—it was his first peal in seven Surprise methods. May he rest in peace.

The band consisted of Frederick C. M. Skinner 1, George Bailey 2, Bertie F. Turner (conductor) 3, George Snelling 4, John Snelling 5, Frederick Seager 6.

MR. WALTER WILLS

One of the oldest ringing members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Walter Wills died on November 7th, aged 84 years. For the past six years he had been a regular ringer at St. Andrew's, Aylestone, Leicester.

He took a keen and lively interest in all the activities of the Leicester Guild and his loss will be keenly felt in his local tower. He set a splendid example by his regular attendance and unfailing punctuality.

A native of Hinckley, he rang at the Parish Church in his younger days. In 1898 he moved to Leicester but took no active part in ringing for 50 years. He returned to ringing when the bells of St. Andrew's were augmented to eight in 1948, and it was at this church the funeral service was held on November 10th.

During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs F. E. Wilson 1-2, E. Morris 3-4, H. J. Poole 5-6, T. Bolingbroke 7-8. The service was conducted by Canon Cray prior to interment at the Gilroes Cemetery, Leicester. F. E. W.

THE LATE FLYING OFFICER E. A. DENCH

Eric A. Dench rang 190 peals—116 'in hand' (conducted 15) and 74 on tower bells (conducted 9). His first peal, Holt's Original 'in hand,' was rung at the age of 16, on November 20th, 1943, conducted by Mr. John Thomas, and his last, Superlative Surprise Major, at Sileby, Leics, on October 24th, 1953, conducted by Mr. P. A. Corby. He rang 120 peals with Mrs. John Thomas and 117 with Mr. Thomas. Details:—

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (cond. 1), two methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Three methods 3 (1), four methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 5 (4), Stedman 5.

Major.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 4 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob 4.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 9 (1), New Cambridge 1, Superlative 9, Yorkshire 3, Belgrave 1, Pudsey 1, Hinton 1, London 1, Bristol 3, Ashtead 1, Aldenham 1. Spliced: four methods 1, six methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 3.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1 (record length), Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 1, Belgrave 1 (first peal in method), Prittlewell 1 (first in method).

Maximus.—Cambridge 1.

'IN HAND'

Minor.—Plain Bob 2 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 8 (1), Stedman 3, Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 24 (10), Kent Treble Bob 7 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 3, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Ilkeston) 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 3, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 13, Stedman 20.

Royal.—Plain Bob 9 (1), Kent Treble Bob 4, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford (Worcester Variation) 1, Little Bob 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 7.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2.

Fourteen-In.—Plain Bob 1 (first peal with 14 working bells).

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Andover District

A quarterly meeting was held at Woolton Hill on November 6th, when over 40 ringers were present throughout the day, visitors coming from distances as far apart as Winchester, Reading and Bishopstoke. Ringing took place during the afternoon on the eight at Highclere, when methods rung included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

The service and tea were held at Woolton Hill, the meeting taking place in the Parish Room presided over by the chairman, the Rev. M. P. Simcock. Three new members were elected from Woolton Hill—M. Davis, M. Mills and J. Knight—whilst Miss J. Goodyear was elected from Andover.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on December 11th at Goodworth Clatford, this being for those members less advanced in method ringing, whilst Andover would be available in the evening for practice in the higher methods.

After the secretary had read the letter on the finances of 'The Ringing World,' a motion was passed that he be instructed to write to the towers in the District, approaching them with a view to having a copy of 'The Ringing World' bought for the use of the members of the band by their Parochial Church Council.

J. K. D.

MR. ARTHUR V. PEARSON'S 500 PEALS

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, of Penn, Wolverhampton, has a list to be proud of in his 500 peals:—

Twelve bells.—Surprise Maximus 19 cond. (2), Yorkshire 8, Pontefract 1, Solihull 1, Pudsey 1, Prittlewell 1, Lindsey 1, Albanian 1, Spliced (two methods) 1, Stedman Cinques 66, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Little Bob Maximus 1.

Ten bells.—Surprise Royal: Cambridge 19 (3), Yorkshire 13 (5), Rutland 1, Pudsey 4, New Cambridge 1 (1), York 1, Painswick 1, Birmingham 1, Lindsey 1, Langley 1, Staffordshire 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Harborne 1, Spliced (two methods) 1. Saltley Delight Royal 1, Little Bob Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Plain Bob Royal 2, Stedman Caters 29, Grandsire Caters 3.

Eight bells.—Surprise Major: Aldenham 2 (1), Apsley 1, Ashtead 1 (1), Bristol 10, Belgrave 2, Belvedere 1, Cambridge 44 (12), Cornwall 1, Crewe 1, Cassiobury 1, Colmore 1, Chiltern 1, Cranborne 1, Darlington 1, Dorney 1, Erdington 1, Frankley 1, Hallam 1, Hitchin 1, Hanbury 1, Hockley 1, Ipswich 1, Jersey 1, Kendal 1, London 14 (5), Lindum 1, Lutterworth 1, Langley 1, Lincolnshire 11, Moseley 1, Norfolk 4 (1), New Cambridge 1 (1), Oxhey 1, Pudsey 4 (2), Painswick 2 (2), Pyrford 1 (1), Quinton 1, Rutland 13, Ramsey 1, Radnor 1 (1), Ribblesdale 1, Superlative 14 (1), Somerset 1, Southgate 1, Sandringham 1, Truro 1, Tring 1 (1), Trowbridge 1 (1), Vauxhall 1, Warnham 1, Withyham 1, Warwickshire 1, Whitminster 2 (1), Wombourn 1, Yorkshire 44 (9), Spliced in four methods 5 (1), six methods 2 (1), eight methods 2 (1). Double Norwich Court Bob Major 24, Duffield Major 1, Little Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Plain Bob Major 12, Stedman Triples 11, Grandsire Triples 15.

Six bells.—Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, Plain Bob Minor 4, Minor (various) 8, Doubles (one to six methods) 7 (2).

Total 500 (conducted 56).

CLIFTON-ON-DUNSMORE, RUGBY—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Barnett 1, D. C. Cook 2, June Dunkley 3, D. L. Brown 4, S. J. Merry (cond.) 6. First quarter peal for 1, 2 and 3.

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STAMFORD HILL, LONDON, N.15. — Ringing has recommenced at St. Ann's Church, on completion of the rebuilding of the spire. Times: Sundays, 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Tuesdays: 7.30 p.m. 5394

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting, Stalybridge, Holy Trinity, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5344

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting, West Hallam (8), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5353

EDLESBOROUGH (BUCKS). — Rededication of bells, Saturday, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Ringing after. All invited. Tea. Rededication conducted by Rev. Wyndham Edgar, Rural Dean, Ivinghoe Deanery. 5382

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, Saturday. Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5364

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Committee please attend.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5374

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Pudsey Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5346

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Langley, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Horton 6 p.m. Tea at Langley 5 p.m. —Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5345

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual dinner, Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 27th, at 6.30. Bar available 6. Bells (St. Maurice) 3. Service in St. Maurice 4.30. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester.

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual, Woodbury, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30 Names by Dec. 1st to J. Glanvill, Bagmoor, Woodbury. 5345

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Annual meeting, Winford, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 o'clock. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5401

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Annual meeting, Taunton, St. James', Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea. — A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 5391

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Cossington, Dec. 4th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5421

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea *must* be received by Dec. 1st.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5413

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Witton (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 1st.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5423

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Whitnash (Leamington) on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 1st, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, nr. Rugby. 5406

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Annual meeting. Tideswell, Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. (cups of tea only), followed by business meeting. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5407

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Pensnett on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 5420

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Stretham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Great Waltham (6) on Sat., Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham 5365

FROME, SOMERSET. — A ringers' social will be held in St. John's Hall, Frome, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, from 6.30 to 11 p.m. All welcome. No charge to enter. There will be dancing, handbells, a tower-spotting competition, etc. Refreshments available at cost. Tower open 7.30 to 9 p.m.—Hilda Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Frome. 5384

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 4th, St. Mary Redcliffe (12), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Redcliffe Hall, Guinea Street. Business 6 p.m. St. Stephen's (10) after meeting. Advise for tea certain by Dec. 1st.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, St. George, Bristol 5. 5400

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Cirencester, Dec. 4th. Watermoor bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Dec. 1st. Parish Church bells (12) 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln-St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 5383

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting at Ruardean on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wed., Dec. 1st, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, nr. Coleford, Glos. 5411

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5363

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The Ewell meeting, fixed for Dec. 4th, is *cancelled*. Arranging meeting on Dec. 11th, probably at West Clandon. Details next week.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 5410

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Dec. 4th, Rickmansworth (10), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 5408

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. — Meeting at St. Barnabas', Erdington, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Nov. 30th to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 5355

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—By kind invitation the next meeting will be at St. Bartholomew's, Ripponden, Yorks, on Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Ripponden, nr. Halifax.—F. Pritchard. 5390

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5412

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Annual meeting to be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30. Meeting after tea. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5422

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Joint Meeting.—Llandaff Branch with Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, Cowbridge, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meetings.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 5337

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke-on-Trent, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5386

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Standing Committee meeting, St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Queen Street, Norwich, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Tea 4. Meeting 4.30. Agenda: Annual general meeting. Names for tea by Nov. 29th to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 67a, The Close, Norwich. 5385

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 29th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5360

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Shrivenham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 1st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5358

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Dec. 4th, at 6.30 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5404

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, Dec. 4th. Names for tea must reach me Wednesday, Dec. 1st.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5393

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Holt (6), Dec. 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5399

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Dec. 4th, at All Saints', 3 to 5 p.m., St. Marie's, 6.45 to 9 p.m. For tea, in All Saints' Institute, notify by Dec. 2nd, W. Holland, 78, Petre Street, Sheffield 4. 5369

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, St. Leonard's, (Shoreditch (12), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 5 p.m. Bishopsgate bells (8) available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12, by first post Wednesday, Dec. 1st. Sorry, no names, no tea.—P. N. Bond, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 5376

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at nearby cafes. 5352

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—An evening meeting at Halesworth (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. S. Payne. 5409

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Names for tea by Dec. 2nd to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5414

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Annual meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 5398

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Dunster, Dec. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided for number notified by Dec. 8th ONLY. — A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 5415

BECCLES.—Joint Norwich Diocesan Association (Eastern Branch) and Suffolk Guild meeting, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5389

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Imperial Hotel, 5 p.m. Meeting, St. David's Vestry, 6.15. Names by Dec. 7th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 5403

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — By invitation of the Bishop's Stortford ringers, there will be a meeting at St. Michael's (8) on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting-Charlton Kings, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 5402

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Names for tea by Dec. 6th to Mr. H. Haynes, Harpole, Northampton. — F. W. Hancock. 5419

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nominations for district officers for 1955. Names for tea, by Dec. 8th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Friday, Jan. 7th, 1955. Members who have not received circulars, and any prospective members, please write now to B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 5405

EAST HARLING.—Preliminary Notice. — Ringers' supper mardle will be held at The Fox, Garboldisham, nr. Diss, on Jan. 26th. Please note this is a Wednesday. Accommodation limited to 30. Names before Jan. 1st, please. — P. H. A. Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 5378

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13th, 1955. Morning peal attempts will be arranged for those who apply. Afternoon ringing arrangements later. Tickets from G. A. Holls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby, price 11s. 5380

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BY H. J. POOLE

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FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

WHAT a vast change there is in the writing of footnotes for peals, a change which was certainly long overdue, not only because of their length but also on account of wording. Some ringers used to delight in writing lengthy footnotes, others preferred to abstain and leave readers to be the best judge of peals that were published, but to-day the general trend is brevity, due in some measure to our Editor exercising his discretion for our mutual benefit. One is especially pleased to see such footnotes as: 'Rung to commemorate 50 years' service by the captain of the local band,' and 'Rung by the Sunday service band,' both having appeared recently, but those of over 60 years ago should give some readers an insight into the days when peals were not so plentiful and there was no Central Council.

Bob Triples, that much discussed method of recent months, was popular with some bands even when they met one short, and the footnote tells us that 'the band meeting one short the second was left out and the tenor rung in.' The same footnote goes on to say that 'these bells have lately been rehung by Messrs. ——, but the going of them is far from satisfactory.' In the next footnote speed seems to have been uppermost in the minds of those who rang, for we read: 'This is the second peal rung on these bells and was rung in twenty minutes less than the other. The tenor goes very badly and Mr. B. had to give up at the end of half an hour, and Mr. S. finished it.' Another way of dealing with a bad-going tenor is told thus: 'The ringer of the tenor after ringing two hours was obliged to set his bell owing to it going so badly; after a rest of half an hour, however, he again took her and rang to the end of the peal.' In the next instance we are left guessing as to the reason why a change over was made, for it simply states that 'E. K. rang the tenor the first hour of the peal, then J. H. rang tenor to the remainder of the peal.'

A peal rung very early in the morning received the following footnote: 'This peal was finished just after seven o'clock in the morning.' Various comments were undoubtedly made on this peal even though it was rung on December 25th! Another unusual footnote is recorded underneath a peal of Stedman Triples, which says it was the 'first peal of Stedman rung by members of the Association without the aid of a professional conductor.' I leave my readers to digest those last two words. Ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples by leaving out the treble is explained thus: 'Meeting one short, the treble was left out and the tenor rung in.'

Many footnotes used to commence with the words: 'It is worthy of notice,' and here is one which relates to a peal of over 10,000 changes: 'It is worthy of notice that the average age of the company was only 21 years, as well as being all single men. Also that one of the ringers was only 17 years old. And great credit is due to the tenor man for the able way in which he rang his bell, he being only 20 years old.' Another 'worthy of notice' footnote refers to a peal of Stedman Triples and states 'that Mr. F. had long desired to ring a peal in this method ere he departed this life. The ringers one and all congratulate themselves upon having the pleasure to accomplish it with him.'

My last extract relates to a peal of Grandsire Caters which must have delighted both ringers and listeners on account of continued good striking and success at the first attempt. It goes on to say that 'Mr. C. officiated as umpire, and he pronounced the peal to have been well rung, not a single "slip" of any moment occurring from beginning to finish, his opinion being endorsed by several ringing friends who heard the peal from the outside.'

A lot of space could be taken up on the subject of footnotes to peals, but the samples already given should suffice to show the difference in the set-up of Victorian days and those of to-day.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the 'Ringing World' of December 4th, 1914

COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW MASTER

If anyone were ever brought up among the bells, that description can be applied in truth to the new Master of the College Youths, for Mr. Albert A. Hughes, whose election we announced last week, first saw the light at the Whitechapel Foundry. Born in 1885, he first learned to handle a bell at a very early age, and used to practise on an old pre-Reformation bell which hangs on the roof of the foundry. At the age of 14 he began to accompany his father to St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where he received his first insight into ringing under the late Mr. Matthew Wood. . . .

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[Mr. Hughes' first peal as conductor, in 1909, was the last by this famous old ringer, then in his 83rd year. Although his ringing has naturally been somewhat overshadowed by his work as head of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. Hughes is a skilled practical ringer, and numbers among his accomplishments at least one peal on the tenor at St. Mary-le-Bow. Another feat of a different kind was during the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark in 1923, when Mr. Hughes four or five times went up among the bells and oiled all the bearings.]

TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	6
ALAN F. THIRST	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	8
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY	9
WILFRID G. WILSON	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal on ten bells.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*ANTHONY J. SANGER	*Treble*	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	ARTHUR H. REED	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	FRANK E. HANSFORD	8
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	9
JAMES TOPP	5	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Caters and of Stedman.
Rung in honour of the 82nd birthday of Mr. A. E. Baverstock, of Bath.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	*R. CYRIL BLAKEY	6
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	2	*JACK ROYCE	7
*GWEN I. RUSBY	3	*H. REGINALD WOODS	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	JOHN WALDEN	9
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	5	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Guild.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	RAYMOND G. BURTON	7
ALBERT DISERENS	3	†CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	8
*MRS. P. LEWINGTON	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
*JOHN N. DISERENS	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise 'inside' and first peal of Royal.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	‡GEORGE P. ELPHICK	6
FREDK. H. DALLAWAY	2	*HERBERT S. JAMES	7
THOMAS E. SONE	3	FRANK H. HICKS	8
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	‡W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
†DORIS E. COLGATE	5	‡ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.
Rung for the engagement of Miss Pamela Riddington and Mr. Michael Randle.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	*Treble*	†WILLIAM F. J. COPE	6
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	2	FRANCIS G. WILTON	7
WALTER H. TRUEMAN	3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	ERIC SUTTON	9
WILLIAM SIDWELL	5	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung as a welcome peal to Michael Adrian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sutton, born November 12th, 1954.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN ACRES	5
EILEEN M. BURTON	2	FREDERICK E. WILSON	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	4	CYRIL J. WESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter Wills, who died on Sunday, November 7th, 1954, aged 84.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

PTE. HARRY GREENOUGH, Royal Veterinary Corps	*Treble*
DVR. ROBERT BLOND, Royal Army Service Corps	2
PTE. JACK GRACE, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry	3
E.R.A. HARRY WELLS, Royal Navy	4
CPL. ALFRED GREENOUGH, Royal Air Force	5
DVR. CLAUDE CORDEROY, Royal Army Service Corps	6
DVR. WILLIAM CORDEROY, Royal Field Artillery	7
PTE. TIM CORDEROY, Royal Berks Regiment	*Tenor*

Conducted by DVR. ROBERT BLOND.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SURREY ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

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LITTLEHAM, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 7 cwt.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	ARTHUR PALMER	5
ROBERT PERRY	2	SIDNEY SKINNER	6
CYRIL SAVAGE	3	JOHN QUICK	7
CYRIL DEEM	4	JOHN DEEM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First peal of Triples as conductor.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, and of the birth of Michael Adrian Sutton, born at Swindon November 12th, 1954.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
PETER KINDRED	2	†GODFREY G. WALPOLE	6
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	3	BERT GOGLE	7
*A. WILLIAM BIRD	4	EDWIN R. GOATE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. BIDDLESTON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. William Bird, of Gorleston, who were married at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	*JULIAN PAWLEY	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	ERNEST F. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	†JOHN A. ACRES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 1). Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal this year and first peal as conductor on tower bells.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*JOHN R. COOPER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of London Surprise.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING	*Treble*	*HAROLD LEATHER	5
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*GEORGE W. PIPE	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 46). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

A birthday compliment to F. Ruffles.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

*KATHLEEN BEASLEY	*Treble*	E. G. L. COWARD	5
†DEREK ASTRIDGE	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
FRANK OAKSHOTT	3	ARTHUR E. SMITH	7
J. T. SYMONDS	4	*H. H. HAYNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble and in the method.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen. Also as a birthday compliment to J. T. Symonds.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	MAURICE BAILEY	5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	2	SYDNEY J. MERRY	6
BENJAMIN BARKER	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
WILLIAM LANCASTER	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Also as an 80th birthday compliment to the Right Hon. Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*PETER COXALL	5
*TERRY OWEN	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
ANN M. COX	2	E. JOHN WELLS	6
EILEEN M. TURNER	3	*ROLAND W. MORANT	7
GORDON P. T. PETERS	4	*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, except the conductor, and the first peal for the Guild and in the county.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	FREDERICK G. PUGH	6
WALTER H. RAXTER	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
*ALLEN MORGAN	4	†PHILIP BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

* 200th peal. † First peal on eight bells.

T. W. Lewis has now 'completed the circle.'

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	6
*ELIZABETH BATE	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
ALBERT RELFE	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	*ERNEST J. LADD	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

*50th peal together.

The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower.'

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	HENRY WOODHAM ..	5
CYRIL SAVAGE	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
*†LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	3	FRED SLATFORD	7
EDGAR LEWIS	4	‡FRANK CORBETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED SLATFORD.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal. First peal for the Association for 2nd, 3rd and 7th.

Rung to honour the wedding anniversary of H.M. the Queen and a compliment to Sir Winston Churchill. Also a compliment to Jesse Beazer, aged 80 years, a ringer at Marshfield for over 60 years.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	5
FRANCIS KIRK	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ..	6
*JOHN R. MAYNE	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ..	7
†REGINALD ROWLEY ..	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* 100th Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

RICHARD S. PAYNE	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING ..	5
JACK PILGRIM	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	6
DIANA M. MATTHEW ..	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
*GEORGE W. PIPE	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

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

* 200th peal for the Suffolk Guild. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Specially arranged for St. Edmund's Day.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 2,496 London, 1,344 Bristol, 672 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINESS ..	*Treble*	*KENNETH ARTHUR	5
ARNOLD BRUNTON	2	*RICHARD A. GOFTON ..	6
W. NORMAN PARK	3	*ROLAND PARK	7
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of four Spliced. First of four Spliced as conductor, and for this Association.

TODDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. HARDING ..	*Treble*	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ..	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	6
RONALD J. SHARPE	3	BRYAN PATTISON	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

The first peal on the bells since Boxing Day, 1928, and the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung for the Royal Wedding anniversary.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Reeves'. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ROBERT B. BLOND	*Treble*	JAMES ADAMS	5
FREDERICK S. SMITH ..	2	THOMAS S. BOWLES	6
WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ..	3	JACK BERRY	7
ERNEST G. GARRARD ..	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the rebuilding of St. Mary's Church, Wallingford.

WALMER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK A. RYE	*Treble*	JOHN F. PENFOLD	5
THOMAS A. WICKENS ..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE ..	3	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE ..	7
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ..	4	PETER J. RYE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

The treble ringer is the first ringer to 'circle the tower.'

Rung for the wedding anniversary of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 22, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	2	JACK R. WORRALL	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ..	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. BURTON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST BRENT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents, 10 callings, and Morros'. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER G. CHAMPION ..	*Treble*	T. J. BURROUGH	4
*CHARLES H. CHAMPION ..	2	F. BEN COMER	5
*MISS PAT POPHAM ..	3	*JOHN C. CHAMPION ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. BEN COMER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the wedding on October 30th of Mr. H. E. Petheram and Miss Joan Huett, niece of the conductor.

SHUTE, DEVON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE ..	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	2	STANLEY A. GUPPY	5
ALBERT W. DYER	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung on the eve of Remembrance Day.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*HARRY PAINTER	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	4
VIVIENNE HORTON	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
*JOHN BROWN	3	*REGINALD J. STRETTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal. First recorded peal of Doubles on bells.

Rung for Martinmas.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of: Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and six extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON ..	4
SIMON L. BARLEY	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	*CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* 25th peal. First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band and by the Guild. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

NASEBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 720 Stedman, 600 Plain Bob, 3,720 Grandsire.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DEREK GRIFFIN	*Treble*	FRED KINCHIN	3
HAROLD HUXLEY	2	ARTHUR MILLWARD	4
C. ARTHUR MANNING ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford, two of Single Court and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*PHILLIP W. HARRIS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	4
DONALD H. METTAM ..	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
WILLIAM R. PARKER ..	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal. The ringer of the 4th bell has now 'circled the tower.'

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*PETER STACEY (15)	*Treble*	EDWIN G. BUCK	4
RICHARD CASTLEDINE (15)	2	DAVID SUTCLIFFE	5
K. PATRICIA HUTTON ..	3	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a farewell peal to David Sutcliffe on joining H.M. Forces.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOHN H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. BAILEY	4
†ROBERT BAMBER	2	GEORGE W. BURRELL ..	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	LESLIE H. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE H. TAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor, who has also completed 'circle of the tower.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Prince Charles.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BARNETT	*Treble*	†DONALD POTTER	4
*TERENCE SPARKES	2	FRED C. PUGH	5
PETER NEWING	3	WALTER H. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
A birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Pugh.

WORMHILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Treble*	GORDON R. WHEWELL ..	4
ROGER LEIGH	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3	ALEX RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, 48 bobs, 106 singles.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

D. THOMAS AUSTIN .. ..*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK 4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 2	R. FRANK BAKER 5
JOSEPH F. V. BELLARS .. 3	*CYRIL CLARKE .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung half-muffled in memory of Yaxley fallen. R.I.P.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. MARY BOISSARD .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 3
ALBERT R. HURST 2	HARRY L. MARTIN 4
CYRIL A. HURST .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by CYRIL A. HURST.
Rung before the Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the church, 1950-54.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DENISE J. SHAW .. ..*Treble*	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 4
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 2	*ROY TURNER 5
FRANK BRUNT 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROGER B. MORRIS .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4
*MARIAN GRAIN 2	*WILLIAM T. COOK 5
*RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN 3	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J W. HOUSDEN.
* First peal of London Minor. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents (C.C.C. 64-69, 59). Tenor 10 cwt.

VIVIENNE HORTON .. ..*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4
DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 2	MAURICE BAILEY 5
GORDON HALLS 3	DEREK P. JONES .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE VINNICOMBE ..*Treble*	*HARRY STACEY 4
REGINALD PEARCE 2	NORMAN J. SMITH 5
CHARLES SANGWIN 3	*SAMUEL STACEY .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Frederick Sangwin, Ringing Master of the North-West Branch, who has now left the district.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD ..*Treble*	HENRY PARKER 4
VICTOR NEAL 2	BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 5
*LEONARD COPNALL .. 3	SIDNEY SAGE .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. J. Ongley, father of the ringer of the 5th.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEOFFREY MAYES .. ..*Treble*	STANLEY H. WALLIS 4
DAPHNE J. HARE 2	JOHN CHURCH 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY 3	ALAN S. SMITH .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN S. SMITH.
First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Roger A. Bywaters, a ringer at this church, who was married at Offley earlier in the afternoon.

PIRTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER W. CROFT .. .*Treble*	*KENNETH C. TIMBURY .. 3
*ROY HEAD 2	*GEORGE CHERRY 4
*FRANK W. CROFT .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by PETER W. CROFT.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells.
Rung in appreciation of past services given by Horace Roberts, former captain of the ringers, now retired.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

G. R. HINER .. .. ..*Treble*	G. A. GILBERT 4
SAM SCATTERGOOD 2	BARRY HOLLAND 5
WILLIAM HOLLAND 3	H. MORTEMORE .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. .. 1—2	JACK BRAY .. .. .. 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3—4	*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 7—8

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

MARION GRAIN .. .. 1—2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. 3—4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5—6	

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, four different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS V. LAMBERT .. 1—2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3—4
MRS. GRAINGER .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.
First peal 'in hand' by all.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
IN BULL HOSTEL, ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in B.

J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 1—2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 3—4
*B. J. STAFFORD (Queens') 5—6	

Conducted by W. T. COOK.
* First peal 'in hand.'

Salisbury and Winchester Meet

Members of the neighbouring branches of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild enjoyed a good afternoon and evening's practice on the fine eights at Fordingbridge and Downton.

After ringing at Fordingbridge, 40 members sat down to tea at the Riverside Café. The company included Mr. George Preston, former hon. secretary of the Christchurch Branch, and Mr. G. F. Martin-Stewart, past Master of the Salisbury Guild, besides the officers of the two districts.

Mrs. B. Hibberd, of All Saints', Martin, proposed a vote of thanks be accorded to the incumbents of Fordingbridge and Downton for the use of the bells and to those who had arranged the meeting. The vote was carried unanimously with acclamation.

Ringing in all methods from call changes to the popular Surprise Major methods was under the direction of the Ringing Masters of the two districts.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

The Chertsey District held its nomination meeting at Hersham on November 20th and although only one half of its towers were represented 27 sat down to an excellent tea in the Church House.

The chair was taken by the Guild's general secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover). Nominations for officers for 1955 were as follows:—District Ringing Master, Mr. J. Dodson; District hon. secretary, Mr. Roy Collins; Guild's Executive Committee, Mr. John King, Mr. W. Goldstone and Mr. R. Andrews.

A hearty vote of thanks to the priest-in-charge, the organist and the ladies, concluded the business, and handbells were very soon in use. J. F. D.

A Trip in the Taunton Area

Huish Champflower (6, 11 cwt. 8 lb.) was the first tower visited on November 13th, when 14 ringers (representing eight towers, mainly in the Bristol and Bridgwater areas) visited five towers in the Taunton district. This tower—proclaimed by its two peal boards as Huish C. Flower and Huish C.F.—was the 'pièce de résistance' of the trip. The ringers were pleasantly surprised by the fine tone of the bells.

At Combe Florey (6, 10 cwt.) the 'go' is excellent but they are very noisy. E. T. P. F. distinguished himself both by his 'sergeant-major-like' calls and a lightning touch of Spliced Doubles! Bagborough (6, 20 cwt.) was followed by the rough eight at Bishop's Lydeard (23 cwt.). At the last tower, Kingston (6), we found the muffles had been left on the bells from Remembrance Sunday! According to Dove this tenor weighs 15 cwt., but it is reputed to weigh a ton, and the tenor ringers of the party found no reason to disagree with the reputed weight!

Thanks for a most enjoyable trip are extended to Ron Short, who organised it. M. E. E.

Preston, Suffolk

The Preston, St. Mary's, ringers, held their fourth annual supper and social on Nov. 13th. During the afternoon St. Mary's bells were kept going to several Minor methods, including six Surprise. In the evening, the ringers with their wives and friends assembled at the Six Bells Inn and sat down to an excellent spread, after which the party were entertained by visiting artistes, including the Bell-chords Trio, and Stedman with his Fairy Bells. Votes of thanks were accorded the host and hostess, also Mr. Fred Day, the able M.C. and organiser (with musical honours).

Mitcham Says 'Thank You'

The ringers' service at Christ Church, Mitcham, which was held this year on November 21st, is an annual event which is looked forward to by congregation and ringers alike. The Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Johnston, said during the course of the service that 'this is the one occasion on which we publicly say "thank you" to our bellringers for their faithful service throughout the whole of the year, a service which is so regular that it is almost taken for granted.'

To the ringers themselves the service is also a reunion for there gathers together a company of ringers formerly members of the Christ Church band but who have now left the district. The visitors were invited to the Vicarage after the service, where light refreshments were kindly provided, and there was much handshaking and reminiscence.

A feature of the church service was a well-struck course of Plain Bob Major by a handbell team from St. Luke's, Chelsea. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. G. Duckett, Vicar of St. Olave's, Streatham Vale.

The attendance this year was not quite so large as on previous occasions, but from remarks overheard in the belfry and from the departing congregation it was obvious that the event has lost none of it popularity.

Winchester Surprise

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, points out that the extensions of Winchester Surprise Major to Royal and Maximus, as published in 'The Ringing World' in August, in addition to being Round Block Extensions are also Pivot Bell Extensions. This last feature has upset a theory that he (Mr. Baker) held for a long time, i.e., that Pivot Bell and Round Block Extensions could not exist together in one method.

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LATE NEWS

The B.B.C. are keeping their Light Programme transmitters open until midnight on Saturday for the result of the Loughborough attempt for the extent of Plain Bob Major. If successful, the broadcast will occupy five minutes. An announcement will be made in the Light Programme during the evening.

BELFRY

Seventy-seven-year-old Mr. Horace W. Roberts, of Pirton, Herts, has just retired after 60 years' service as a bellringer, and the clock winder since 1902, because he can no longer manage the steep steps. An inscribed pewter tankard was presented to him from his fellow ringers by Mr. Kenneth Timbury, the ringers' captain. Mr Roberts is also verger at the church.

Mr. Harry Thorp, who rang in a quarter peal at Skillington on November 13th, rang his first peal on these bells 46 years ago. He was then so short that he had to stand on four basses.

Recently elected captain and vice-captain of the Pirton (Herts) band, Mr. Ken Timbury and Mr. Roy Head rang in the first peal on the bells together with their friends and tutors from Great Wymondley.

After scoring their first peal at Week St. Mary, Mr. Samuel Stacey and his son, Harry, entertained the band to a splendid supper. The bells were heard during the peal seven miles away.

Despite a pea soup fog, the first practice of the Saxmundham District for Surprise methods was a success. After a good evening of Cambridge Minor it was decided to hold the next at Leiston on December 11th, at 7 p.m., for Cambridge Major.

Members of the Worcestershire Association made their annual trip to Bournemouth for the week-end of November 13th. A peal of Bristol was scored at St. John's. Ringing for Sunday services took place at St. Peter's and St. John's.

On the way home the bells of Malmesbury Abbey, Wiltshire, were rung for Evensong. The party included the Master of the Worcestershire Association and the Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, not forgetting the legal representative on the Central Council.

GOSSIP

While ringing a peal recently the following thought flashed across one of the ringers: Would it be possible for a 'Shepherd' to set out with a fast 'Walker' along the 'Meadows' and up to the 'Border' to meet the 'Baron,' who is fishing with small 'Fry' in a large 'Poole' beneath the shelter of a couple of 'Fearns,' quietly watched by a 'Dove.' The amazing thing is that the peal did not break down!

Mr. John A Acres has already rung 100 peals this year.

Mr. Ernest Morris has produced a second edition of 'St. Margaret's Select Vestry: Its History and Its Work.'

Through forgetting the lights, the last 20 minutes of the handbell peal at Bournemouth on November 21st was rung in practically complete darkness. It has now been suggested that the band go for a peal in the dark! One of the ringers, Mr. David Hoare, motor-cycled 60 miles each way to participate.

Congratulations to two young Essex ringers on ringing their first peal—Michael Edwards, of Great Baddow, aged 12 years, and Thomas Roast, of Danbury, who rang the second in the same peal consisting of six methods. Thomas, who recently celebrated his 14th birthday, has now rung in more than 150 different towers.

Mr. Derek Jewell, of Combe Martin, has been holidaying in London. Through the good services of Mr. David Beard he was able to score a peal at Downham, Essex, and enjoyed the practices at Harrow-on-the-Hill and St. Mary's, Lewisham. To all concerned he expresses his sincere thanks and assures them that a similar welcome awaits them at Combe Martin.

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THE GREAT ATTEMPT

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Widespread interest, not only in ringing circles, but by the public generally, is being taken in the attempt which starts at 4 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday) to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major on the bells of the campanile at the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., at Loughborough. Not until nearly midnight will it be possible to complete this stupendous feat.

The band that Mr. W. Eric Critchley has enlisted for the purpose are all experienced peal ringers. They have not undertaken special practice for this attempt, although all of them are ringing peals regularly. With characteristic English reticence the names of the ringers are being withheld from 'The Ringing World' until after the attempt.

The band are planning to get in some sleep before the event, although some of them will not arrive at Loughborough until 8.30 p.m. on the previous Friday. Mr. Critchley will be leaving school as usual at 4 p.m., and then will have to travel from Mexborough, near Rotherham.

No refreshment will be handed to the ringers during the peal, but food will be placed around the belfry so that anyone who is able to ring one-handed for sufficient time will be able to grab what he wants.

At least three umpires have been appointed—Mr. Shirley Burton and Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, of Leicester, and Mr. Wilfred L. Robinson, of Eckington, Derbyshire.

It is understood that the B.B.C. Midland Region intend to take recordings of the attempt. Apart from the national Press, arrangements for coverage are being made by 'Illustrated,' the New York 'Life' and P.A. —Reuter Photos, Ltd.

Ringers throughout the country will wish the band success in this great attempt. We are hoping to give the full story of this unprecedented event in ringing history in our next issue.

THE MIDDLESEX VISIT EALING

A sparsely attended but very happy gathering of the Middlesex County Association was held at St. Mary's, South Ealing, on November 20th. St. Mary's tower has been described as the ugliest in the county. It is brick, built in 1792, and is unique in appearance. Oddly enough the parishioners do not see in it anything to be despised, but only a building regarded with the warmest affection. So it was quite to be expected that the visitors were received with warmth and friendliness too.

The Rev. G. H. Perman, Vicar of Ealing, in a short talk during service, compared ringers and himself in using dedicated instruments in the church, he with chalice and paten on the altar and the ringers with bells in the tower. A bountiful tea was served by Mrs. Fulwell and other ringers' wives.

At the business meeting the congratulations of members were accorded to Tom Collins on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at Ruislip. The ringers in two recent peals also came in for praise. The peal of Bob Major at Exeter included the Master and other resident members of the Association, and the meeting agreed that it was a wonderful example of heavy-bell ringing. The District Master, Mr. Frank Blagrove, had also just added to his laurels by his peal at Stanwell in 45 Doubles methods (two or three of these would require a larger 'Ringing World'!). Four new members were elected: C. V. Herriott and P. White, of St. Mary's, Ealing, F. A. Ranson, of Bury St. Edmunds, and Miss J. Barbrook, of Wickwar, Glos.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from the standard methods to London Surprise Major, all under the guidance of the District Ringing Master.

NOTICE

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PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—Will the people concerned please either note, or give further information, on the following 'peals' which have been published in the 'Ringing World'?

Page 182. 5,100 Doubles, conducted by D. K. Walklate, does not conform with the Decisions of the Council.

Page 306. 5,040 Cambridge Royal—A. P. Cannon, vide page 347 re withdrawal. Comments asked for from St. Martin's Guild secretary.

Page 359. H.B. peal Minor, rung at Long Sutton, Hants, conducted by C. P. W. Taylor. Was this rung as a non-Society peal? —Yours,

W. AYRE.
For Peals Analysis Committee.

INSPECTOR HAROLD J. POOLE RETIRES

To mark the retirement of Inspector Harold J. Poole from the Leicester City Police Force after 29 years of service a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the National Guild of Police Ringers at the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on Nov. 20th.

Mr. H. J. Poole is president of the Guild of Police Ringers, and also holds a similar office with the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

A BROADCAST FOR YOUTH

On Tuesday, December 14th, in 'Parade,' one of the B.B.C.'s weekly younger generation series in the Light Programme, a Christmas festival of music-making by young people all over Britain will be broadcast from 6.15–6.45 p.m. This will include pre-recorded contributions by young handbell ringers of St. Giles' Church, Birmingham, and St. Dunstan's, Cranford, Middlesex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A good sign for the future in the Elloe Deanery was the presence at the quarterly meeting at Gosberton on November 20th of 12 ringers of school age out of an attendance of over 40. The church here has a lovely central tower with a lofty crooked spire. Good use was made of the six bells (tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.).

The new Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Tollitt) gave a thoughtful address at the service, and the Mothers' Union provided an excellent tea. Mr. Tollitt presided at the short business meeting.

A PATIENT'S GRATITUDE

The Dean of one of our Cathedrals has recently received the following letter:—

About a fortnight last Saturday I was lying abed in the Women's Hospital feeling very wretched after an operation, when suddenly all the bells in Heaven (or so it seemed) were ringing!

'What a sound, and what a pleasure!

'I immediately felt better and was equally delighted when they rang again the next day. I have never heard them before.'

[Note.—A reply to the 'Sunday Express' banner: 'I can't stand these church bells.'—Ed.]

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Election of Officers

At the conclusion of the ordinary business at the meeting held on November 20th, the Master, Mr. John Chilcott, vacated the chair and the members proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood was voted to the chair, and the officers elected were:—

Master, Mr. Cyril Watts.
Secretary, Mr. Alfred B. Peck.
Treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes.
Senior Steward, Mr. John S. Mason.
Junior Steward, Mr. Selwyn Dearden.
Trustees, Mr. Ernest G. Fenn,
Mr. J. Frank Smallwood.

Conducting the new Master to the chair, Mr. Smallwood wished him every success and happiness in his year of office. It was because the members had the greatest confidence in him that they had elected him to this high office. They believed that he would maintain the dignity and prestige of the Society and would preside over their affairs with fairness and impartiality.

The new Master expressed his pleasure at being elected and promised to do his utmost for the welfare of the Society. He paid a high tribute to the work of the retiring Master, who, he said, had set a very high standard to follow.

The other officers elected also suitably acknowledged their election.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

The third anniversary of the opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells was marked on November 20th by the ringing of the bells from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. The Dean personally welcomed the ringers in the ringing chamber.

The bells were heard at their best with an opening course of Grandsire Cinques rung by a band of Cathedral and visiting ringers at 16½ changes per minute. Ringing throughout the day varied from Queens to Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cinques.

At the evensong service, attended by Cathedral and visiting ringers, prayers of praise and thanks were given for the bells, the service closing in remembrance of the Royal opening with the singing of the National Anthem.

It is hoped to make this anniversary day an annual ringing day on which bands of ringers will join with the Cathedral bellringers in an act of praise and thanksgiving.

First 'Four-Spliced' for Durham and Newcastle Association

This peal, on November 20th, at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, was achieved at the third meeting of the band. The first attempt in Newcastle was little more than a practice, for the band is so widely scattered that weekly, or, indeed, any regular practice, is impossible. The second attempt at Whitley Bay showed that the practice had been valuable and but for the intervention of the curate would probably have been successful, as five-sixths of the peal had been rung in splendid fashion up to that point. Perhaps it was appropriate that success should not come until the third attempt in the tower of the late J. W. Parker, the pioneer of Spliced Surprise Major.

The band is entirely resident within the Association area although Frank G. Bloomfield is only a temporary resident during his studies at Durham University.

In view of recent comments on Spliced Surprise on the LXL plan, it may be added that all the band have rung complete peals in all four methods with but one or two exceptions.

The band would like to record the peal as a tribute to the late J. W. Parker.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Youth—A Promise for the Future

THE third annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 13th. All the available 102 tickets were, as last year, again disposed of a fortnight before the dinner.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (Venerable W. A. Parker) presided, and he was supported by Mrs. Parker, Canon A. S. Jenkins (Vicar of Walsall) and Mrs. Jenkins, the Rev. H. H. Follis (Vicar of Little Aston) and Mrs. Follis, and the Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow (Vicar of Claverley, Salop) and Mrs. Rainbow. Other visitors included Mr. W. A. Farmer (secretary of the Shropshire Association), Mrs. Farmer, Mr. H. Bennett and Miss Jones (Shrewsbury), Miss Evelyn Fletcher (Birmingham), Mr. Frank Perrens (Coventry), together with ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire. Apologies were received from the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Colclough.

After a very good meal the chairman proposed the loyal toast. In his remarks which followed, Ven. W. A. Parker said it gave him great pleasure to see so many young people present that evening. With so much young talent available the Society should look forward confidently to the years ahead.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. J. H. Joyner, of Rugeley, said ringers owed much to the clergy, as without their support ringing on occasions other than for Sunday services would be impossible. By ringing on national occasions ringers acted as a link between Church and State.

In a witty reply the Rev. H. H. Follis made reference to Ven. W. A. Parker's recent appointment as Residentiary Canon of Lichfield Cathedral. Mr. Follis's skit on life in a Cathedral Close had the company in fits of laughter. Mr. Follis said both he and his wife felt honoured to have been invited to the Society's annual dinner.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' Mr. W. A. Farmer spoke of the happy relationship between the Shropshire Association and the 'Staffords.' He went on to say how successful the joint meeting had been at Shrewsbury in July, and said he was looking forward to a similar meeting in the 'Stafford's' territory next year.

In reply, Mr. G. Darlington, of Wednesbury, appealed for an all-round improvement in striking. He said that to those listening outside the tower the method being rung was immaterial, but the quality of the striking was of paramount importance.

In proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. K. W. Knowles said the presence of visitors from other Associations was essential to the success of a ringers' annual dinner.

In a charming speech of response, Miss Evelyn Fletcher, of Birmingham, said she felt just the same as if she was returning thanks to a personal friend after a really pleasant evening. Miss Fletcher said that she derived much satisfaction from the good fellowship she found amongst ringers wherever she went.

This concluded the speeches, and Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, thanked the Archdeacon for so efficiently taking the chair, and the artistes for giving their services.

Entertainment was provided by the Tamworth Parish Church handbell ringers under Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., the Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow (baritone), Mrs. Dorothy Morris and Mrs. Kathleen Phillips (duets). Mrs. J. H. Joyner and Mrs. Rainbow acted as accompanists. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells were rung by Miss Joan Beresford and Messrs. H. Knight, F. Brotherton, H. Howell, E. Speake, B. G. Key and F. Perrens.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Sudbury and Lavenham Hold Their First Dinner

Reminiscences of the early days in the Suffolk Guild were forthcoming at the first annual dinner and social evening of the Sudbury and Lavenham Districts held at the Four Swans, Sudbury, on November 20th.

Mr. R. D. Mills was a genial chairman, and in submitting the toast of 'Church and State' he compared the team work required to run the Church and State in harmony with ringing. One bad striker, he said, ruined the whole effort and bad attendance would mar a good band.

Mr. A. J. Haynes replied, and said the State was represented by the general public and he felt sure ringers' efforts were generally appreciated except when they made the mistake of allowing two peals in one day in a town. He recalled the old story that when the Rector of St. Gregory's asked Dick Harper why he was not stopping for the service, Dick replied in true Suffolk dialect, 'We've done our bit, now you do yours.'

The toast 'The Suffolk Guild' was proposed by one of the oldest members, Mr. Ernest Ambrose, who, in his usual humorous vein, related some of his experiences before the Guild was formed. In 1894 he walked to and from Lavenham for a peal of Bob Major and after its successful conclusion the band adjourned to the Cock Inn for a pint and a good feed of bread and cheese with pickles, for sixpence. He spoke with pride at the tremendous advancement in ringing to-day; the way young people rang and conducted peals showed great promise for the future.

Mr. Archie A Fitch, in his reply, recalled the foundation of the Guild by the late Rev. T. Drake, of Ufford, the idea having originated from that grand old man, the late Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, who walked thousands of miles to foster and teach the art. He thanked the chairman for arranging the function and hoped it would become an annual affair.

Between the speeches tunes were played on handbells by Donald Mills and Stuart Hume, and a course of Bob Major rung. Mr. Richard Seabrook sang 'The Farmer's Boy.' Games and musical items with Mr. Ernest Ambrose at the piano concluded the evening.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common. Fourteen towers were represented by the 60 ringers in attendance, together with one or two very welcome visitors. Ringing during the afternoon was directed by Mr. P. P. Brown, District Ringing Master.

The Association service was held in church, the Vicar (the Rev. R. Appleton) officiating. The service commenced with a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells rung at the chancel steps. Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, read the lesson. The Vicar's address was original and thought-provoking, and included a warm welcome to Bromley Common. The organ accompaniments heightened the attractiveness of the service.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, Bromley Young Wives' Club members efficiently and graciously arranged the catering and undertook its service.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Seventeen new members were enrolled into the Association and two life members' elections ratified. The District secretary's report of the year's work was read and adopted.

Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected District secretary, and Messrs. A. S. Richards and J. Dafters were reappointed District representatives. Two nominations were made for the office of Ringing Master—Mr. E. Ball (Lewisham) and Mr. J. Cannell (West Wickham). Assured that Mr. Cannell was willing to serve, Mr. Ball asked leave to withdraw for this year, and Mr. Cannell was elected. A warm vote of thanks was accorded Mr. P. P. Brown (Bexley) for the exemplary discharge of his duties during the past year. St. Alphege's, Greenwich, was chosen as place of the next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, January 29th, 1955.

A word or two of welcome to Mr. E. Alex Young and to Mr. C. Wilkins (Oxford), followed by a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and organist of St. Luke's, to the ladies for their willing help and to Mr. A. Purdom and the local ringers, concluded the business.

Further ringing on handbells and in the tower brought 8 o'clock and the termination of a successful and pleasant meeting.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

Despite a dreary November day the Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting, held at Llanfrechfa recently, proved most enjoyable. Both the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Oswel) and Mr. Bob Smith were there to welcome all comers. The bells rang out promptly at 2.30 p.m. and a variety of methods was enjoyed.

The Vicar conducted the service and gave, as a fellow ringer, a most interesting address. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Llorarth, read the lesson.

A bountiful tea in the Church Hall followed, prepared by Mrs. Oswel, Mrs. Bob Smith and other helpers. These ladies were most sincerely thanked by Mr. Fred Bailey, Master of the Llandaff Branch.

Three new members were elected—Miss Margaret Moss (Bedwellty), Ian Goatman (Ebbw Vale) and B. H. Williams St. Woolos'). Chepstow was chosen as the place of the next meeting in January.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Allen 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For the festival of All Saints.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In an article by ' C. R.' on page 663 of the issue of October 15th entitled 'Ringers' Stand at Cheltenham Exhibition,' it was stated that 'One man wanted to know of a book containing all the changes possible on eight bells so that he could learn them.'

In view of the forthcoming attempt to ring the 'extent' of Bob Major, it may be of interest to know that the late Charles Herbert, of Woburn, in order to convince a sceptic in the early days of his efforts to spread the art of change ringing in the district, wrote out the full peal of 40,320.—Yours faithfully.

H. D. HARRIS.

Woburn.

RINGERS' EPITAPHS, ETC.

Dear Sir,—Miss Dorothy Sayers' 'Nine Tailors' is fictitious in a sense, but to me, who knew the lady while at Bluntisham, where 'Taylors' made eight bells chime from the clappers, it appears many names are from Bluntisham and Earith (Hunts) families, while not a doubt should arise that Snowden's books were also used.

I have lived almost all my life within the sound of Bluntisham Church bells and have heard the Rev. Mr. Sayers chime the bells there many mornings, somewhere about 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., while he was Rector there.

Mr. Holliday, of Bluntisham-cum-Earith told me quite an interesting story why the bells were hung dead. He stated the ringers celebrated Christmas and the Rector visited the belfry and turned them out. The tower and spire of this church are not too good, but quite easily good inside corner building to the bells could have been done with efficiency. Bluntisham with Earith has a population of over 1,000, and the net income (Rector's) is somewhere near £950 a year, but, unfortunately, there appears little chance of bell rehanging. There are eight good bells (wheels removed), with tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. (3ft. 2in. inside diam.) augmented from five to eight early this century. Here is a real need for applications for aid from the Pilgrims Trust and Andrew Carnegie Trust funds to help not too wealthy a church.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

IN DEFENCE OF THOSE WHO APPRECIATE

Dear Sir,—I note with concern the letter by H. and I. Carter of the ingratitude of ringers on outings.

My experience has been the exact opposite. A party of ringers on their annual outing this summer called at Dersingham, and on leaving left me with an appreciation to hand to the church authorities.

Could I add, sir, the parish priest could only stay to welcome them.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL EBBERSON.

Snettisham, Norfolk.

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCE

Dear Sir,—It is interesting to note that in your last four issues 198 peals were published in 17½ pages. During the same period 184 quarter peals were printed occupying four pages.

The voluntary donations acknowledged were: peals £9 2s. 6d.; quarter peals £13 3s.—Yours truly,

G. L. GROVER.

East Clandon, Surrey.

BEDFORDSHIRE—A CLAIM

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, thank Mr. Tipler for his reply to my query, and notify you that with the consent of the ringers round this area we shall call Method 2 Bedfordshire, and we should be grateful if no one anticipates us in ringing the first peal in the method.

Also, may I point out that it fulfils Mr. Roe's specifications for his ideal Surprise Major method; although it has six f.c.e.'s, it is possible to get a peal with no 82's or 27's. I submit two more methods with no adjacent places, and course-bells behind, for his perusal.

(i.) mx. 38—14—58—36—14—38—16—58

(ii.) a. 38—14—58—36—14—58—36—58

These both have a mouthful of f.c.e.'s, and I doubt if they are pealable.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

'The Ringing World' Committee has now thoroughly reviewed this matter, and in the light of the discussion at the last Central Council meeting, and the fact that some contributors desire to remain anonymous, the Committee decided to advise the Editor to consider for publication letters and articles written over a nom-de-plume, PROVIDED *they do not contain attacks on or unreasonable criticism of individuals or bodies.*

It should be understood that in EVERY *case the name and address of the contributor must be enclosed, not necessarily for publication but as a gesture of good faith.*

BOB MAJOR AT EXETER

Dear Sir,—There is no **duty** to congratulate the band who rang Bob Major at Exeter; we all know they did a job for which even William Pye and his company would have congratulated them, but no **duty** is attached thereto. I have rung with them all except Mr. Marlow, and know they are 100 per cent. ringers. I also know there is at least one organist among them, but to compare Bob Major or even any Major to an organ on any bells there is no comparison. If your correspondents, Mr. Mallett and Mr. Wreford, were there all the time, it is a pity Royal was not rung, for it only shows that the peal was not Laus Deo.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—The chimes of the Parish Church of Stow-on-the-Wold ring the following quaint sequences for quarter- and half-hours (repeating first one and then both sequences for the three-quarter and full-hour respectively):—

E, C, D, A
C, E, D, A

These may not be the actual notes, but the intervals are correct if the key is wrong.

It was suggested to me that this is not a legitimate chime but a freak, due to incompetent fumbling after 'Westminster' chimes on the part of a workman of past days.

I have never heard our chimes anywhere else. Can you possibly give a name to them? Their effect is odd at first to the hearer, who expects 'Westminster,' but later acquires a markedly wistful character not without charm.—Yours faithfully,

H. C. M. POTTS (Rev.).

Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos.

SURPRISE MAJOR—A CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—I read Mr. K. A. Roe's letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 19th with a good deal of interest, and I suppose I am one of those involved in the debasement of the term 'Major.' I would like to try and reply to some of his points.

Firstly, I would like to say that Messrs. Knights and Cashmore are not responsible for the methods Ufford and Olney, but only for the compositions. As originally submitted to you, sir, there was no ambiguity in this respect. I claim no ownership of the figures, but I do admit to having written them out. I do not admit ownership of the figures of methods; once the basic principles have been grasped it is an elementary procedure for anyone to sit down and go on writing out Surprise Major methods more or less ad infinitum; no particular skill is involved. Working out the false course ends is fairly simple, and in very many methods it is easy to say if a true peal can be produced.

I imagine Mr. Blagrove will not waste his time over the 'challenge'—here is a method which seems to meet it:—

—58—16—58—36—, 14—14, 38, 16—16, 38

2nds place lead end (peals of Watford will go). Incidentally, the second method sent to 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago by Mr. Ivin is pealable, so that also would meet the bill.

Now we come to this 'debasement' business. I agree that the making of four places at a time is not in general a good thing; however, its use in a section is hallowed by the ancient example of Cambridge, which is fairly generally regarded as a very good method. Its use at a cross section seems to me rather more debatable for reasons too involved to go into here. However, one thing I will say: the making of four places in Cambridge does not offend my rather insensitive ear, while the making of three **adjacent** places in New Cambridge can sound horrible.

Mr. Roe obviously believes in never having any but coursing pairs in 7-8. May I suggest he goes and rings a few peals in methods with the work of Superlative above the treble and with the 6th 12 full courses home; he will then realise that there is some good music which cannot be got if the bells behind are coursing pairs. Personally, I like a bit of variety in the music.

To condemn adjacent places out of hand is quite ridiculous. The late Armiger Trollope said that Cornwall is one of the most musical of methods; I most heartily agree. Methods with the New Gloucester work above the treble also produce some excellent music, and, with the careful attention to the composition used, are very much more worth ringing than some more popular methods.

Next we come to the old argument about the label 'Surprise.' Where are all these wonderful Treble Bob and Delight methods? Now and again I have tried scribbling out some. Treble Bob is useless. Delight has some possibilities but there just don't seem to be the interesting methods available; if there is just one cross section with no internal places the number of possible sections on either side of this cross section is very much reduced, and so the number of possible methods is reduced. The restriction of having coursing bells in 7-8 also very severely cuts down the number of these methods. If you want to avoid adjacent places as well, there are no Treble Bob methods available!

I think a great many people do care what they ring. Unfortunately I fear Mr. Roe looks at the figures, writes out the places, says 'What a horrible method!' and then forgets about it. I suggest he goes and rings a few of them and when I say 'ring,' I mean a peal—not just a rather poor plain course.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick, Kingston.

LETTERS—Continued

SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have noted with interest the recent correspondence in your columns concerning Surprise Major, and its classification into two categories, namely, 'good' and 'bad.' Mr. Roe's latest letter provokes me into making a reply.

My first point is this. It is ridiculous to make terminology the basis for any argument concerning relative merits. Let us assume that, at a given change, four bells make places, and consequently only two pairs reverse. Then no amount of bandying the word 'Doubles' can alter the fact that the change-row so produced is a permutation on eight and must accordingly be classified 'Major.' Whether the musical qualities of the method suffer by the inclusion of such double changes is a different matter, and each individual case must be judged on its own merits.

There then arises the question of how we are to decide which method is and which is not worth ringing. Two bands could have very different views on the qualities of the same method. Whereas one band might vow never to ring 'that rubbish' again, the other band might decide to give it 'a good working over' in the future. Whose opinion do we accept? The answer is, of course, that we accept neither, but we try the method out ourselves and draw our own conclusions. Certainly no method should be condemned merely because it contains changes at which contiguous places are made—there are many of these methods which contain plenty of good music for those willing to listen for it.

I pass over Mr. Roe's challenge to Mr. Blagrove, except in so far as to connect a remark contained therein with an earlier remark concerning 'ownership.' Certainly anybody can write out a Surprise Major method, and that being so, where is the justification for calling any method 'all my own work'?.

Lastly, if we look up Mr. Roe's letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 16th, 1954, we find that he advocates the abolition of the term 'Surprise,' and proposes to divide Treble Bob methods into two classes, simple and difficult. Consider the case of the two ringers A and B. A finds that he has reached the limit of his power of concentration at Kent Treble Bob, but it is well known that B could ring London Surprise standing on his head, if he could only manage his rope that way up. The futility of trying to make such a division should be immediately obvious.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

INSPIRED FRIENDSHIP

Dear Sir,—There is an inspired friendship among ringers, and Mr. Frank Stenson, when I first met him, gave me such a feeling. It abounded in Friezland (Yorks), where I was brought up, and was there more prominently in the ringing chamber than among other church workers.

This was recalled to me when I attended the Rochdale Branch meeting at Moorside on November 13th, when the Vicar appealed in his sermon to the ringers to give of their best to the bells.

Such a thought has been my constant inspiration. The bells have given me joy and sorrow (not in a way of disappointment but a remembrance of my ringing pals). We are a great and varied society—not always seeing eye to eye—but nevertheless gain inspiration and friendship from meeting and ringing together.—Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezland, Yorks.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. COOPER

Mr. William Henry Cooper, who died at Guildford on November 17th, aged 74, was for 35 years a ringer and chorister at Merrow Parish Church.

He learned to handle a bell at Freshwater, in the Isle of Wight, and came from there to the Guildford area nearly 40 years ago, and until his health broke down about two years ago, he had for most of that time lived and been employed as a gardener at Levylsdene, Merrow.

Although Bill Cooper did not aspire to reach great heights in the world of method ringing he was always a regular and punctual service ringer and served faithfully, too, in his office of chorister.

The funeral was at Merrow on November 23rd, and in the evening a quarter peal of Doubles was rung half-muffled on the bells.

MR. FRED HILTON

Mr. Fred Hilton, who will probably be remembered in Lincolnshire, and in later years was well known in East Kent ringing circles, died on November 19th, aged 78 years.

He commenced his ringing career at an early age at Heckington, Lincolnshire, and went to live at Broadstairs, Kent, about 30 years ago, when he joined the St. Lawrence. Ramsgate, band. Mr. Hilton gave up active ringing in 1951 owing to ill-health, but continued to take an interest in ringing matters and was a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' He was a devout churchman and rang regularly for Sunday services, but did not indulge in many peal attempts. He had a pleasant personality and was well respected by all who knew him. His eldest son and a grandson carry on what is now a family tradition.

The St. Peter's, Broadstairs, band rang half-muffled at morning service on November 21st and the St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, band also rang a quarter peal half-muffled on November 22nd to his memory.

MR. SIDNEY J. PECK

The death occurred on November 12th of Mr. Sidney J. Peck, of Eynesbury, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire. He was in his 70th year and had been a member of the Ely Diocesan Association since 1902.

During recent years his ringing had been restricted owing to ill-health, but in his younger days he was a regular visitor at meetings in Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. During this period he rang 34 peals (five on handbells) and conducted two. These included the first peal of Major and first in seven Minor methods in Huntingdonshire.

Mr. Peck was a regular Sunday service ringer at Eynesbury from 1900, and tower captain from 1921 until ill-health caused his retirement from ringing in 1953. For the whole of this time he was also a member of the church choir, being the tenor soloist for many years.

At his funeral on November 15th the choir was in attendance and a number of his ringing friends were also present. The wreaths included one from the Eynesbury church choir and bellringers and one from the Hunts District, Ely Diocesan Association.

During the evening a quarter peal of 1,320 Plain Bob Minor was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by S. W. Hawksford (St. Neots) 1, F. Warrington (conductor, St. Ives) 2, J. R. T. Spicer (Huntingdon) 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain (Eynesbury) 4, F. W. Lack (Great Staughton) 5, H. S. Peacock (Huntingdon) 6. S. G. P.

MR. JOSEPH WILLIAM PEMBERTON

With regret we record the death of another old member of St. Martin's Guild (as briefly announced in 'The Ringing World') in the person of Mr. Joseph William Pemberton, who passed away at his home in Sutton Coldfield.

Mr. Pemberton joined the Guild 36 years ago and rang his first peal in December, 1918, and his last in October, 1948. He unfortunately had a seizure from which he never recovered, and the deepest sympathy of his many friends has been extended to his widow and family.

The funeral service, which preceded cremation, was held at Boldmere Parish Church and conducted by the Vicar. The many friends present included members of the Masonic Craft, and the St. Martin's Guild was represented by Mr. F. E. Haynes (vice-president) and Mr. A. Walker (Master).

A prominent Freemason, Mr. Pemberton had attained high honours in the Craft. He was Worshipful Master of the Birchfield Lodge (No. 4549) 1934-5; also a founder and Worshipful Master of the Walmley St. John's Lodge (No. 6504) 1948-9. He took part in four Masonic peals.

Of his 115 peals he conducted 17 on five to twelve bells; 74 of these were with St. Martin's Guild. He was also a member of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Worcestershire and Districts, Coventry, Gloucester and Bristol, Glossop, and Salisbury Guilds.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 7 (conducted 7).
Minor.—Oxford Bob 1.
Triples.—Grandsire 16, Stedman 39 (9), Erin, 2.
Major.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 8, Double Norwich 4, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 6 (1), Norfolk Surprise 1, Cambridge 3.
Caters.—Grandsire 2, Erin 1, Stedman 7.
Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge 2.
Cinques.—Stedman 9.
Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1.
Total.—115 (conducted 17). A. W

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): June Grieveson 1, Pamela Law 2, Valerie Mepham 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. First in two methods by all the band. A sixth birthday compliment to Prince Charles.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative, Yorkshire): F. W. Perrens (cond.) 1, A. R. Guy 2, P. K. Williamson 3, W. A. Stote 4, H. G. Summers 5, L. M. Callow 6, J. W. T. Taylor 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise by the local band.

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. N. Diserens 1, S. G. Day 2, R. F. Diserens 3, F. W. Lewis 4, G. K. Dodd 5, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome home to J. N. Diserens and S. G. Day on completion of their National Service.

ASH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Boyce 1, Christine Boyce 2, R. Selway (cond.) 3, F. Farrant 4, W. Turk 5, F. Strickland 6. To commemorate the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II.'s wedding.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Nov 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. White (first quarter) 1, D. Wheeler 2, A. Cook (cond.) 3, B. Collins 4, A. White 5, Ann Pauling (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Stacey (15) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, E. G. Buck 3, R. Castledine (15) 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins (first 'inside') 6, J. S. Dear 7, C. Harwood (15, first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. First in method by all-local band. Rung as farewell to D. Sutcliffe on joining H.M. Forces.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss K. E. Weller 1, Miss J. A. England 2, E. L. Reece 3, W. Parratt 4, R. Tomlin 5, M. V. Chilcott 6. D. E. Parsons 7, F. D. Jennings 8, S. F. W. Kimber (first of Caters as cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Watts 1, Jill Haffenden 2, H. Deacon 3, H. Payne 4, F. Goodearl 5, G. Waters (cond.) 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Payne 8. Rung with 7-8 cover. In celebration of the induction of the Rev. Alan B. Richardson.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: B. F. Sims 1, C. H. Harding 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, F. Hull 4, B. S. Cope 5. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. Mr. Edwards).

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. T. Rushton 1, R. Billings 2, S. Palmer 3, F. C. Preece 4, T. Rushton (cond.) 5, G. Tong 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stockbridge 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, B. J. Luck 3, A. Butler 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, R. Divers (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of Ian Chatfield, son of the conductor, who was christened that day.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Mayle 1, Miss R. Seabrook 2, W. Scott 3, O. Ballard 4, J. Brett 5, A. Haynes 6, S. Twitchett (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Bird 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, J. Marsh 2, F. Bennett 3, W. Francis, jun., 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, E. Drew (cond.) 7, N. Haycock 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. T. Davies, verger for many years, and Mrs. Davies.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, W. Holloway (cond.) 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, D. Norris 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day on the parish war memorial bells.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 14th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. L. Nind 1, P. Hunt 2, M. Hunt 3, A. T. Weeks 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Nind's wedding.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Wiggins (first of Triples) 1, A. Greenough 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, C. Corderoy 4, A. E. Lock 5, J. Seymour 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, F. Hughes (first quarter) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Skinner 1, C. Savage 2, C. Parker (first quarter) 3, M. Board 4, J. Quick (cond.) 5, N. Skinner 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Savage 1, T. A. Palmer 2, B. Bladon (cond.) 3, M. Board 4, S. Skinner 5, R. Pitman 6. First of Stedman for all except 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled for service at the local war memorial.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Woodruff 1, H. Jones 2, R. Smallwood 3, Mrs. Chapman 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 12th, 1,320 Doubles in 11 methods, being 1 extent each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire: Mrs. B. J. Ongley 1, L. Copnal 2, B. J. Ongley 3, S. Sage 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Barber 6. First in 11 methods by all the band and on the bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, R. Head 2, K. C. Timbury 3, W. F. Todd 4, P. W. Croft 5, G. Cherry 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on Nov. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (being 2 extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and 1 extent each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, R. Head 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, P. W. Croft 5, S. H. Ashton (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

GREENWICH, S.E.—On Nov. 21st, 1,275 Stedman Caters: B. K. Lunn 1, H. Belcher 2, W. Rawlings 3, J. Chilcott 4, J. Waters 5, A. A. Hughes 6, James Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, A. B. Peck 10.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. J. Butcher 1, H. H. Usborne 2, G. Fry 3, C. G. Parsons 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, D. Bowen 6.

HALESOWEN, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox 2, H. Shilvock 3, Miss W. Pertty 4, A. H. Harris 5, L. Clissett 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, B. E. Woodall 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Seth Somers, interred this day.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, J. R. Mayne 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, J. Hird (first quarter) 8. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, D. J. Taylor 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6, P. D. Beedie 7, C. C. Mayne 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Crookshank and R. Gallop (half the changes each) 1, V. Green 2, J. Hadfield 3, R. Trebilcock (first as cond.) 4, T. Smith 5, R. Brown 6. A welcome to the Rev. P. Symes, and also to Mr. W. Bock a former ringer, after a serious operation. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Old, 180 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 each Plain Bob, Norfolk and April Day): J. Crookshank and R. Gallop (half each) 1, V. Green 2, J. Hadfield 3, R. Trebilcock 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown and J. Crookshank (in turn) 6. First in seven methods for all. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Coles.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,368 Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, M. J. Dyer 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For Matins. Also on Nov. 10th for practice, 720 Annable's: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First 720 Annable's 4 and 5; also first of Ipswich for same ringers.

HERTFORD.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorn 1, A. S. Carter (cond.) 2, Miss F. Welch (first of Triples) 3, R. Dore 4, C. Springham 5, V. Neal 6, J. Welch 7, P. Saunders 8. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Wright, a ringer for 56 years.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, Miss D. Coker 3, R. Biggs 4, A. E. Cox 5, J. Kape 6, A. Newton 7, P. Newton 8. Rung non-conducted. Sunday service band.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, E. Bishop 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, L. Sharpe 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Everest 1, S. A. Hill 2, C. W. Linington 3, C. D. Linington 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Also 1,500 Grandsire Doubles rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. F. A. Threlfall 1, R. G. Lay 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, G. W. Morris 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 7, R. E. Price 8.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—At St. John's Church, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Crampion 1, D. Beard 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, E. Smith 5, J. Crampion 6, C. Willmington (first as cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Remembrance Day service.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,264 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Gledhill 1, F. Poplewell 2, Hry. Armitage (cond.) 3, Edith Westmoreland 4, A. Hinchcliffe 5, Hbt. Armitage 6, D. Snowball 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung for dedication festival.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline Farlow (first quarter) 1, L. Evans 2, J. E. Fox 3, R. Evans 4, A. S. Bayley 5, H. Edge 6, B. L. Jones 7, G. H. Childs 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Wilks, late Superintendent, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Bench 1, Miss J. Cheney (first quarter) 2, Mrs. S. G. Osborne 3, J. Underwood 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, Miss M. Stanley (first quarter) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Hammons (first away from tenor) 1, R. Line 2, B. Linnell 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, B. Scott (first quarter) 6, N. Line 7, R. Daniels (first quarter) 8. First quarter on eight bells for 1, 2, 4 and 7. Rung for the golden jubilee service of the C.E.M.S. Also at the Church of St. Edmund, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burman 1, W. H. Ashby 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, R. Finch 4, W. Gammage 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Linnell 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

OAKLEY, BEDS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Brookes (first quarter) 1, Phyllis M. Gray 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. R. Taylor 4, S. J. Irin (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Mr. Turney to Milton Ernest. First quarter on bells since recent overhaul by J. Taylor and Co.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lee 1, W. Burston 2, R. Shire 3, B. Burston 4, E. Quick 5, P. Holway 6. A welcome to the Rev. W. Pakenham-Walsh, inducted as Vicar on November 6th.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Birch 1, D. F. Driver 2, A. H. Eplett 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, C. K. Brewer 5, A. Carveth 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of those who laid down their lives in the two Great Wars.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Midgley (first quarter) 1, D. H. Watson 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, F. B. Cookson 4, R. Cooper 5, G. C. Cookson 6, R. Smith (cond.) 7, B. Crannage 8. A welcome to David Midgley and Judith Midgley from Newcastle, Staffs, to St. Thomas' band, Stourbridge.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, B. Collins (cond.) 2, H. Jones 3, D. Wheeler 4, R. Eggleton 5, D. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HANTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Weaver 1, J. Marlow 2, J. Chesterman 3, F. Gilbert 4, J. Weaver 5, H. Balaam (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the unveiling of a new window to the memory of Charles Butler, Vicar of Wootton St. Lawrence, 1600–1647, who gave four bells to the tower and was the father oif English beekeeping.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Dr. D. N. Layton presided over the tenth annual meeting of the University of London Society held at Halliday Hall, on October 30th, and attended by 24 members out of a total of 120.

Officers elected for the new session were:—President, Dr. D. N. Layton; Master, John R. Leeming; secretary and treasurer, Graham McKay; auditor, Peter Layton; committee, Geoffrey Bryant, Alan Hilton and Roselyn Crewe, The election of the following new members was ratified:—A. Rex Agg, David Little, Ann Field, David Priestley, John M. Harrop, Roselyn Crewe and Peter Davies.

The meeting discussed the need of a permanent home, especially for Sunday service ringing. The president and secretary were authorised to continue their negotiations with the Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory or Eric Dench, a life member, who died whilst on service with the R.A.F.

Essex was favoured for the next Whitsun tour with the possibility of another in West Kent as an alternative. For the summer tour Suffolk was suggested. The annual dinner was fixed for February 19th.

Congratulations were accorded to Philip Gray on winning a prize to the value of £100 for an essay on mineralogy.

There was ringing in the afternoon at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and the Society attended evensong conducted by the Vicar. Most of those present attended a dance at Halliday Hall after the meeting.

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Rung at Aylestone (Leicestershire) May 6th, 1953. Conducted by H. J. Poole.

A Progressive Band

An indication of the progress made by members of the Ashtead Society of Change Ringers, which celebrated its second birthday in October, was given on November 20th, when four members rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples. This is the first occasion for more than 26 years that four local ringers have rung together in a peal. At the annual meeting of the Society, Derek Astridge, then aged 15, was appointed Ringing Master. Although by no means a record, it is an indication of the youth and virility of most of the band that so young a Ringing Master has been appointed. Previous to the meeting Derek had rung the treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

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BEAUCHAMP.—On Nov. 25th, 1954, at the Nelson Hospital, S.W.19, to Audrey (née Castle), wife of Eric Beauchamp, of 32, Park Avenue, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex, a daughter (Judith Helen). 5442

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Annual meeting, Taunton, St. James', Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea. — A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 5391

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting, Bromham, on Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. F. Tysoe, The Post Office, Bromham, Beds. Special method: Bristol Surprise Major. 5426

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Annual meeting, Tideswell, Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. (cups of tea only), followed by business meeting. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5407

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Pensnett on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 5420

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Stretham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Great Waltham (6) on Sat., Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Plantation Road, Borcham 5365

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5363

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Dec. 4th, Rickmansworth (10), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 5408

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Lancaster St. Peter's (10 bells), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Ringing 2.30–8. Tea at 5. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5437

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—**Amended notice.** — Meeting at Sheffield, Dec. 4th. All Saints' (8) 2–5, Cathedral (12) 6.45–8, St. Marie's (8) 8–9 p.m.—N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 5369

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, St. Leonard's, (Shoreditch (12), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 5 p.m. Bishopsgate bells (8) available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12. Sorry, no names, no tea.—P. N. Bond, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 5376

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Dec. 6th, 7.15, and first Monday in each month. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, HOU 3921. 5416

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C., on Monday, Dec. 6th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5448

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Merstham (6) on Wednesday, Dec. 8th, from 7.30–9 p.m. 5397

WING, BUCKS. — Rededication of ring of 6 bells (tenor 29¼ cwt.) on Thursday, Dec. 9th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Rededication conducted by Rev. Wyndham Edgar, Rural Dean, Ivinghoe Deanery. 5461

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton, not later than Dec. 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5457

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 5452

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Annual meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 5398

BECCLES.—Joint Norwich Diocesan Association (Eastern Branch) and Suffolk Guild meeting, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5389

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Special method: Kirkstall Delight. All ringers welcome. 5441

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hessle on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 3s.). Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle. 5444

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Imperial Hotel, 5 p.m. Meeting, St. David's Vestry, 6.15. Names by Dec. 7th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 5403

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Blackhill St. Aidan's, 2.30 p.m., also Blackhill St. Mary's available 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 5427

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Blackwell (near Alfreton) on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, near Alfreton. Derbyshire. — B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5435

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual dinner, Dec. 11th, at the Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells. St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, bells now available 3–5. Only a few tickets left.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 5447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Please note: Annual meeting, Jan. 15th, at Huntingdon.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5450

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — By invitation of the Bishop's Stortford ringers, there will be a meeting at St. Michael's (10) on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting-Charlton Kings, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 5402

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham (8 bells), Dec. 11th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6.15. Names for tea by Dec. 8th, R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham, Wilts. 5446

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Christ Church, Swindon (10), Dec. 11th. For tea advise F. Wilton, 48, Groundwell Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 5429

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting. Tea notifications to Major E. J. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, not later than previous Wednesday.—G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 5417

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Nomination meeting, East Clandon Institute, Dec. 11th. Tea and meeting 4 p.m., followed by service at East Clandon and ringing at West Clandon until 8.30. Please send numbers for tea to G. L. Grover, Lucerne, Epsom Road, East Clandon, by Dec. 8th.—A. H. Smith, District Sec. 5428

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. B. Barker, 26, Havelock Road, King's Langley, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Abbots Leigh, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Coombes, 1, Glen Cottage, Abbots Leigh, Bristol.—M. J. de Jong, Dis. Sec. 5440

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Dalton Parish Church, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5418

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Alan H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Liverpool 19.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5436

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tea provided for those sending names to Mr. E. Baldwin, The Bungalow, Ashfield Road, Anderton, Chorley, by Wednesday, Dec. 8th.—L. Walmsley. 5438

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Dec. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Bell Inn 5. Please notify by Dec. 8th Mr. R. Hayward, 22, Long Street. 5454

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Rothley, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. for those sending names to B. S. Payne, 10, Woodgate, Rothley, by the 8th. 5434

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow on Saturday, Dec. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 5449

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Winslow, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. Bishop Bernard Heywood. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, please.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 11th, St. Giles' Church, Oxford. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Iffley Road, Oxford, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 8th.—T. S. Bowles, Hon. Sec. 5431

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Sherborne on Dec. 11th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5381

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 7th.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5443

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District. — Meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify by 7th Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts.—H. Denman. 5451

ST. DAVID'S GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 5424

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nominations for district officers for 1955. Names for tea, by Dec. 8th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, West Tarring (6) on Dec. 11th, at 3.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5453

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting at Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Priory 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Priory Restaurant 5.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Please notify me for tea. — Davis, Hon. Sec., 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5445

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Practice meeting for the less advanced members to be held at Goodworth Clatford (6) on Dec. 11th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea in Vicarage 4.45. Andover (8) 6 p.m. for advanced practice, all welcome. Names for tea to Rev. S. Gidlow, Goodworth Clatford, Andover. No NAMES NO TEA. 5463

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 7th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5458

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Friday, Jan. 7th, 1955. Members who have not received circulars, and any prospective members, please write now to B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 5405

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C.. Saturday, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m. There will be no practice at Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 14th.—A. B. Peck. 5460

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Yeovil, Dec. 18th. Please notify for tea not later than Dec. 14th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5462

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Boys' Club. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 5459

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 18th, at Pontefract. All Saints' bells available from 2 p.m., also St. Giles' after tea. Service 3.45 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. H. Newton, 17, Micklegate, Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 15th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—70th anniversary dinner at Brighton, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1955. Ringing, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas', The Good Shepherd, Brighton; St. Leonard's, Aldrington; Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, and SS. Cosmas and Damian, Keymer. Tickets 8s. 6d. Wives and friends welcome. Tickets from divisional secretaries and Hon. Gen. Sec., R. W. R. Percy, Espérance, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 5432

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TELLING A BELL-RINGER

By JUDITH ROBINSON
(From 'The Telegram,' Alaska)

LONDON.—Only a short experience as audience and it is easy to understand how bell-ringing gets hold of a person. Among the ringers in St. Michael's, Cornhill, Sunday morning two were girls who had come up from Kent to hear the ringing at St. Paul's. They were members of a band in a Kentish village which had not even a full ring of bells. But the fact that they were ringers was enough. Ten minutes after St. Paul's peal ended they were standing breathless and pink with excitement in the tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, each with a bell-rope in hand.

Two of the band of London ringers had given up their places to the visitors. So they went home to Kent happy, having had twenty minutes of ringing Caters on London's oldest ring of bells.

At the George in Southwark, when morning service at St. Michael's was over, the lieutenant instructor who had travelled by early train from Portsmouth to ring his bell with St. Michael's band, explained how it was with ringers. The newcomers from Kent had made the ringing a little ragged, he said, because they were nervous, but they were visiting ringers so they had to be asked to ring. That was an obligation among ringers.

Two other ringers who had joined the party agreed. They said a man could go all around England and never fail for friends or a chance to pull a bell if he was a ringer. All he needed to do if he found himself alone in a strange place was find a church with a ring of bells and go lean against the tower until another ringer came along and there he would be with all the friends he wanted.

He would not have to lean against the tower long, either; real ringers couldn't keep away from their bells. Moreover, a real ringer could tell in ten words whether another man was a ringer or not. If he was that would be all he would want to know.

A senior ringer by forty years said he didn't even have to talk to a man, he only had to see how he took hold of a bell-rope. The most senior ringer of the three said his wife claimed she could recognise a ringer any place by the way he stood and walked. She claimed, he said, that all ringers shambled along as though they needed a bell-rope to hold up by. Thereafter all three tried to explain what it was about ringing. The senior said it was all mathematics, but the other two could not agree.

It is true that the sequence of bells and all the changes in every peal are worked out like a mathematical formula to ensure the proper harmonies. Since each bell sounds five tones, its true note and the under and over-tones, each formula must be exact to ensure against jangling out of tune. But there is more to it than mathematics. There is rhythm and timing and hands.

The lieutenant instructor from Portsmouth thought that hands were what made the ringer. The leader of a band had to have a perfect sense of timing, but he had to have hands, too. Every ringer in a band had to have the hands for it if bells were to be well rung. Sailing and riding were the only other sports, he maintained, which required hands in the same sense. A ringer had to humour his bell as you would a horse or a boat; to feel the moment to check its swing before the moment came. Good ringing was far more in the check than in the pull, and checking was what could not be taught. It had to be felt. The senior ringer said yes, but . . .

The argument went on from there, as arguments of the sort have gone on at the George in Southwark just about ever since the English discovered they could pull together and still argue.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of December 11th, 1914

A NEW ZEALAND QUARTER PEAL

Ringing at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, is handicapped by the fact that the bells are going none too well, but we have just received the report of a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung upon them on Sunday, September 20th, the eve of St. Matthew's Day, by: P. Guppy 1, J. Heather 2, S. C. Hamblin 3, C. J. Hamblin 4, J. Davis 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White 7, P. W. Barringer 8.

[The ringer of the 7th, now an octogenarian, still rings when opportunity offers, although not at Auckland, where the bells are no longer in use.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

HARRY MILES (St. Catherine's)	*Treble*
WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's)	2
*RUTH M. K. HOW (St. Hugh's)	3
SHIRLEY V. RYMER (St. Hugh's)	4
PETER BORDER (Hertford)	5
†W. GWYN THOMAS (Jesus)	6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS (Exeter)	7
*‡ROBIN G. TURNER (Jesus)	8
DEREK P. JONES (St. Edmund Hall)	9
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble)	10
JOHN E. SPICE (New College)	11
†§EWART H. EDGE (St. Edmund Hall)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. ‡ First peal on twelve tower bells. § 50th peal. The first peal of Stedman Cinques and the first peal on twelve tower bells for the Society.

A birthday compliment to Sarah Wigg, daughter of the ringer of the 10th.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	GEORGE A. PACKER	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	7
FREDERICK R. EVANS	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	8
*ROBERT W. HINDE	4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	9
†IVOR R. NICHOLS	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. 100th peal as conductor.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
DAVID HOARE	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	8
HAROLD L. PARFREY	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
RONALD D. SHORT	5	LEONARD DERRICK / HERBERT HARDWIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	EDWARD JENKINS	8
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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 CLAYBROOKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

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First peal in the method by all except ringer of the 3rd. The conductor's 500th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
A Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ALFRED HANNINGTON	*Treble*	JOHN DAVIES	5
GWYN I. LEWIS	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	6
EDMUND J. MORRIS	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
JOSEPH LOVETT	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 25 cwt.

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A. LESLIE BARRY	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	6
*REGINALD T. JONES	3	VICTOR E. WILLS	7
*JOHN J. WEBB	4	JOSEPH UNDERHILL	*Tenor*

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CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Anthony Ager	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
Muriel Reay	2	John Pinfold	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	George E. Fearn	7
Michael G. Morton	4	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*David Yeo	*Treble*	David Beacham	5
†Beatrice Boyle	2	†Derek Jewel	6
Norman Mallett	3	Frederick Wreford	7
E. Maurice Atkins	4	†Fred Yeo	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Major.
Rung on the 15th birthday of the treble ringer and for the marriage of John Rodwell and Margaret Rook, which took place at this church in the morning.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alkmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Dennis Beresford	*Treble*	Harold Taylor	5
Peter Beresford	2	Denis R. Carlisle	6
*Gordon A. Halls	3	George E. Oliver	7
Albert E. Thompson	4	Harry K. Waterfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Oliver.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*James W. Metcalfe	*Treble*	Alan Capstick	5
*A. Rex Agg	2	*†Frank Postlethwaite	6
†George Braithwaite	3	*Roland Eccles	7
John Bagnall	4	James E. Burles	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by James E. Burles.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.
A farewell peal to Mr. A Rex Agg, who is leaving this district soon for the South of England.

LEICESTER.
THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary-de-Castro,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. II. Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

Ex-Sgt. E. Chas. Turner	*Treble*	P.C. Wm. R. Hammond	5
Insp. Harold J. Poole	2	Ex-P.C. Fredk. E. Wilson	6
Ex-Sgt. W. C. Dowding	3	P.C. E. Allan Jacques	7
Ex-P.C. Leonard Tuffrey	4	P.C. Cecil H. F. Knight	*Tenor*

Conducted by Insp. Harold J. Poole.
Rung for the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, and to mark the retirement of Inspector Harold J. Poole, President of the Guild of Police Ringers, after 29 years' service with the Leicester City Police.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Frederick J. Lambert	5
*†Ernest J. Ladd	2	Charles A. Bassett	6
Stanley G. Ponting	3	‡Kevin S. Hohl	7
George Fry	4	*§Wm. A. Kitchenside	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* 75th peal together. † 225th peal. ‡ 25th peal. § 250th peal.
A birthday compliment to Charles A. Bassett, who has now 'circled the tower.'

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ambrose,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Roger O. Fry	*Treble*	Ivor H. Trueman	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Albert M. Tyler	6
*Brian Grinter	3	Enid L. Roberts	7
David J. Marshall	4	Reginald G. Hooper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Enid L. Roberts.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Michael Adrian) to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sutton.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

John E. Allen	*Treble*	William E. Clark	5
George Dawson	2	Albert H. Bennett	6
Philip Reynolds	3	Maurice Bennett	7
John Morris	4	Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Stanley E. Bennett.
Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. R. Howard, a Sunday service ringer at the above church, and Mrs. Howard.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Treble*	B. J. Stafford (Queens')	5
Miss G. A. Smith (Newn.)	2	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	6
J. D. Painter (Caius)	3	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's.)	7
R. J. W. Housden (Selwyn)	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. Ridgman.
The first peal in the method by all the band, and by the Guild.

ELTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Lewisham District.)
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

William D. Prockson	*Treble*	Jim Hurrell	5
Mabel A. Prockson	2	Ernest B. Crowder	6
Bertie W. Aldridge	3	George H. Daynes	7
Frederick J. Hurrell	4	Geoffrey J. Hurrell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest B. Crowder.
F. J. Hurrell has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Eve of Advent. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Unity Chapel of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

John L. Morris	*Treble*	Peter Beresford	5
*Ian H. Oram	2	Dennis Beresford	6
Mary Fuller	3	Peter N. Bond	7
†Michael Fuller	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

C. Aubrey Harrison	*Treble*	Sydney A. Chambers	5
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	George E. Feirn	6
Gwen I. Rusby	3	Jack Bray	7
John Freeman	4	*Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Freeman.
* 50th peal of London Surprise. 150th peal as conductor. The first peal of London Surprise on the bells.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

William Slaughter	*Treble*	William Rogers	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
*Basil W. White	3	William T. Beeson	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	*Raymond Overy	*Tenor*

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by Raymond Overy.
* First peal in the method.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Harold F. White	*Treble*	Thomas Price	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Frederick Price	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	William A. Farmer	7
Bernard Madeley	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

William A. Yates	*Treble*	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
Reginald H. Howson	2	George F. Burton	6
Herbert H. Alexander	3	George W. Holland	7
*Frederick Vickers	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Jeffrey B. Webb	*Treble*	Leonard Trevor	5
*Joan Beresford	2	*David A. Carpenter	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	Hubert E. Ashley	7
Alfred Ballard	4	*George E. Oliver	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Josiah D. Harris	*Treble*	Norman J. Smith	5
*Joy Gumbrell	2	Tower R. Taylor	6
Charles H. Kippin	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Winifred E. Keys	4	Alfred T. Greenwood	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
* First touch of Surprise.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Geoffrey W. Seaman	*Treble*	Brian S. Chapman	5
*D. Kay Adkins	2	John M. Jelley	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Brian G. Warwick	7
Ernest J. Jelley	4	*Peter R. Johnson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. 100th peal on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung to mark the end of the Church's Year and to welcome the Ven. R. W. Woods, Archdeacon of Singapore, and a former parish priest.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5024 ICKLETON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Peter Coxall	5
*Margaret E. Ridyard	2	Alexander J. Martin	6
Doreen Dutton	3	†Jack Ashcroft	7
Ronald Kenrick	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* 25th peal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method by the band, and the Association, and on the bells.
Birthday compliments to Barbara H. Martin, daughter of the 6th ringer, Miss E. M. Suart, Dalton-in-Furness, and Thomas W. Hammond, Liverpool.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Michael S. Bridges	*Treble*	Enid Softley	5
Margaret A. Softley	2	Frank G. Bloomfield	6
Kathleen Softley	3	Robin G. Leale	7
J. Brenda Softley	4	Alan N. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

G. Alec Dimmock	*Treble*	*Frank Stead	5
*Stanley Walmsley	2	John Charnock	6
Thomas Barker	3	E. Roger Martin	7
Arthur Hatch	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Roger Martin.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Patricia M. Howard	*Treble*	Ivan A. C. Butcher	5
A. Patrick Cannon	2	Frederick J. Lambert	6
†John A. Howard	3	Leonard Stilwell	7
†Kenneth C. Knight	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Major. † First peal other than Doubles.
Rung on the wedding anniversary of the parents of the conductor.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Jack Medhurst	*Treble*	Reginald L. Sills	5
*George Fry	2	John R. Cooper	6
George F. Cantrill	3	Lewis Newman	7
Luther J. Honess	4	Peter C. Wright	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Lewis Newman.
* First peal of Major.
To commemorate a peal of Bob Major rung on November 28th, 1854, on the same bells in which W. B. Newman, uncle of L. Newman, took part.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

Harold J. Poole	*Treble*	*Arthur Bradshaw	5
Mrs. A. M. Machugh	2	†Julian M. Morley	6
Peter J. Staniforth	3	John A. Acres	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	Samuel A. Martin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung to commemorate the induction of the Vicar, Rev. A. A. Lander, A.K.C., also as a birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill. This is the first peal on the present ring of eight.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob. and St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MICHAEL EDWARDS (12) ..*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 4
*THOMAS R. ROAST (14) .. 2	PETER J. CAME 5
MARY DOWSETT 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Double Court; (2) Double Bob and Oxford Bob; (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (4) Cambridge; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A.

LEONARD STILWELL .. ..*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT . 4
*EILEEN M. TURNER .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5
ANN M. COX 3	*E. JOHN WELLS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in nine methods, and on the bells. First peal of Minor on the bells since 1931, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob. Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

EDWIN J. UPTON .. ..*Treble*	JOE HOBBS 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A birthday compliment to Miss C. R. Ayre.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and five varied extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*D. KNIGHTS .. .. ..*Treble*	G. WALKER 4
W. YOUNG 2	T. BEVIS 5
S. SHIPP 3	A. YARROW .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by T. BEVIS.

* First peal.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the wedding of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

TRULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*L. MICHAEL NOAD ..*Treble*	*RAYMOND E. J. BAKER .. 4
*L. BERYL CHURCHILL .. 2	REGINALD G. PERRY .. 5
*BRYAN G. VINE 3	HARRY CHURCHILL .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN G. VINE.

* First peal. Reginald G. Perry has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a compliment to L. Michael Noad, who is leaving the district.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Nov. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS A. WICKENS ..*Treble*	PETER J. RYE 4
JOHN F. PENFOLD 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE .. 3	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in three methods by all except the conductor.

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HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Hunts District.)
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents of Norwich (39 bobs), two extents of Ipswich (18 bobs), and two extents of Cambridge (21 bobs).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Oliver Norman	*Treble*	*†John R. G. Spicer	4
Frank Warrington	2	*Michael J. Dyer	5
E. Jack Parish	3	Harold S. Peacock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First peal in three Surprise methods. † 50th peal.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Spicer.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Horace Bennett	*Treble*	Stanley E. Bennett	4
*Maurice Bennett	2	Ronald C. Noon	5
John G. Ames	3	*Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.
* 25th peal together.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Roland W. Morant	*Treble*	A. Patrick Cannon	4
Alfred H. Winch	2	*James F. Dodson	5
E. John Wells	3	*Roy Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in four methods. The conductor's 50th peal during 1954.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents of York and two each of London and Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Chris. M. P. Johnson	*Treble*	Richard J. W. Housden	4
Cyril A. Hurst	2	William J. Ridgman	5
John G. Gipson	3	William T. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

SHENLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge.
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*Malcolm G. Hooton	*Treble*	*Robert L. Piron	4
John W. V. Sinfield	2	Dennis Knox	5
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Andrew C. Sinfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal of seven Surprise methods.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Hunts District.)
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Frank Warrington	*Treble*	Cyril Clarke	4
Frank W. Lack	2	Ralph Chapman	5
*Lucy Allen	3	R. Frank Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to Gwen.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*Gordon L. Geary	*Treble*	†Pamela J. E. Lumbers	3
†Mary Arkinstall	2	Leonard G. Toseland	4
Burley P. Morris	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Burley P. Morris.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

WATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Samuel H. Waterfield	*Treble*	Thomas A. A. Potter	4
William M. Mann	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Charles E. G. Banham	3	C. Frank W. Phillippo	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.
* First peal.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and one extent of Double Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*David Staples	*Treble*	Raymond J. Carlton	4
Leslie C. Smith	2	Albert J. Lancefield	5
Edward S. Ruck	3	Mark W. Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Lancefield.
* First peal.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*David Lawson	*Treble*	Alan R. Pink	4
†Mabel P. Sparks	2	Harry P. Floyd	5
Douglas O. Wilks	3	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the incumbent, Canon C. C. H. James, who is retiring on account of ill-health.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED MAJOR

In six methods, comprising: 1,728 Gainsborough Little Bob, 1,536 Plain Bob, 576 each of Little Bob and Wellington Little Bob, and 384 each of Double and St. Clement's; with 407 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*David Hoare	1—2	Daniel T. Matkin	5—6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3—4	Kathleen E. Fletcher	7—8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Spliced, and specially arranged for him.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
In the Vestry of the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Stedman Slow Course, and ten each of Old Doubles, April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob; 23 callings.
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Edwin Brown	1—2	David Hoare	3—4
*Rodney Thatcher	5—6		

Conducted by David Hoare.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung by members of the local band.

A Somerset Wedding

A popular member of the band of St. John-the-Baptist's, Wellington, Somerset, Mr. Gordon Walford, was married in his own church on November 20th to Miss Sylvia Burton, of Runnington, near Wellington. Mr. David North, the tower captain, was his best man.

The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, wore a turquoise dress with black accessories and carried a spray of orchids. A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung after the service on the parish church bells.

Whilst waiting for the train to arrive to take the happy couple to their honeymoon at Gulval, Cornwall, the bridegroom took part in a touch of Grandsire Triples on the station platform. They had a rousing send-off, the party being enlarged by the bridegroom's fellow-employes of the railway staff.

Ely Diocesan Association

Some twenty-one members and friends attended a practice meeting of the Hunts District at Buckden on November 20th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Bradbury, who also gave a short address.

Prior to the commencement of the business meeting Mr. F. Warrington, District Ringing Master, requested the members to stand in silence in memory of Mr. S. J. Peck (Eynesbury), Mr. W. Cornell (Buckden) and the Rev. C. M. Cadman. Several belfry elections were ratified, and the next meeting will be at St. Ives on December 11th. The visitors were welcomed by Mr. Papworth and Mr. Mann, and thanks were expressed to the Vicar by Mr. F. W. Lack, seconded by Mr. R. F. Baker.

Peal Ringing in North Devon

Peal ringing in North Devon usually presents transport difficulties, as trains are rare, buses slow and the hilly roads steep and narrow. There are, however, some ringers there whose enthusiasm exceeds their skill, and the expert help of a conductor and one or two friends must needs be imported from elsewhere.

On November 20th the youngest member of the local band had his 15th birthday, and to celebrate the occasion all these difficulties were overcome to enable him and three other local ringers to ring their first peal of Major. The conductor and a friend were brought from Exeter to Barnstaple by British Railways on time despite fog, and a valiant Morris Minor transported a load of five, including a listener, over the hills to Combe Martin. A member of the R.A.F., relying on buses, was nearly late, but the peal was rung and the ringer of the 7th just had time to quench his thirst before being rushed off to catch the train again, supplied with a thermos and his supper in a paper bag.

During the peal the listeners had anxieties of their own as the street lighting failed, but luckily the belfry light shone steadfastly and all was well.

We are most grateful to all who made this peal possible, especially the conductor and the steeplekeeper and his son who took so much trouble to have all in good order for us and so willingly stood down from this peal. We hope they will be in the next when we plan to attempt one of the pealless North Devon towers. D. M. B.

5,067 STEDMAN CATERS

(See Page 752)

The first course end should read 234156978 and not 231456978.

Essex Association

Despite the foggy day on November 20th, 40 members attended the Northern District meeting at Sible Hedingham. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Lister), who gave an encouraging address; Mr. A. Bragg was at the organ and the choir led the singing.

About 60 sat down to tea at the Rectory, provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Lister. A business meeting followed, Mr. R. C. Heazel, the Association's Master, presiding. A tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. Arthur Saunders, of Greenstead Green, who had been District Master for 10 years.

The next meeting will be held at Halstead in January. One honorary member from Kelveden was elected. 'Should peals of Bob Triples be rung?' was a subject fully discussed. It was announced that the Essex Education Committee were going to hold another week-end course on campanology at Clarence House, Thaxted, in June next year.

Thanks were expressed by Miss H. Snowdon to the Rector and Mrs. Lister for their kind hospitality, and the Rector also thanked the ringers' wives for their help with the tea arrangements. After the meeting the handbells were rung and recordings taken.

Visit to Buckfast Abbey

Despite atrocious weather, the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Buckfast Abbey on Nov. 27th was well supported. Ringing in the afternoon mainly consisted of rounds on the twelve and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters and an excellent course of Plain Bob Royal. Ringing in the evening was at Buckfastleigh Parish Church. A vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Abbot after the tea.

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LATE NEWS

The Exercise will extend its warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Taylor on the birth of a son and heir last Sunday morning. The happy occasion coincided with the record peal attempt, and a peal was rung on the foundry bells later in the day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Speed merchants will note that a peal of Major has been rung in 1 hour and 57 minutes—the quickest on record. Fortunately it was out of earshot of the general public—at Loughborough Foundry Campanile. It was at the rate of 43 blows a minute, and was well-struck throughout, reports the conductor, Mr. S. Anthony Jesson.

Mr. John Worth has rung 500 peals for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Ranald Clouston, of Westerfield, near Ipswich, has been appointed a Bishop's representative on the Diocesan Advisory Committee for St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

We think Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, might claim to be the 'father' of peal ringers on tower bells. He celebrated his 87th birthday last June and has this week rung another peal at Willesborough.

The peal to mark the retirement of Insp. H. J. Poole from the Leicester City Police Force was rung by four serving and four retired members of the National Guild of Police Ringers. Mr. Poole is the Guild's president.

Reports to hand indicate that the 80th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill was honoured by many peals and quarters, or even by ringing the bells, as the young band at Lakenheath, Suffolk, informs us. We hope that before long we shall have a quarter from this tower.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes: 'The last peal at Highworth, Wilts, was in 1921. At Quidenham, Norfolk, the last peal was 8,096 Double Norwich C.B. Major in 1930, and at Middleton Stoney the last peal was 22 years ago. The peal at Buckland, Glos, was the first peal on the bells. There was a previous peal of Little Bob Major at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on March 27th, 1926.'

An interesting peal was rung at Hadlow, Kent, on November 28th, which was the 100th anniversary of a peal of Bob Major in this church, conducted by Mr. W. B. Newman. His nephew, Mr. Lewis Newman, of Mereworth, Kent, a well-known ringer in the Maidstone District for over 60 years, conducted the anniversary peal. The way he rang the seventh won the admiration of the band.

A reader enquires for compositions of the extent of Major in Surprise peals.

Oxford University Society have rung their first peal of Stedman Cinques—at Aston, Birmingham, on November 20th.

Miss Lucy Allen, a pupil of Mr. R. Frank Baker, rang faultlessly all through her first peal, at Spaldwick, Hunts, reports the conductor, Mr. F. Warrington.

The peal at Chippenham, Cambs, on November 19th was the first of Surprise on the bells. Records show that there have been only two other peals at this tower—on April 13th, 1912, and December 27th, 1920.

The writer of the special article on the record peal attempt featured in this issue is Mr. R. F. Lowings, editor of the 'Loughborough Monitor,' who also describes himself as a ringer in a modest way. It is a graphic and complete story of a glorious failure and will be much appreciated by our readers.

Before the start of the monthly meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Dio. Association held at St. Saviour's, Coalpit Heath, on Saturday, November 27th, Mr. W. J. Coombs, in his 80th year, climbed two flights of steps to see for the first time the No. 2 bell which his pupils at the Manor School bought with their pennies and half-pennies 34 years ago.

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THE EXTENT OF MAJOR IS POSSIBLE

Full Story of Loughborough Record Attempt

By R. F. LOWINGS

SELDOM in the history of bells can a 'ringing occasion' have aroused as much interest, both among ringers themselves and the public generally, as the attempt on the peal record, made at Loughborough last Saturday.

That day, the thoughts of ringers everywhere and (thanks to periodic bulletins broadcast by the B.B.C.) the attention of millions of non-ringers was focused on a band of eight men and on the tiny campanile of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where an attempt was being made to ring the maximum number of changes (40,320) mathematically possible on eight bells.

This, then, is the story of a gallant endeavour to create change-ringing history, an attempt to accomplish a feat that has stood out as a challenge to ringers since the days of Stedman himself, a feat that has often been dreamt of yet always dismissed as being impossible to achieve.

Alas, it is a story without a happy ending.

'MISTER' BOB

As a sidelight on the Loughborough record peal attempt, credit should be given to Eric Critchley and his colleagues for their efforts to translate in lay terms a description of what they were about to news-hungry Pressmen.

At the close, Eric tried desperately to explain to one young lady reporter how it was that the attempt finally failed.

'You see, I missed a call—missed a bob,' said Eric, hopefully.

The young lady reporter tried her best to connect, but it was clear that the conductor's efforts were in vain.

'Was this Mister Bob the man who invented the peal, then?', she asked.

For, after 9 hours and 48 minutes, when the attempt was but 21,088 changes old, the order was given to 'Stand.' Never can the call have been given with greater reluctance.

Ringing Plain Bob Major, a start had been made at 4.14 on the Saturday morning, and the attempt ended abruptly through a missed call (scarcely through any fault of the conductor, paradoxically as that may seem) at 2.2 p.m.

About an hour earlier, No. 3 of the band, Anthony Jesson, of Leicester, had shown signs of distress, and it was in his concern for Tony that Eric Critchley, conducting, missed a vital bob. It was a dramatic moment as, realising his omission, two other members of the band called the bob for him.

But Mr. Critchley recognised at once the futility of continuing, and called the bells to stand. At that point, Mr. Jesson was rallying well, and there was every hope of his continuing long enough for the record to be broken, if not for the maximum to be pulled off.

So ended, somewhat as an anti-climax, an endeavour that had taken many months of careful planning, especially on the part of Mr. Paul Taylor, who acted as host to the visiting ringers and made a capable master of ceremonies throughout.

Exactly where the idea of organising an attempt on the record occurred to Mr. Critchley he cannot recall ('I think it was in a car on the way to a peal'), but the thought came to him some time last year. Early attempts to arouse interest in the venture failed, but Mr. Critchley refused to be discouraged, and eventually he found a band—drawn from various towers throughout the Midlands and East Anglia—prepared to ring alongside him in the venture. For the simple reason that a 20-hour stretch of ringing (it had been hoped to complete the peal shortly before midnight on Sunday) calls for stamina even on lightweight bells, Mr. Critchley looked to the physique of the men he chose, as well as to their ability as ringers.

AVERAGE AGE 27

Eventually, a young team, with an average age of 27, was briefed as follows:—

Treble: W. Eric Critchley, conductor, aged 31, Doncaster.
2: Clifford A. Barron (23), Birmingham.
3: Anthony Jesson (24), Leicester.
4: E. Alan Jacques (23), Leicester.
5: William Jackson (19), Hatfield, Yorks.
6: Norman V. Harding (45), King's Lynn.
7: Wilfrid F. Moreton (30), Hereford.
Tenor: Peter Border (22), Coventry.

All members of the team had, at one time or another, rung the foundry bells.

In preparation for the attempt, Mr. Paul Taylor and his colleagues at the Bell Foundry had made detailed arrangements at the Loughborough end to overcome various difficulties involved. In the first place, police permission was sought and secured for the bells to be rung for 20 hours; it was, in point of fact, on their recommendation that the early morning start was made. Sound-absorbing material was fitted to the roof of the bell chamber to make the sound inaudible except within a few feet of the tower walls. New bell ropes were fitted, the mechanism was doubly checked and shelves were erected around the walls of the ringing chamber and within a hand's reach of the ringers so that they might help themselves to food and thirst-quenching fruit during the course of the peal.

Nearer to last week-end, Mr. Taylor found a local hotelier willing to provide a hot breakfast at 3 a.m., with a midnight supper to follow should the attempt succeed. In fact, Mr. Harold Crutchley, manager of the King's Head Hotel at Loughborough, placed all the facilities of his hotel at the ringers' disposal, set accommodation aside for them and attended personally to their wants. Never have his guests been more grateful.

PRELIMINARY VISIT

Early on Friday evening, members of the band began to arrive at Loughborough, and before turning in for a few hours' sleep a preliminary visit was paid to the bell foundry to get the feel of the bells and make adjustments to the ropes, and to accustom themselves to the tiny chamber that was to be their quarters for the marathon. Three courses of Plain Bob were rung.

Only Tony Jesson was missing at this stage. He was recovering from an attack of influenza and, after spending the day at home, arrived at 9.30 p.m. to go straight to bed at the hotel.

So as to avoid ringing the peal into Sunday morning, it had been hoped to make a prompt start at 4 a.m., and after a 3 a.m. breakfast of bacon, eggs and tomatoes, the foundry was reached in good time.

But the organisers reckoned without the intense interest of the Press and the newsreel representatives in the venture. Precious time was given to last-minute interviews, and it was not until 4.14 (and 28 seconds) a.m. that Mr. Critchley called, 'Look to, treble going; she's gone!'

Mr. Shirley Burton, the well-known Leicester ringer, who, with Mr. Wilfred Robinson, of Eckington, Derbyshire, and Mr. Peter Staniforth, of Leicester, shared the arduous duties of umpiring the attempt, here takes up the story. By this time, all but the ringers themselves, the trio of umpires and a lone magazine photographer (who intermittently took photographs and slept as best he could beneath his overcoat on the chamber floor!), had been excluded from the tower.

After getting off to a good start, the first part of the peal, consisting of one-twelfth of the 40,320 maximum, was duly completed at 5.48 a.m. It is of interest to note that the first normal peal of 5,040 changes took just 2 hours 19 minutes.

The second part ended without incident at 7.20 a.m., and it was soon after the third part had been embarked upon that Queens came up at 7.27 a.m.

FEEDING PROBLEMS

After four hours of ringing, Mr. Critchley decided to explore the possibilities of the food shelf beside him. Snatching one or other of the morsels that Mr. Taylor had laid out in readiness proved in itself to be an exacting art, and it was only after several ineffective attempts—much to the amusement of his fellow-ringers—that Eric finally managed to grasp a ham sandwich.

THE MENU

Food Available During Attempt.

Marmite Sandwiches.	*Horlicks Tablets.*
Tomato Sandwiches.	*Ovaltine Tablets.*
Lean Ham Sandwiches.	*Chocolate Raisins.*
Sliced Tomatoes.	*Chocolate.*
Sliced Apples.	*Boiled Sweets.*
Sliced Oranges.	*Treacle Tart.*
Grapes.	

Spurred on by his success, the others began to help themselves similarly to sustaining items from among the range of orange slices, glucose, boiled sweets, chocolate coated raisins, tomatoes and sandwiches on the shelves. Later, Tony Jesson was to prove himself adept at even drinking a glass of milk through a straw while the peal continued uninterruptedly!

The end of the third part came up at 8.53 a.m., by which time 10,080 changes—or two normal peals—had been accomplished. Then, at 10.27 a.m., came the end of the fourth part, one-third of the eight-bell maximum having by this time been rung in 6 hours 13 minutes. By 12.3 p.m. the fifth part had been completed.

It was during the sixth part that the drama arrived By the eleventh course Tony Jesson was showing very evident signs of uneasiness, which was not surprising considering his illness of a few days before, and that a very bad cold still hung over him.

To his dismay, Mr. Critchley began to realise as Tony's condition worsened that there was but little hope of achieving the full extent, and he omitted three blocks of five in order to bring himself in a position to call back to rounds should the need arise.

But by the time the peal had reached the crucial point where the bells could be brought home, Tony had recovered, and it was decided to carry on, the end of the sixth part (marking the halfway point of the attempt) being reached at 1.30 p.m.

[Cont. overleaf

Rotherham Girls' High School Handbell Ringers and their tutor, Mr. Norman Chaddock, who entertained at the speech day on November 18th. A number of the girls are learning to ring tower bells at Rotherham Parish Church.
[Photo by kind permission of 'Rotherham Advertiser.'

The seventh part was embarked upon with the eight ringers still full of hope that they would be able to create a new distance record, even if not ring the full extent.

OMISSION SPOTTED

But it was obvious that Mr. Critchley's mind was still very occupied with Tony Jesson. At the end of the tenth course a trip occurred, and before it could be corrected Eric omitted a bob at fifths. Two other members of the team spotted his omission and called it for him, but Eric at once realised the pointlessness of carrying on in these circumstances and so called 'stand' after 21,088 changes.

Ironically, Tony was by this time feeling much revived through the effects of an opened window and a glass of fresh milk that had been put within his reach on the shelf. Moreover, at this point, the peal was going very steadily.

Throughout the striking had been good, with little variation in pace, each course having occupied an average length of 3 minutes and 10 seconds. The average time for 5,040 changes before the attempt was given up had been 2 hours and 22 minutes.

With the possible exception of Tony Jesson, the ringers looked astonishingly fresh after their feat of nearly 10 hours—particularly Eric Critchley, who was showing no signs of exhaustion whatever. The fitter seven certainly looked good for the second ten hours, and there can be little doubt that, but for the missed call, a new record would have been created with energy to spare.

GAINED EXPERIENCE

As the ringers stood back to be interviewed by Press representatives all over again, keen disappointment was expressed that the endeavour had ended so prematurely; but it was generally felt that what had been lost in the way of records had been gained in experience.

What the attempt did prove, and prove conclusively—as both ringers in and observers of last Saturday's venture have agreed—is that the eight-bell extent is within reach. With the lessons learnt on this occasion it should prove to be well within the capabilities of eight fit men. But they must next time be absolutely fit.

Eric Critchley takes a philosophic view of last week-end's failure. 'It was just one of those things—and that's how it is in ringing,' he commented afterwards. Eric is now hopeful of finding a band willing to join him in another attempt on the Loughborough Foundry bells next year.

As a preliminary to any further such attempt, however, it has been suggested that it would be advisable for the record-seeking band to ring two peals together. According to Mr. Burton the qualifications of toughness and ability to stick to the peal showed themselves on Saturday to be of about equal importance.

SELECTION OR METHOD

Whether Mr. Critchley was wise in choosing such an elementary method as Plain Bob for the attempt is a point that has raised a conflict of opinion. Mr. Critchley sticks to his view that Plain Bob offers the best chance of success. The reverse theory is that a more complex method would tend to assist concentration.

Another point that has been raised is that the band would have done better to choose a heavier ring than that at the Bell Foundry. Because of their very lightness, the Loughborough bells cannot be 'leaned upon,' and some consider that the 'support' afforded by heavier bells would have been in the ringers' favour in such an attempt.

Suffice it to say on this point that Mr. Critchley's team still consider the Loughborough Foundry bells to come nearest to the ideal for record purposes.

As a matter of interest from a Guild viewpoint, the Loughborough record, if it had succeeded, was to have counted for the Leicester Guild, by Mr. Critchley's own request.

PRESS INTERESTED

A sidelight that made a considerable impression upon all who were connected with the endeavour was the intense interest shown by the Press and the public at large in it. The B.B.C. kept its listeners in touch with the progress of the peal with bulletins throughout the day, and it had been intended, late on Saturday night, to break into the Light Programme with a commentary and the actual sound of the changes being rung.

Television newsreel sent equipment and a team to film the attempt, a cinema newsreel took early shots; the American magazines, 'Time' and 'Life,' had staff representatives standing by, and both the 'Times' and the 'Manchester Guardian' sent reporters to Loughborough.

Never can the Exercise have caught the public imagination so completely before.

MR. TAYLOR'S HOSPITALITY

As a consolation to the disappointed ringers, Mr. Paul Taylor entertained them and the umpires to dinner at the King's Head Hotel on Saturday night, and Mr. Critchley, on behalf of his team, took the opportunity of expressing warm thanks to Mr. Taylor for his work in connection with the attempt.

The Mayor of Loughborough, who had intended to visit the foundry tower shortly before midnight on Saturday to hear the closing changes, sent his best wishes, and the hope that Loughborough, 'the town of bells,' would again have the opportunity of welcoming them for a further attempt in the future. During the day, one telegram was received at the foundry from Elizabeth Grimes, Bath. 'Keep on pulling,' was the exhortation it contained. During the day, the ringer well-wishers arrived from Leicester to give their support.

The 21,600 changes rung in 13 hours at Over in Cheshire in 1950 still remains the record, and, so ends—but not quite—the story of a gallant failure.

It has been described earlier in this account as a story without a happy ending. But, strictly speaking, that is not true. For, in the telling of it, events took such a happy turn as to give it the most jubilant of endings.

A SON AND HEIR

At 6 a.m. on Sunday, at the Loughborough Foundry House, there was born to Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Paul Taylor's wife, a son and heir, a bouncing 'treble,' turning the scales at more than 10lb. Young John William Taylor, as it was immediately decided to call Mr. Taylor's third child and first son, perpetuates an illustrious name that has been connected with bells and bell founding since 1759, when Robert Taylor was born.

The visiting ringers had stayed at Loughborough overnight and heard Paul's good news when they arrived at Loughborough Parish Church to ring for morning service, and it was at once decided that the occasion should be celebrated with a birthday peal. A return visit was paid to the foundry tower later on Sunday morning, and there being this time no missed bobs, a peal of 5,056 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in 2 hours 30 minutes on behalf of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

Six of the band which had attempted the record took part, the ringers being as follows: Norman Harding treble, Clifford Barron 2, Eric Critchley 3, Anthony Jesson 4, Wilfred Robinson 5, David Vincent (Manchester) 6, Wilfrid Moreton 7; Peter Border (who conducted the peal) tenor.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Boiling 1, Miss E. Hyham 2, F. Robinson 3, B. Barton 4, V. Perry (cond.) 5. For the engagement of Barry Barton and Edith Hyham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A VILLAGE PROBLEM

Dear Sir, — Reading the item, 'A Village problem' in 'The Ringing World,' brings to my mind experiences of complaints which have occurred at my church here in North London.

Some two years ago the Vicar came into the ringing chamber and handed me a letter which was improperly addressed and bore a nom-de-plume for a signature, coming, as it did, from a block of flats a short distance from the church.

The letter contained a request to stop the bells being rung for 11 a.m. service on Sunday because the writer's husband wanted a 'lay in' on Sunday morning, having to get up very early on week-days for work, also a request to stop Tuesday evening practice because the children could not be got off to sleep.

On another occasion a stranger living nearby appeared in the doorway of the ringing room whilst a 'touch' was in progress, apparently boiling over with wrath at the ringing of the bells, but when he saw what was going on he almost became speechless with astonishment; his complaint was extremely mild in character. He would, after a short while, liked to have had a 'go' until it was explained to him that the average man in the street could not take part in bell-ringing in the same easy way in which he could take part in a game of darts. Needless to say, no more was heard from him.

The most persistent complaint comes from the local photographer in business a short distance from the church, but we are always able to tell him where he stands, knowing his eagerness to obtain business from weddings taking place at the church, especially those weddings where the bells are asked for.

In my opinion the West Surrey ringers have behaved in a most considerate and reasonable manner. Don't give way any more, West Surrey; it is just the thin edge of the wedge to stop you ringing altogether.

During the last war when bombs, accompanied by gunfire and shells, were bursting in London, I heard this remark more than once: 'Oh, Mr. Newman. May the time soon come when you are allowed to ring the bells again.' —Yours faithfully, R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

AN EXAMPLE FROM LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—In the early 1930's a local resident (wife of a solicitor) made repeated complaints to the then Rector of Woolton regarding the bellringing at our Parish Church.

With our Rector's approval I telephoned the complainant offering to meet her and her husband to discuss her objection—apologising for any cause for complaint, whatever it might be, technical or general. However, this was not acceptable, it was just that she wanted us not to ring, to which I respectfully offered to let them know beforehand of any ringing other than Tuesday practice and Sunday service ringing, pointing out that without an odd peal or two each year necessitating perhaps an attempt every two months, we could not carry out these duties, and that as just previously Mr. Justice Goddard (now Lord Justice Goddard) had held a hearing on just such a case and had 'stated a case' for the bellringing, this offer of mine was the best I could do, sympathising most sincerely with her in her trouble.

Well, we heard no more; these people left their house just a month ago, so they must have settled down to the merry noise—the lady was a great breeder of budgerigars, I heard afterwards.

The case stated by the Lord Chief Justice was not quoted in your recent legal survey; surely a search of his cases, or 'Ringing Worlds,' would produce the information.—Yours very faithfully, E. L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

SILENCERS

Dear Sir,—Referring to the Rev. O. G. Rees' letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 26th, I remember watching the late Mr. George Day, of Eye, rehang the five bells of St. Mary's Church, Brome, Suffolk, in 1886.

The tower was completely cleared and two new floors placed six inches apart. This space Mr. Day filled in with mortar and straw to soften the noise to the ringers. He said to the writer, 'There, boy, you will be able to tell future ringers how I quietened the bells.' This method should be preferable to a layer of earth.

The ringers were so near the bells that the sallies went on the wheels at backstroke. As soon as the bells were rehung I began ringing.

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

JOHN WALLIS, OF MAIDSTONE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from G. Head under 'Ringers' Epitaphs,' in 'The Ringing World' dated November 19th, pertaining to John Wallis, of Maidstone, his name is recorded on a peal board in the belfry, as under:—

'On October 30th, 1743, in this place was performed a compleat peal of Union Trebles, 5,040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. by the following persons:—

Mich. Dove	Treble
John Wallis	2nd
John Hearnden	3rd
Thos. Sancho	4th
Robt. Hills	5th
Sam Tassell	6th
Thos. Hills	7th
William Bath	Tenor

This being the first of its kind ever performed in this County.'

John Wallis died 16 months after this performance at the age of 29 years.—Yours faithfully,

L. MANNERING.

Maidstone.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Blagrove's letter re Doubles methods, All Saints' has been included in peals and quarter peals on no less than 70 different occasions, all of which have been recorded in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Blagrove feels sure that All Saints' will not be recognised by the Central Council, but appeals to all Doubles ringers to stand firm against the Methods Committee.

I, personally, am very grateful to him for his appeal. Over 300 copies of All Saints' have been sent to various parts of the country since October, 1952; supplies are now exhausted.

For those not familiar with the method I append a lead:—

ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

1 2 3 4 5
2 1 3 4 5
2 3 1 5 4
3 2 5 1 4
3 5 2 4 1
5 3 4 2 1
5 4 3 1 2
4 5 1 3 2
4 1 5 2 3
1 4 5 2 3
1 4 5 3 2

Bob

2 1 3 5 4
1 2 3 5 4
1 2 5 3 4
2 1 5 3 4

W. H. CAVILL.

Ashcott, Bridgwater.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—For the present I am concerning myself with only two paragraphs in Mr. K. S. B. Croft's letter. In the first one he observes that my article on the above subject deserves the comment I invite. I would like to thank him for this, and hope that his exhortation will not go unheeded. At the same time I would like to ask that the discussion be confined strictly to the subject, as I do feel that to invoke Stedman and Grandsire Triples for instance is going outside the terms of reference, and should form the subject of a separate debate, if Mr. Croft is desirous of initiating one. If the discussion is to proceed on these lines, we may expect to finish up with an argument on Bob Triples.

Secondly, Mr. Croft's reference to real values. Is he really suggesting that the value of Spliced Surprise Major ringing did not change with the advent of Messrs. Pitman's and Cashmore's productions? In my submission there can be little doubt about this, or that it was definitely in a positive direction.

I would like in conclusion to thank Mr. Croft for his interest, and to say that I have noted such of his views that are germane to the subject.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford.

STEDMAN AND GRANDSIRE JUST CONDUCTORS' METHODS

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. Croft's letter is a little contradictory? Mr. L. W. G. Morris writes a very good and timely leader on 'advancement,' or, in other words, have we, since the first introduction of spliced compositions (Surprise Treble Bob having been widely exploited) made an advancement proportional to the time, i.e., introduced to the full, 'pure' spliced as opposed to the three-lead plan?

Now Mr. Croft is in wholehearted agreement with a striving for something new and worth while—that goes for all of us, I think, especially in this sphere, and yet he boldly declares that he would like to see more peals of Stedman and Grandsire in the columns. Why?

I'm certainly not belittling peals in these methods, but no matter what compositions are used, they are plainly and simply conductors' methods. Apart from that, never a week goes by when at least a dozen or so peals of these fail to appear in 'The Ringing World'; that's a fair enough sprinkling, isn't it?

Take Stedman Triples; no matter whether the composition be the Four Part, Dr. G. W. Slack's Two Part, or the Odd Bob, it's still Stedman. Fifty bobs and singles instead of five make no difference to the ringers, because even with five one cannot very well relax to follow the calling perhaps, or really listen to the music, because one brief slip of the memory means chaos rarely rectified!

No, Mr. Croft, Stedman is a vogue, probably originating in London. Cinques is very pleasant, Caters is tolerable (on a good ring), but Triples—ugh, what boredom! In and out quick, in and out slow! Having taken part in a course of Cambridge at Norwich Central Council meeting (1946), I was asked to ring some Stedman. I confess I didn't know it. I'm lucky, though, to be able to say it; I was nearly 'eaten alive'!

No bands set better examples for this advancement than those ringing new methods, usually, too, with new compositions. Many require 'ringing,' and even if the vast collection of Stedman compositions was exhausted by a band, only one person would have advanced—the conductor; whereas in Zennor, Tyburn and Goscote Surprise, 25 have advanced!—Yours faithfully,

G. W. PIPE

Grundisburgh.

LETTERS—Continued

REPLIES TO MESSRS. BUTLER AND BLAGROVE

Dear Sir,—I write as an individual and not on behalf of the Methods Committee, to answer one or two points which have arisen in letters recently.

Firstly, Mr. Butler's letter in the issue of November 12th. I was, of course, the author of the letter of ten years ago. I must confess I was tempted to try to reply in a humorous vein, but thought it might be misunderstood, so I will answer seriously in the hope that Mr. Butler is asking genuinely and not 'trying to be funny,' as some of his other recent letters make one inclined to think, I fear. Ten years ago I started to ring and first read books on the subject. The letter was the result. Mr. Butler seems to suggest that it is a crime to change one's ideas and that my views ought still to be the same, so that in holding different ones now, I am, perhaps, guilty of being a hypocrite (I hope I am not reading too much into what he implies). I must say that with ten years' experience, I would be peculiar if I didn't have different ideas.

Take (ii) for instance. Ten years ago Superlative was only a name to me. To-day, I would disagree with the quotation, which suggests that this method is the 'queen' of methods. Now that I can ring it, I think it is a poor method in more ways than one. Thus I am not so sure about the 'excellent methods' having the same characteristics. However, I know that it is not answering the question about Plain Bob Lead Heads. Suffice it to say about these that I have changed my opinion in the light of greater knowledge—not because of any one particular reason but through a combination of small points such as easier composition with such (against all others), easier conducting, symmetry of the method, music, etc.

These same reasons also apply to (vi). I'm not so sure I was right about (iv)—I think I was repeating the opinion of just one or two people, believing that it was a general opinion. Nobody seems to regard back-handed places as 'bad' now. As for (iii) and (v) my personal opinions are the same now as then. In the latter case, I think most ringers would prefer a better classification of methods, but for want of another, we keep to the present system.

This brings me to a very important point which Mr. Butler and others keep on forgetting. Most people have individual ideas which differ from those of the majority. When one belongs to an organisation, those ideas may have to be immersed under the majority view. That is being loyal to the organisation (of course, there will then be the problem of when to put one's own view first before that of the group—as in the recent Labour Party conflict—but that will normally only be necessary where a question of morality is concerned, not in a bell ringing question).

Thus the members of the Methods Committee may have various individual ideas which are contrary to the rules of the Central Council. But as loyal members of that body, their work is governed by the Rules and Decisions of the Council, and must be so. Consequently, any book of Doubles methods, say, will obey those rules and it is quite immaterial whether those rules are good or bad. A judge applies the laws of the land, but sometimes he admits that he thinks a certain law is a bad one and requires alteration. He still, however, administers justice according to that law and not according to his own ideas. It is the same here.

If ringers think a rule is 'bad,' let them see that it is changed in the proper way at a Central Council meeting, for it is futile and unfair to think that loyal members of the Council will do otherwise than apply its rules. This is not altered by the turning of a blind eye in the past to certain things—it only means that, perhaps, members are trying to be more loyal now than sometimes they have been.

Secondly, it has frequently been pointed out of late that nobody can say what ringers may ring. They can ring anything they like—Bob Triples, Canterbury Pleasure or anything with different 'rules' to those accepted by the Council. As far as I am aware, there is nothing to prevent two soccer teams playing with a different off-side rule to that now generally accepted (except probably the same sort of promise that we have, to abide loyally by the Rules and Decisions of the football authority) because they think such a rule better than the present one. I'm quite sure a match thus played wouldn't be counted. It is the same with us. Only peals rung according to the rules are accepted. I fail to see what there is wrong in that, or that the few are trying to impose their wills on the majority.

Some of these remarks also apply to Mr. Blagrove's letter appealing for 'rebellion' against the Methods Committee. I find his letter most extraordinary. He entirely forgets most of what I have said about the relations between the Council and its committees and about loyalty. Another thing he and others ought to bear in mind is 'compromise.' I fear that spirit is sadly lacking. We find it often in the world these days—labour disputes because some workers want it all ways, there's no 'give and take,' it is all 'take.' Letters a few months ago helped to show how chaotic was the field in Doubles methods and how order was needed. We are trying to produce that order and it seems to have been forgotten that, in the interests of five-bell ringers, the Methods Committee persuaded the Council to relax certain rules on their behalf. In producing order out of chaos, one would have thought it a small price to pay (by way of compromise) that one or two methods would have to be excluded, for there will be 97 **true** methods still for ringers to use.

May I also be allowed to say that I was especially surprised by Mr. Blagrove's letter inasmuch as he has been most helpful to us in getting together and naming those 97 methods, and recently rang an excellent peal using methods which were chosen with our ideas in mind.

Finally, I really must protest about his sweeping assertion that only Doubles ringers are Sunday service ringers and that most Surprise ringers are not. I'm sure you will receive many such protests. I have only been ringing for ten years, but I believe that is longer than Mr. Blagrove has. I also believe that I have greater experience in ringing in all parts of the country than he has. How, then, can he judge? His statement is simply not true.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

P.S.—Buckland, Glos. was the first peal on the bells. Little Bob Major was rung at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on March 27th, 1926.

K. W. H. F.

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REASONS FOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—Your leader on reasons for peal ringing has set me thinking. Obviously peal ringers who number their peals by hundreds must have a campanological sense beyond the ear and mathematical ability of those who number their peals singly. As a member of the latter group I list my peals for the following reasons:—

(1) The ringer's natural method of expressing
  (a) Prayer and praise, an Eastertide Peal;
  (b) Respect, a Coronation Peal;
  (c) Good wishes, a Birthday Peal.

(2) For the encouragement of younger ringers (a peal of Plain Bob Minor).

(3) For the personal satisfaction that I have rung a peal in the method (a peal of Grandsire Triples).

(4) For the sheer delight of ringing. But peals are not necessary for this.

The delight I find in ringing derives from the satisfaction of a service given to God's Church, a simple pleasure in, but little understanding of, the music of the bells, and a sheer physical contentment in the rhythm of the exercise.

I hope others will give us their reasons that we may share them.

BEATRICE M. BOYLE.

Combe Martin.

NATIONAL SERVICE MEN AT PLYMOUTH

Special congratulations from his friends in Plymouth are extended to Alan Ward, of Manchester, in calling his first peal of Plain Bob Royal at Worsley in honour of his 21st birthday. Most of Alan's two years' National Service was spent at Seaton Barracks, near Plymouth. When he returned to civilian life he was much missed by his friends at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth.

Another National Service man just lost to this tower is John Hough, of Barwell, Leics. Unfortunately, the farewell quarter for John came to grief in the last minute. Both John and Alan were close friends.

An Anthology

From America we have received an anthology on bell music entitled 'Chimes,' collected by Mrs. Lois Springer, of Elgin, Illinois, with illustrations by Catherine W. Springer. The collection is divided into sections dealing with 'Christmas Bells,' 'New Year Peals,' 'Chimes,' 'Five Legends,' 'The Angelus,' 'Animal Bells,' 'War and Peace' and 'Miscellany.'

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Nuttall 1, Kathleen Knight 2, Doris Banks 3, Ann West 4, R. Beale 5, F. G. Barron 6. H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, S. A. Scott (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Evander Littlewood 1, A. Hinman 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, G. Bowcutt 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, R. Looker 6. First half peal for 1, 3 and 4. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Littlewood; also as a welcome to the Rector of Asfordby (the Rev. S. A. Jackson) and Mrs. Jackson on their coming to live in the new Rectory.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Nov. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Banks (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Cordwell (first in method) 2, Miss D. M. Heap (first in method) 3, Miss M. J. Llewellyn (first in method) 4, A. W. Stone 5, A. Ward (first in method and first as cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrancetide.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Nov. 6th, 1,380 Doubles (360 Stedman, 120 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire, 360 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury and 300 Plain Bob): Miss D. Hulbert 1, Miss J. Powell 2, G. Williams 3, K. Jones (first of Doubles) 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, T. Petty 6. A compliment to Mr. D. Clarke and Miss M. Moore, both of Newport, Mon., on the occasion of their marriage.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 28th, at St. Botoph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, F. Dewey 2, S. Jessop 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, W. E. Clarke 5, F. Leggott 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8. For Advent Sunday.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, Mrs. K. Ketteringham (first of Triples) 2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3, C. Jallands 4, K. Ketteringham 5, B. Box 6, H. R. Woods 7, T. W. Charity 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Nov. 16th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Titchener (first quarter) 1, J. E. Daniels 2, Mrs. F. M. Marshallsay 3, Miss V. Crouch (first quarter) 4, D. T. Matkin 5, H. A. Mitchell 6, M J. E. Best (cond.) 7, Miss K. Fletcher 8. Rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Daniels (first on treble) 1, R. Line 2, R. Edwards (first on 'inside' bell) 3, N. Line 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss E. Dobbs.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. North (first quarter) 1, A. W. Bond 2, M. W. Stephenson (first in method) 3, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 4, J. Lonsborough 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. W. Woolven 7, W. H. Hargreaves 8. Rung for Evensong.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hayes 1, R. V. Robinson 2, B. R. Millward 3, A. Lewis 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, P. C. Roberts 8. Rung for Advent Sunday; also as a farewell to F. H. Birks, who has taken an appointment in Glasgow, and a 21st birthday compliment to B. R. Millward, eldest son of the conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Owen 1, H. F. Holding 2, S. Leyland 3, J. Holloway 4, I. Nichols 5, R. D. Langford 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, F. S. Stenson 8. Rung for the christening of the son of W. Kerr, secretary of the Crewe branch.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Murfin (first of Triples, aged 13) 1, Miss E. Foulk 2, G. Freebrey 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, Miss V. Horton (first of Triples) 5, S. Walklate 6, D. P. Jones 7, K. Tunnicliff 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Parsons 1, W. J. Mortimer 2, J. Romain 3, G. Winter 4, F. Hale 5, H. Gummer 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, H. Sturgess 8.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day): Brenda Nelson 1, F. W. Stone 2, D. Gebbett 3, Karolyn Prudl (first quarter) 4, Vivienne Horton 5, J. MacArthur 6, M. F. Hatch (cond.) 7, W. Webster 8. Rung for harvest festival on the back eight, with 4, 6, 8 covering. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Brenda Nelson 1, F. W. Stone 2, M. F. Hatch (cond.) 3, Miss E. Foulke 4, D. Gebbett 5, Lynn Goodwin (first quarter) 6. Rung on the front six.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, at the Church of St. Saviour, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Downing 1, Mrs. Betty Percy 2, O. Wood 3, G. Beeney 4, H. C. F. Reynolds 5, R. W. Pankhurst 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, C. Gatland 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: G. Hurrell 1, G. Daynes 2, K. Burbridge 3, W. Rawlings 4, D. Holland 5, F. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, B. Aldridge (cond.) 8. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Wood.

EWELME, OXON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,152 Bob Minor: W. Fulker 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, J. Godman 4, R. Tuckwell (first of Minor) 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Carter (first quarter) 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, A. Goodall 4, F. Barker 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for Evensong. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Gower 1, A. Richardson 2, Nicola Savage (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. Barker 4, A. Warren 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for Evensong.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. J. Egglestone (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. Race 2, H. Wright 3, F. Abrey 4, P. Wilsher 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 28th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, J. Chilcott (cond.) 2, H. Belcher 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, J. Waters 6, James Phillips 7, P. A. F. Chalk 8, John Phillips 9, H. M. Page 10.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Pitcher 1, J. Schofield (50th quarter as cond.) 2, Miss M. C. Howe 3, J. C. Taylor 4, R. E. Waters 5, C. E. Slade 6, B. W. Huntley 7, J. C. Pitcher 8. First quarter of Triples for all except 2 and 4. For Advent Sunday.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Pound (first of Major) 1, R. Baldwin 2, R. H. Smith 3, E. J. Munday 4, P. Page 5, Winifred Keys 6, F. W. Burnett 7, Kathleen Knight (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for evening service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eunice Hiley (first quarter) 1, Judy Dodson 2, Pam Colliss 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King 5, J. F. Dodson (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor for 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for Prince Charles' birthday.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Johnstone 1, Nancy Marklew 2, A. Ballard (cond.) 3, F. Long 4, E. Sowman 5, B. Ridgway 6, F. K. Measures 7, F. Mellory 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter Wills, for many years a ringer in this tower, and late of Aylestone.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. Tuttle (first of Surprise Major) 1, L. Fidler 2, G. Cherry 3, P. W. Croft 4, J. Church 5, E. W. Winters 6, C. M. Orme 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tuttle 1, C. P. Hare 2, L. Fidler 3, G. Cherry 4, D. Jones (first in method as cond.) 5, E. W. Winters 6, F. W. Croft 7, P. W. Croft 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day parade.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: V. Conquest 1, Miss J. Gladman 2, K. L. Brown 3, B. Whitney 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, R. Kendall 6, R. Piron 7, E. Conquest 8, J. Sinfield 9, J. Conquest 10. A compliment to Mr. H. Holmes (churchwarden) and Mrs. Holmes on the occasion of their golden wedding.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. Whitemore 5, G. S. Morris 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, A. G. Whitemore 8. For Evensong.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,380 Doubles in ten variations of Grandsire and Plain Bob, being 60 Old Doubles, 120 Reverse Canterbury, 120 Southrepps Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 120 April Day, 120 each two versions of Dedworth, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 Northrepps Pleasure and 240 Grandsire: R. Warren (longest length on a working bell) 1, Miss P. Warren 2, G. L. Grover (cond.) 3, B. G. Grover 4, J. Etherington 5, J. Gould 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Henry Cooper, for 35 years ringer and chorister at Merrow, interred there that day.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Hull (first quarter) 1, Miss Betty Marsh 2, R. A. Lucas 3, B. J. Makeham 4, R. F. Barrett 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. W. B. Semmens 1, J. G. Hall 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, R. Jackson 4, W. Ellerington 5, P. Wishart 6, T. M. Cox (cond.) 7, J. Baxter (first quarter) 8.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 540 Grandsire): J. J. P. Ellams 1, D. Hodgson 2, G. F. Jenkins 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, J. H. Smart 5, A. C. P. Pugh 6. First quarter in seven Doubles methods by all the band. Rung for the festival of St. Hugh. Also on Nov. 18th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Lock 1, W. F. Holloway 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, R. J. Nash 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, M. S. Cloke 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Welch 1, R. Deane (first of Minor) 2, H. Bungay 3, F. Welch 4, J. T. Locke 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Laurence-in-Thanet, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Edwards 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, C. Durham 3, J. L. Hilton 4, S. J. Gee 5, L. Twyman 6, A. E. Jarman (cond.) 7, R. S. Weekes 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Fred Hilton, who died on November 19th, a member until recently of the St. Laurence band for over 25 years.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. E. Merrett 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, H. Corney 5, J. Barrance (first in method 'inside') 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. A birthday compliment to Prince Charles. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 3, Mrs. E. Merrett 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, J. Barrance 6, J. Merrett 7, J. R. Brice 8. A welcome home to H.M. the Queen Mother.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright 1, B. Pike 2, B. G. Burton 3, A. A. Livings 4, P. C. Bicknell 5, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 6.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Jenner (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Grenham (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Tester 3, G. Fry 4, K. S. Hohl 5, C. A. Tester (cond.) 6.

SKILLINGTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hunt 1, H. Thorp 2, R. Read 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, B. Buttery (first quarter inside') 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hopwood 1, C. Wenban 2, Joan Wilcockson 3, Margaret Mesley 4, E. J. Leversuch 5, W. Wenban (cond.) 6, R. Stoddard 7, R. Lambert 8. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: D. Hopwood 1, D. Cattell 2, Joan Wilcockson 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, T. J. Clark 5, C. Wenban 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Hatchley 1, J. Brown (first quarter) 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, Daphne J. Webb 4, D. Randall 5, H. P. Sparkes (cond.) 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Joan Newman 1, D. G. Broyd 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. M. Knox 4, J. W. Sinfield 5, A. G. Matthews 6, J. G. Newman 7, A. E. Sharman (cond.) 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young, Miss A. Stephens 2, A. F. Lee (first of Triples 'inside') 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, J. R. Hobbs (first on eight) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, C. J. A. Brown 7, T. Milsom (first on eight) 8. In honour of the 82nd birthday of Mr. A. E. Baverstock, of Bath.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, J. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady (first quarter, aged 14) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings on the birth of a daughter (Barbara Joyce) on Nov. 2nd.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. C. Philpot (first quarter) 1, D. Staples 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

A CORNISH HOLIDAY

In a leader recently Muriel Reay wrote her impressions of her first ringing tour, and now I would like to add mine of my first ringing holiday.

Thanks to kind Cornishmen and two or three other well known ringers who were staying at Bude, I'm afraid 'the seaside' part of the holiday took second place.

I arrived at 4 p.m., and by 6.30, after hurried greetings and ablutions, I was ringing on a very beautiful ring of six. This was on a Saturday, and from then until Thursday I ring in 28 towers; Friday, being Amami night, we had a rest.

On Saturday a well organised tour was arranged. Six new towers were added to my list, and a very pleasant hour spent with old friends from Plymouth.

Sunday was the highlight of the fortnight. Ringing call changes at Kilkhampton in the morning, calling a good quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Holsworthy in the afternoon by the following: J. Rich 1, C. Sangwin 2, D. Burnett 3, R. Pearce 4, P. Lewington 5, J. Sangwin 6, W. Hibbert 7, H. Stacey 8. Then on to Bideford, where we rang call changes with such precision that I was in a bath of perspiration in case I was the one to spoil such beautiful rhythm. I have read with interest many comments by well known ringers about 'call changes,' and can now add my forcible observations that many of our method ringers could listen to call changes and, if honest, realise that their striking is not all that could be desired.

The second week was quieter, but on the Saturday six of us had a lovely afternoon, just chancing that we could ring in a tower on arrival, and such fun we had, looking for keys, borrowing ladders to surmount screens to get on to the ringing floor and going up amongst the bells to adjust the ropes after setting bells up with no stays, and it was at St. Teath where we heard the very plaintive voice of the tenor man saying, 'Speak to me, speak to me,' when three quarters of the way up there was no response from his bell.

To conclude a wonderful day we rang at Tintagel, and how I wish I had the ability to describe the beauty and mystery of this village, with its solid old church built on the edge of the cliff, the light and shade of a full moon, and winking lights from ships and lighthouses warning sailors of the ruggedness of this part of King Arthur's England.

The end of the holiday came all too soon, and I say a heartfelt 'thank you' to Cornish and Devon ringers for their great kindness and hospitality and good friendship to a 'foreigner.'

Maybe next year I shall ring in more towers and make more friends, but it will never efface this memorable first ringing holiday.

P. L.

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OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT MILLS

Rossendale ringing has suffered a sad loss by the passing of Mr. Albert Mills, who died at his home in Bacup on November 24th after only a week's illness, at the age of 63.

A native of Bacup, Mr. Mills had a life-long association with Christ Church, where he was a sidesman and church councillor in addition to being the head ringer. For 40 years he had been a member of the Lancashire Association, and at the time of his death had been for some years the Branch Ringing Master of the Rossendale Branch. Not only was he a capable and enthusiastic ringer himself; he was also an industrious teacher, and his readiness to help beginners at branch meetings will long be remembered.

The funeral service took place at Christ Church on November 29th, followed by cremation at Rochdale. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Miles, curate-in-charge, in the absence of the Vicar through illness, assisted by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, who gave the address, in which he spoke of Albert Mills as 'one of those who can least be spared.'

The bearers included two of the deceased's fellow-ringers, Mr. James Walsh, of Christ Church, and Mr. J. Porter (Bury), secretary of the Rossendale Branch. A number of other ringers were present at the service to pay their tribute to one who set a high example both as a service ringer and as a member of the Association.

R. D. St. J. S.

MR. EDWARD G. GODLEY

Aldrington, Hove, records with deep regret the passing, on November 25th, of Mr. Edward G. Godley, who for 60 years had been a regular service ringer at this church. Only two months ago the local band rang a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in honour of 'Ted's' 80th birthday.

A peal in which Ted took part was one of Plain Bob Minor by the local band in 1902. The most notable features of this well-loved ringer were his kindliness, humility and great interest in he progress of the beginners with always an encouraging word to help them on.

Members of the local band rang a half-muffled quarter peal prior to Sunday Evensong and the bells were rung half-muffled at the funeral service. We extend our sympathy to his widow and family. May he rest in peace.

5,056 Pudsey Surprise Major

By W. E. CRITCHLEY

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First rung at Hemsworth, Yorks, on Saturday, October 9th, 1954

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wakefield 1, A. Grove, sen., 2, R. A. Johnson 3, Gnr. D. Holland, R.A., 4, M. Perry 5, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For evening service, and as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles and to Miss Ann Smith, of the local band.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO, CHUMS?

We felt that way on November 27th at Lancaster. The same question came up, 'What would you have done?'

Most of us had travelled 40 miles or so to get to Lancaster for a peal attempt and we all arrived about 2.30 p.m. We discovered that there was the inevitable wedding to wait for but we didn't mind that, it just put us back three-quarters of an hour or so. What was far more serious, however, was that whilst we were waiting the electric lights went out in the tower. We phoned for the electrician and he came and inspected but, like us, he could do nothing until after the wedding.

We decided to start in the lingering daylight and trusted to the electrician to switch on as soon as he could.

We got going on Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire and it was tapping along very nicely; all the same it was rapidly growing dark. By the first part-end the dusky looking sallies could hardly be seen.

We began to look for the ringers' hands as they went up. Numbers 2, 3 and 4 could be seen quite well as they were back to the big window, but 6, 7 and treble could hardly be made out as they stood in the gloom.

Towards the end of the second part all sorts of thoughts began to assail the conductor. How much longer could we go on? Should we wait for the crash that was bound to come, or should he call rounds when they got somewhere near? So he gave a warning, 'We can't go on much longer.' Even so there was always the possibility that the lights would come on within minutes of his calling rounds.

So, soon after the second part-end, he called rounds and stand. The lights came on within ten minutes of standing.

How exasperating it all was. By then it was too late to start again, and besides, Lancaster Priory eight are not exactly finger light. We had to content ourselves with a quarter.

Well? What would you have done, chums?

J. E. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Appreciation was expressed of the work of the Rev. J. L. Turney as branch chairman, and good wishes for work in his new parish at Milton Ernest, Bedford, at the meeting of the West Norfolk Branch at North Creake on November 20th. The Rector (the Rev. T. Elliott) conducted the service attended by about 30 ringers. Tea was provided by the wives and friends of the local band.

At the business meeting the Standing Committee was asked to have the observations of Plain Bob Minor printed in the annual report book. The next meeting was fixed for February 26th at King's Lynn.

LATE NOTICES

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5491

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Handsworth, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all. Names for tea to J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2, by 16th. 5488

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BIRTHS

SEMMENS.—To Barbara (nee Knee) and Peter Semmens, on Sunday, November 28th, 1954, at 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough, a daughter, Norwenna Barbara. 5482

TAYLOR. — On Dec. 5th, 1954, at Bellfoundry House, Loughborough, to Merle, wife of Paul Lea Taylor—a son (John William), a brother for Sarah and Frances. 5490

SILVER WEDDING

JONES—RESTALL. — On December 7th, 1929. at Hucclecote Church, by the Rev. Henry E. Emmet, William Charles to Eleanor. Present address: 7, Castle Cottages, Barnwood, Gloucester. 5465

DEATH

LONGHURST.—On November 27th, 1954, at 92, Butcher's Row, West Grinstead, Henry Longhurst, age 62, after a long illness. 5470

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The address of Michael E. Brown is now Harecroft Farm, 2, Leicester Road, Sapcote, Leicestershire. 5489

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — I have received notice of a motion to add rules relating to finance and recording of peals, to be proposed at the general meeting on January 7th, 1955.—B. D. Threlfall, Hon. Sec. 5474

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS will be published in 'The Ringing World' of December 17th and December 24th. Price 3s. for 36 words.

MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Imperial Hotel, 5 p.m. Meeting, St. David's Vestry, 6.15. Names to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 5403

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — By invitation of the Bishop's Stortford ringers, there will be a meeting at St. Michael's (10) on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION —Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting-Charlton Kings, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6.—P. Baker. 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 5402

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. S. G. Joyce. 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 5417

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Nomination meeting, East Clandon Institute, Dec. 11th. Tea and meeting 4 p.m., followed by service at East Clandon and ringing at West Clandon until 8.30.—A. H. Smith, District Sec. 5428

CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATION

The issue of December 24th will be on sale on Thursday, December 23rd. Notices must be in as early as possible in view of Christmas postal delays. We go to press on Monday noon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 5439

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow on Saturday, Dec. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 5449

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 11th, St. Giles' Church. Oxford. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m.—T. S. Bowles, Hon. Sec. 5431

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch. — A monthly practice will be held at St. Mary's, Mortimer, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m.—N. E. Colley. 5475

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. —Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5443

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nominations for district officers for 1955. 5396

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Practice meeting for the less advanced members to be held at Goodworth Clatford (6) on Dec. 11th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea in Vicarage 4.45. Andover (8) 6 p.m. for advanced practice, all welcome. Names for tea to Rev. S. Gidlow, Goodworth Clatford, Andover. No NAMES NO TEA. 5463

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. 5458

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C.. Saturday, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m. There will be no practice at Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 14th.—A. B. Peck. 5460

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Yeovil, Dec. 18th. Please notify for tea not later than Dec. 14th.—F. Farrant, Martock.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight, December 18th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. approximately) for those notifying by 15th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5486

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton on Saturday, December 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room at 5 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5483

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD —North Branch.—Meeting at Church Lawford, Saturday, December 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Please notify J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 5487

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, December 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by December 15th to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, near Derby. 5472

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, December 18th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea December 14th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 5480

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Annual meeting at Wotton-under-Edge on December 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by December 15th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 5478

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting at Goudhurst (8), Saturday, December 18th, 2,30 p.m. Names for tea by December 15th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5469

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturaday, December 18th. Bells 2.30. Business 6. Tea 5 (free). N.B.—December practice still at Leigh on Mondays.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 5471

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Branch annual meeting at Manchester Cathedral, December 18th. Ringing after service approx. 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Nearby cafes. All welcome.—R. Benson. 5485

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Markfield on Saturday, December 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in schoolroom at 5. Names to J. Wardle, 180, Main Street, Markfield, by December 15th. 5479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice Saturday, December 18th, Stokes Poges, 6 p.m. Note date.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5476

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Subscriptions should be paid and accounts remitted to Gen. Sec. before end of year. General meeting, Stowmarket, December 18th, 2.30 p.m. Notice for tea to Mr. O. G. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket.—C. W. Pipe. 5467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting St. Nicholas', Brighton, December 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea by December 16th to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 5466

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Boys' Club. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 5459

WING, BUCKS.—The rehung heavy six available on Saturday, December 18th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. A. G. Paxton, Lower Ascott, Wing. Leighton Buzzard, Beds 5481

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 18th, at Pontefract. All Saints' bells available from 2 p.m., also St. Giles' after tea. Service 3.45 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. H. Newton, 17, Micklegate, Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 15th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ALL SAINTS', BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—The Lord Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the bells (retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co), on Sunday, December 19th, at 3.30 p.m. All are welcome.—E. E. G. 5477

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—The date of the Annual General Meeting at Kettering has been altered from Saturday, January 8th, to Saturday, January 15th.—D. I. Haynes, Hon. Sec. 5473

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, January 22nd, 1955. Festival service 4 p.m. All are welcome.—J. H. Cook. 5484

EAST HARLING.—Preliminary Notice. — Ringers' supper mardle will be held at The Fox, Garboldisham, nr. Diss, on Jan. 26th. Please note this is a Wednesday. Accommodation limited to 30. Names before Jan. 1st, please — P. H. A. Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 5378

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THE GALLANT ATTEMPT

THE public imagination in various forms was captured by the gallant attempt at Loughborough, reported in our last issue, to ring the extent of Major. It was turned into a popular story for the jaded palates of the public at large. From some of the Press there came ridicule; it was good fodder for those who dislike bells, but to some of our journals the feat was placed in its true perspective of human endeavour. This is how 'The Times' sums up the attempt:—

> 'Ringing "the extent" on eight bells was,' they claimed, 'like climbing Everest, something to be done because it was there. Roughly, they had reached the South Col, and the going had not been so hard or the unconquered terrain so difficult. At all events, this is one world record an Englishman can be somewhat leisurely in achieving. The Americans and Russians are not so keen on ringing bells.'

'The Manchester Guardian' had this to say:—

> 'The attempt failed after ten hours' ringing, which to the lay ear sounds as impressive as success. Not that the lay ear heard any bells. The tower in which the marathon peal was rung was boxed and insulated so that Loughborough's sleep might not be disturbed. The bells boomed inwardly, arguing through the long hours with themselves. This monumental act of introversion —as if an orchestra were to play every item in the repertory in a sound-proof hall from which the public had been excluded—might have been thought the outstanding example of campanomania since Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, first introduced the heartening clamour into the customs of the Christian Church. . . .
>
> 'So it went on, through half a silent night and half a day. The satisfying complications of the English art had been carried a further, if tongueless, stage. Not to be compared, no doubt, are the casual jangle of Europe's bells, or the automatic carillons, or the tree-top tinkling of mission churches in Africa, or the banging temple bells of the East thwacked with chunks of wood, even if these can be heard. And this morning, when the ancient and incompetitive parish church broke into silver voice like a rumour of Christmas, it sounded like some curious indiscretion.'

And what does the average English ringer think of this attempt? The prodigious feat of James Barham at Leeds Parish Church, near Maidstone, in 1761 is still held in veneration else the Kent County Association would not have restored the grave of this old worthy. As to the authenticity of this performance, it certainly cannot be questioned in this age, but according to the canons of peal ringing to-day it would not be recognised as a performance by the Peal Analysis Committee. When the attempt was first mooted one of our 1,000 peal ringers referred to the attempt as 'madness.' Another old veteran who had a number of record lengths to his credit discussed the event with a glint of enthusiasm in his eye.

There was throughout the country a feeling that Mr. Eric Critchley and his band were not attempting the impossible. Long length ringers regarded the attempt as within the compass of human endeavour. The necessary qualifications of those participating is not only physical fitness but a mentality to withstand the monotony. Would a more complicated method have been an antidote to the drugging effect of hour after hour of Plain Bob Major? Before making the attempt Mr. Critchley studied this question and he firmly held the view that his best chance of success was with Plain Bob. We are promised another attempt next year. There will be no shortage of recruits; a score or more ringers would volunteer to add another laurel to English ringing.

We feel certain that not only those who made the attempt but the Exercise generally is indebted to Mr. Paul Taylor for permitting the use of the bells and making such comprehensive arrangements at the Bell Foundry Campanile. That the attempt was made on secular bells removes an objection; also that as far as noise was concerned the bells could hardly be heard outside the foundry dismisses another possible source of criticism.

Opinions are divided upon whether such peal attempts harm the Exercise at large. With the careful precautions taken at Loughborough there can be no criticism. The attempt focused attention upon our craft, and when once the curiosity of the public is engendered there develops from some inquiring minds the question: What is this change ringing? This is the first step towards recruitment. As our readers know, ringing, once the elementary stages have been mastered, has a peculiar fascination. And it is not necessary to have the stamina and grit of Mr. Critchley and his colleagues to enjoy to the full the practising of our craft and make a humble contribution towards a higher motive than mere secular enjoyment.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*PETER BAKER	7
MARY BLISS	2	FREDERICK HAWKES	8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	9
*AUDREY BAILEY	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	10
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	11
*IVOR GOULTER	6	†LESLIE E. ASTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN S. MASON	8
BASIL JONES	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	FREDK. E. COLLINS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	10
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	5	CECIL W. PIPE	11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	*D. KAY ADKINS	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	8
*J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	†G. RONALD EDWARDS	9
JOHN A. ACRES	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal. † First peal in the method.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*MARIELLA E. MUNDY	*Treble*	RONALD D. SHORT	6
ROGER O. FRY	2	HAROLD L. PALFREY	7
ELIZABETH M. PARFREY	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	8
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	9
†NORMAN MALLETT	5	*JAMES D. UPTON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE J. HAWKINS. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb in D.

*CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	*DENIS A. FRITH	6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	2	RAYMOND F. SMITH	7
*GWEN I. RUSBY	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	8
JACK MILLHOUSE	4	*JOHN A. WALDEN	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Oakham Surprise Royal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
CECIL W. PIPE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	9
*JAMES BENNETT	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 1,200th peal.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

ROBERT DAWE	*Treble*	‡HERBERT S. JAMES	6
*MRS. BETTY PERCY	2	†RONALD W. PANKHURST	7
†HAROLD G. REYNOLDS	3	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY	8
*GEORGE BEENEY	4	§CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	9
‡GEORGE P. ELPHICK	5	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal. § 140th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. J. Norris for their 40th wedding anniversary on December 19th, 1954.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5504 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E flat.

*DUGALD MACPHERSON	*Treble*	†EILEEN M. TURNER	5
*BRIAN T. HALE	2	JAMES F. DODSON	6
†ANN M. COX	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
*PETER MINCHIN	4	†E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Canon G. N. Selby-Lowndes.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

F. JOHN STIMSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5
*MRS. P. A. CORBY	2	‡PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
†MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	§PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 100th peal and first in the method. † 114th peal this year (record for a lady). ‡ 50th peal this year. § 500th peal.

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BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Treble*	HARRY J. MILLATT	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN E. CANNELL	*Treble*	†STEWART F. W. KIMBER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*TREVOR A. CROSS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
†RICHARD W. STEPHENS	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES H. EDWARDS	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	SAMUEL TWITCHETT	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD G. BUGG	7
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 11 cwt.

*BARBARA J. BEESON	*Treble*	*JOHN J. L. ROPER	5
†JOAN GRAY	2	*GERALD WESTON	6
VALERIE W. WILLARD	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
*BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	4	*CYRIL R. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman ever rung in Australia by a resident band.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	RALPH BIRD	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's. Tenor 22 cwt.

A. E. LOCK	*Treble*	D. JORDAN	5
A. H. WEBB	2	J. GORDON	6
M. BISHOP	3	G. BISHOP	7
MRS. A. E. LOCK	4	J. NAPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. BISHOP.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
TERRY EARLE	3	THOMAS BIRD	7
*JACK BRETT	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal of Surprise Major and first 'touch' in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of the Prime Minister, Sir Winston S. Churchill.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	M. R. REED	5
E. S. PARSONS	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	6
T. A. BEVIS	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
LESLIE HOUGHTON	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
Rung as a compliment to Sir Winston Churchill on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 1, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 1. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
PETER J. STAINFORTH	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
JOHN J. JELLEY	4	ALAN CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung as a 74th birthday and golden wedding compliment to Edgar W. Higgs, who has served 60 years as chorister and ringer at the above church.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRERETON BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
TERENCE G. MORTON	2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	*BRIAN M. BARKER	7
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' The first peal in the method, C.C.C. 105. Named after the original name of the conductor's birthplace.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX,
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 Yorkshire, 672 Pudsey and 576 Alderman, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of seven spliced.
This is the first peal of Surprise Major rung in which all the bells do all the work of seven methods.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
JOHN W. BLYTHE	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 43). Conducted by GEO. W. PIPE.
First attempt for a peal in the method by all the band.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	PETER COXALL	5
JEAN MARSHALL	2	ERIC COOK	6
JOHN LUNHAM	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
LAURENCE L. WALMSLEY	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. Marshall, mother of Tom Marshall and grandmother of Jean, and donor of the second bell, who was interred at Parbold on December 1st, 1954.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

TREVOR A. CROSS	*Treble*	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	5
MICHAEL FULLER	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
JOHN E. CANNELL	3	RALPH BIRD	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
First peal in the method by all and by the Association.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THO[illegible]-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FRANCIS R. GODDARD	*Treble*	ALBERT PRYKE	5
JOAN HILL	2	JOHN H. SITCH	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
HERBERT G. GODDARD	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS	*Treble*	*ROGER BALDWIN	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	TOWER R. TAYLOR	6
MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*NORMAN J. SMITH	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. 250th peal as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the completion of 25 years as Dean of this Cathedral by the Very Rev. A. S. Duncan Jones. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	*DOREEN COKER	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	†WILLIAM BUTLER	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	WILLIAM H. BIRMINGHAM	7
WALTER AVERY	4	PERCY NEWTON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.
The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' on the new bells.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
JAMES E. DANIELS	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
DAVID R. REED	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*ROBERT BELL	*Treble*	*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	ALAN M. BROWN	6
ARNOLD BRUNTON	3	ROLAND PARK	7
†ROBIN G. LEALE	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Bristol. † First peal of Bristol 'inside.'
Rung to mark Mr. J. Pickering's 50 years of membership of this tower.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*BARRIE HENDRY	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
ANTHONY E. COX	2	ROLAND BIGGS	6
ARTHUR NEWTON	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
JOHN KING	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
A. GEORGE CLARE	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	5
ERIC NAYLOR	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	*THOMAS W. CHARITY	4
DENIS A. FRITH	2	H. REGINALD WOODS	5
HENRY SQUIRES	3	H. LESLIE SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Jack Lincoln Heygat to the parish as Rector.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

TREVOR E. MARKS	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
HERBERT W. PEARCE	2	ALBERT W. DYER	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods, being one extent each of: (1) Fulbeck and Canterbury, (2) Double and Reverse, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*BRIAN M. BARKER	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
*ROY L. SHUTTER	2	†WILLIAM C. HUGHES	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in 12 methods. † 75th peal. The conductor's 350th peal for this Association.
Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day and as a compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. LEWIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. GUNTON	4
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	GODFREY C. WALPOLE	5
JAMES W. FORDER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Kenneth M. Lewis following his induction as Rector of Ditchingham-with-Pirnough. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROBERT J. BROCKLEHURST	*Treble*	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	4
ENID L. ROBERTS	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ENID L. ROBERTS.

* First peal.

A compliment to the Chancellor of the University, Sir Winston Churchill, on his 80th birthday.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Notts District.)
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	*WILFRED RILEY	4
GEORGE E. HANCOCK	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	ALBERT WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

COTLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 4 Pitman's, 4 Morris', 6 Variation Morris' and 14 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK PARR	*Treble*	*WILLIAM SPARKS	4
*CHRISTOPHER WEBB	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
*ALAN HODGE	3	*JOHN REAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal (Christopher Webb age 15). First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

Rung in honour of Sir Winston Churchill's 80th birthday.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JILL MARTIN	*Treble*	DAVID STUBBINGS	4
†JANE THORPE	2	WILLIAM T. RIDGMAN	5
RICHARD HOUSDEN	3	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EUSTACE W. BULLMAN.

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

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS	4
†PAULINE A. NICE	2	FRANK G. OLIVER	5
†A. EDWARD LEGGETT	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day in honour of the 80th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill.

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 960 changes each of Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 1,200 changes of Grandsire. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) *Treble*	B. J. STAFFORD (Queens') 3
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 2	R. B. MORRIS (Clare) .. 4
W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5¾ cwt.

*R. J. NASH (St. John's) .. *Treble*	JOHN H. SMART (Pembroke) 4
*GEOF. HARPER (Hertford) 2	D. H. NIBLETT (Pembroke) 5
*D. HODGSON (Brasenose) 3	GLYN L. JENKINS (Keble).. *Tenor*

Conducted by GLYN F. JENKINS.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal as conductor.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Nethersealc and Norwich, and two each of Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. *Treble*	TOM BIRD 4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	SAM J. TWITCHETT .. 5
OWEN BALLARD 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

First peal in five Surprise methods by all.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being a block of 2,160 and four different 720's.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD BUSBY .. .. *Treble*	*THOMAS COOKE 4
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON .. 3	ROLAND PARK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. In memoriam, George William Park.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. .. *Treble*	THOMAS J. SETTER 4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 2	SIDNEY W. WHITE 5
ALBERT W. DYER 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung for the 150th anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Also a compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Double Court, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*GEORGE FRY .. .. .. *Treble*	*KEVIN S. HOHL 4
*JOHN W. MEADE 2	*IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3	ALBERT RELFE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*ROY HORNBY .. .. .. *Treble*	STANLEY HUCKLE 4
CHARLES W. SAMS 2	BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 5
ALFRED A. LIVINGS .. 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat. Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR .. *Treble*	*C. ROGER HAYWARD .. 4
RITA M. STRATFORD .. 2	*MICHAEL VERNON 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Allan Chapman to Sheila Stratford, both members of this church, Allan being a ringer.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*DUGALD MACPHERSON .. *Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4
†MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2	‡GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 5
EILEEN M. TURNER .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal 'inside' in more than one method. ‡ First peal on Minor. The fastest peal of Minor to be rung for the Guild.

WARBOYS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

RALPH CHAPMAN .. *Treble*	FRANK W. LACK 4
*HERBERT GOAKES 2	MICHAEL J. DYER 5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3	R. FRANK BAKER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First Surprise peal.

A thanksgiving and golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, who were married in this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 23, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARION GRAIN .. .. 1—2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3—4
	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

LONDON, W.C.2.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
IN THE CRYPT OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE .. 1—2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 5—6
*FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 3—4	*MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILLIAM L. B. LEESE.

* First handbell peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. 1—2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. 3—4
	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT NO. 22, LONG STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN VERNON .. .. 1—2	C. ROGER HAYWARD .. 3—4
	*MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal 'in hand' and as conductor.

BARNABY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Copp 1, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, R. T. Vessey 3, C. F. Briggs 4, W. L. Exton 5, F. W. Midwinter 6.

BEDFORD.—On Nov. 29th, at the Church of St. Paul, 1.320 Plain Bob Minor, on the front six: D. J. Thompson 1, H. J. Harlowe 2, C. E. Jeffries 3, P. J. Shipton (16) 4, G. Amor 5, J. R. Taylor (16, first as cond.) 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tunbridge (first away from tenor) 1, J. L. Morris 2, Miss J. Cox (first of Bob Minor) 3, Miss D. M. Ward 4, Miss M. R. Andrews 5, I. H. Oram (first as cond.) 6.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 30th, at the Saviour's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Gorton 1, E. W. Webster 2, W. Tyson 3, J. Bolton 4, K. Roberts 5, Rev. St. John Smith 6, R. Eastham (cond.) 7, G. Collier 8. First on eight for 4, 5 and 8. Also for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Barbon).

DENTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, H. Grocock (first quarter) 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, T. W. Charity 5. Also for St. Andrew's Day.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, Betty Syrett 2, J. B. Morley (first in method as cond.) 3, C. Catchpole 4, T. C. Ford 5, H. Moss 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, A. E. Cook 8.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Parry 1, H. Morgan 2, S. Jones 3, G. Pugh 4, H. Thomas 5, J. W. Clarke (cond.) 6, G. Pugh 7, W. Ince 8. Rung on the middle six.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Knight (13) 1, Bridget Sanger (11) 2, M. Rose (15) 3, D. Lee 4, J. Badman 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): J. Lindsey 1 D. H. Mettam 2, H. P. Collin 3, W. Weston 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6.

Sir Winston Churchill's 80th Birthday Quarter Peal Greetings

HALSALL, LANCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford and 720 Kent Treble Bob): I. Holmes (first quarter) 1, Ruth Core 2, Ellen Parker 3, W. Core 4, C. Ackers (cond.) 5, A. Mawdsley 6.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cull 1, A. F. Cull 2, S. W. Cull 3, D. C. Wellington 4, R. A. Cochrane 5, D. J. Wilsden 6, E. Edmondson (cond.) 7, L. F. Cull 8.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Smith 1, D. Saunders 2, R. Wilson 3, R. Worsfold 4, H. Weaver 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6.

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harding 1, D. Holley 2, J. Hobbs 3, M. Farthing (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. Chedzey 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints): E. M. Baker 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Grice 1, L. Mannering 2, R. Rich 3, L. Head (cond.) 4, F. Hogan 5, J. Wallis 6, T. Cullingworth 7, H. Smith 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Dec. 5th, at the Cathedral, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: N. Lees 1, J. Simpkins 2, F. Barrowclough 3, Mary Walshaw 4, B. Walshaw 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pye 7, H. Reynolds 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10. Also for evening service.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (5½ extents St. Simon's, 3 Canterbury, 2 Plain Bob): Wendy Bowak (15, first quarter) 1, L. Cordell 2, H. King 3, R. Bridges 4, W. Wedlock (cond.) 5.

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Greenhalgh 1, N. Tompkins 2, J. Cunliffe (first in method) 3, P. Cowan 4, J. Thornley 5, S. Leatherbarrow 6, P. Crook, sen., 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Colton 1, J. Butler 2, Margaret Hill 3, A. Colton 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, J. W. Horspool 6, R. A. Bartlam 7. First quarter by 1, 3 and 7. Rung for Advent.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 30th, 540 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Bob Doubles and 240 St. Simon's: P. D. Howitt (first quarter) 1, W. Vann (cond.) 2, J. Underwood 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, C. Underwood 5.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Wightman (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss S. Revell (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, L. Paice 3, F. Cooper 4, C. W. Barlow (first as cond.) 5, W. Collins 6.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 600 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): D. Sweet 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, A. Bown 5, C. Gratton 6.

STURRY, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Bates 1, Miss B. Brockman (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. Rogers 3, W. Thompson 4, H. R. French 5, R. G. French (cond.) 6.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): F. J. Wood 1, D. A. Lodge 2, J. E. Race 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): W. Fulker 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5.

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When Mr. George William Park died, last August, it was not possible to arrange an in memorium peal in his own tower—Holy Trinity, Darlington. The peal attempt was left over until December 3rd, the 63rd anniversary of the installation of the bells and of his joining the belfry. The peal, London Surprise Minor, was his favourite method.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The temperature when the peal of Stedman Triples started at Melbourne Cathedral on November 28th was 99.2 degrees. Is this the warmest peal on record? It was a farewell peal for Miss Valerie Willard, who leaves for England on January 1st. The peal also made history, being the first of Stedman to be rung in Australia by a resident band.

There were four 'first peals' in the peal rung for Sir Winston Churchill's birthday at Cotleigh, Devon.

Mr. H. Gorton, of 152, Deane Road, Bolton, would like to get in touch with the ringer who rang the bells of Bethlehem. Mr. Gorton himself has rung these bells.

Five young girl ringers at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Send, Surrey, ran a stall at the church's annual bazaar and raised £7 2s. through their self-inspired effort.

The peal at St. Mary-le-Tower on December 4th enabled 80-year-old George E. Symonds to complete the 'circle' and Miss Patricia Clarke has now rung Cambridge on all numbers.

The Rector of Great Bromley, Essex, the Rev. J. R. Ransom, has rung his first quarter peal. Except for the trainer, Mr. George Moss, the band was the regular Sunday service company.

We are informed that the first quarter on the bells of St. Paul's, Bedford, since the war, was rung on September 30th. It was conducted by C. E. Jeffries and was the first on eight bells for R. M. Lennard, P. J. Shipton and J. R. Taylor.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes that the peal at Shute, Devon (page 772) was the first on the bells. The only previous peal at East Brent, Somerset, was in 1930. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Week St. Mary on September 28th, 1929

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, late hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, celebrated his 90th birthday on December 5th. Now confined to his bedroom, he was greatly cheered by the many individual and collective birthday greetings received. He most sincerely thanks those who thought of him. Mr. Jones rang 535 peals, extending from his first at Caerleon on January 12th, 1899, to the last at Blaenavon on April 23rd, 1949.

The last peal at Milborne Port, Somerset, was rung in 1926.

The peal of Colchester Surprise Major published in the issue of October 22nd, 1954, is 23 in Lindoff's list and not 22 as given.

Mr. Neville Brown, who took up change ringing a year ago and is now 70, rang his first quarter at Loddon, Norfolk, on November 8th.

The quarter peal rung at Loughton, Essex, on November 27th, was the first for at least 30 years. Five of the ringers were from the Sunday service band, and hopes are entertained for an 'all-local' quarter before long.

So successful was the bellringers' service at St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton, on Advent Sunday, that it is hoped to make it an annual event. The lessons were read by the tower secretary and vice-captain, and the visiting ringers included the Association's secretary, Mr. F. Bennett, and his wife. The Vicar, the Rev. T. D. Boulton, officiated.

Somerton (Somerset) ringers are very proud of being able to include a plain course of Stedman in their quarter peal for the Premier's birthday. Their long-expected quarter of Bob Minor for the harvest festival failed to come round. 'We are still trying,' writes our correspondent. That's the spirit.

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RINGING IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

GLOUCESTERSHIRE is one of the counties where change ringing has been practised from the earliest times after the invention of the art, and we find some of the earliest peals ever rung recorded there. Thus Painswick has been a centre of the Exercise for well over 200 years, with several peals in the 1730's, and practically as many peals were rung there before 1881 (when my survey commences) as have been rung since that date. Gloucestershire can well be proud of its ancient traditions and the lead it has given to ringing throughout the land.

The main general impression from a preliminary look at the records of the different towers of the county is of a steady level of peal ringing throughout the period. There have not been, on the whole, very violent fluctuations as in some counties, and most towers have their peals spread fairly evenly over the years. This is supported again, I think, by the way the six-bell towers are gradually being 'conquered'—only two other counties have a greater number of these, by the way. Thus in the 30 years before the first war, 49 of them had one or more peals rung at them. Since 1919 another 50 have been added to the list—about the same rate.

BRISTOL, ST. STEPHEN'S

And now to examine the individual towers. Bristol, St. Stephen's (10), easily leads the way with the largest number of peals, having twice as many in the period as any other tower —217 in all. A footnote to the first peal recorded in 1887 says it is the second peal on the bells, the only previous one being rung on April 9th, 1936. Since 1887 there has been a regular average of three or four a year over the whole period. The only years when a peal wasn't rung are 1905, 1906 and 1935 apart from the war years.

Painswick (12), with 108 in the period, comes second. Of course, this tower is renowned for long lengths also, and at various times in its history has held the record for Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Then there was the unfortunate occasion, 30-odd years ago, when one such record length was found to be false. The peals have been well spread out over the 70 years except for a gap between 1933 and 1945.

Quedgeley (8) has 107, and here more peals were rung in the 15 years after the first peal on the bells in 1891 than since, for 80 came from that period. At the moment it is doing well with 19 since 1947 (none this year so far and only one last year). These are the only towers which have passed the century mark—one 12, one 10 and one 8. Another of the five 12-bell towers comes next (Gloucestershire has more of these than any other county outside London, being equal with Lancashire)— Cheltenham, St. Mary's, with 88. 15,227 of Grandsire Caters was rung here in 1889 and this is still the record tower-bell peal in the method, I believe.

WAR LOSS

Three of the seven 10-bell towers follow: Stroud (83), Bristol, St. Nicholas' (72) and Gloucester, St. Michael's (71). The second of these was destroyed in the last war. The first had a rather larger proportion of its peals rung between the wars and the other two were more active before 1914, especially St. Michael's, Gloucester, where the last peal was rung in 1920—the only one since 1914. Prestbury (8) has also recorded 71 spread evenly over the period but with rather fewer since the last war than before it.

To mention the two remaining 12-bell towers—Tewkesbury has just reached the 50 mark (it was not, of course, a 12-bell tower at the beginning of the period—the first on the 12 was in 1934). Here again we find a pretty consistent average over the whole period from 1883; then Cirencester has 31, 21 in the 30 years before the first war, eight in the 20 years between the wars and two since— a slight preponderance on the earlier years.

There are three more 10-bell towers to mention. Bristol, St. James', has 45. There was a sudden burst of energy here just after the first war, for 25 peals were rung from 1919 to 1925. Only six have been rung since, including one since the war, in 1946. Bristol, Christ Church, has 42; 39 came from the years 1901 to 1914, so there have only been three since—in 1918, 1919 and 1953. The third 10-bell tower is Berkeley. This became ten in 1920 and six peals had been rung there as an 8-bell tower between 1900 and 1912. Only ten have been rung since then—six between the wars and four between 1945 and 1951. For a ten-bell tower it must rank amongst those which have recorded the fewest peals.

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As for 8-bell towers there are three more which have reached the 50 mark. They are Bristol, All Saints' (57), Barnwood (51) and Upton St. Leonards (50). At the first of these 53 were rung prior to 1914, but there were two in 1948. Barnwood became an 8-bell tower at the end of the first war and peals are quite regular from then (there were two when it was a 6-bell tower). Thirty-eight of Upton St. Leonards' also came from before 1914 and there have been two since 1945. One 8-bell tower still remains to be rung—Chipping Campden.

FORTY-THREE UNCONQUERED TOWERS

In the case of the 6-bell towers there are still 22 unconquered, but considering the large number of these (121), that is a pretty good record of achievement. This number is rather too large to list. Haresfield has the highest number of peals in a 6-bell tower—24. This tower is going strong at the moment as compared with the second on the list—Hempsted, which has 23. Eighteen of these were rung in the last century, so there have only been five in the last 50-odd years. The last was in 1937. Sixteen of Hardwicke's 21 have come since the last war, so this tower, too, is doing well at the moment (but none this year, as I write). Cranham has 16, the first in 1888; Cromhall has 13, all since the war; Minchinhampton also has 13, all but the first between the wars; Brockworth, Coalpit Heath and Stonehouse all have 12 and all have been heard in recent years. Only seven of the 28 5-bell towers have had peals rung at them, and four is the highest number at any of these (at Elkstone and Tredington—the latter having its first peal as far back as 1886). Thus there are still 21 unconquered 5-bell towers in the county.

There are many more points of interest which could have been mentioned and which, perhaps, readers' letters may bring out. If so, I shall be pleased to amplify and comment, if necessary.

THEFT OF TENOR BELL

Unearthed on Blitz Site

A fine of £100 was imposed by the Exeter Magistrates on December 4th on Richard Henry Trevorrow (40), a carpenter, of Plymouth, for the theft of the tenor bell from St. Sidwell's Church site, Exeter. The bell was valued at £200.

The Chief Constable, Mr. A. E. Rowsell, said there were ten bells in the church ring. Nine were recovered after the 1942 bombing, but the tenor, weighing 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. remained undiscovered.

Trevorrow was employed by a Plymouth firm of contractors, who were taking limestone blocks from St. Sidwell's for use in a church at Plymouth. The bell was unearthed and, on Trevorrow's instructions, was broken up and sold to dealers in Exeter.

The presiding magistrate (Mr. R. P. Thrasher) told Trevorrow that he was fortunate the offence was not committed during the war. If it had, he would have faced a charge of looting, and the penalty would have been very heavy indeed.

Mr. Thrasher said that it was up to St. Sidwell's Parochial Church Council to take steps to recover damages from Trevorrow or his employer.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Ringing at Barnes, Richmond and Twickenham

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Barnes on November 27th, when, despite a half gale, a good company of ringers turned up and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon's ringing on the handy eight.

After a short service the company adjourned to the Church Hall, where local ringers had prepared an excellent tea. This was followed by the business meeting which included nominations for 1955 officers. All the existing officers were nominated, with Mr. Mudd in addition, for the committee.

The usual votes of thanks being dealt with, a move was made for Richmond. This was the first occasion for many years that these bells had been available to the Association, and the opportunity to add a new tower was taken by many visitors. Under the guidance of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, satisfaction all round was assured. The General Master, Mr. Roy Davies, was in charge at All Hallows', Twickenham, which bells were also available.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

There are three generations of the Warrilow family ringing at St. Mary's, Stafford. Mr. R. J. Warrilow is head ringer; his father, now in his 78th year, still attends regularly twice on Sundays and also on practice nights, cycling 3½ miles to do so; and his son, Robert, also rings.

Ringing at Carbis Bay for the Prime Minister's birthday started on November 30th at 7.30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. celebration of the Holy Communion. The ringers were the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roberts, R.D.), Mrs. H. P. Hurrell, Mrs. T. Sullivan, Marion Jones, Jill Swanne, Evangeline Roberts, Roger Sullivan, John Sullivan and Peter Rogers.

For some time Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby have been contriving for the former's 500th peal to coincide with her 100th. Success was achieved at Enderby, Leics, on November 22nd. On the same occasion Mrs. H. J. Poole scored her 114th peal in 1954, thus beating the record previously held by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay of 113 peals in a year by a lady. The band was very much a family affair with three Stanifords, two Pooles, two Corbys and the Corbys' next-door neighbour for a makeweight.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District Dinner

The third annual dinner of the Winchester District was held in Winchester on November 27th.

The bells of St. Maurice's Church were available during the afternoon and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise. A special ringers' service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (Bishop B. C. Corfield). In a short address the Bishop stressed that ringers held a sacred office and that no matter how many bells were being rung, their message always included the word 'Come' and not 'Go'—'Come,' 'Come in,' 'Come to church,' etc, and not 'Go,' 'Go in,' or 'Go to church.' Ringing was entirely spoilt if the ringers did not attend at least one of the services for which they rang.

The dinner was held in the Westgate Lodge Hotel under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, supported by the District secretaries and treasurer. After the loyal toast from the chair Mr. H. Mansell proposed 'The Church.' He thanked the clergy for allowing the continued use of their bells and for the addresses they gave at the services. He also mentioned the difficulty of getting younger people to take up the art.

The Rev. J. R. Beynon, Rector of Twyford, in his reply, referred to the antiquity of bell-ringing.

Mr. H. Street, in submitting the toast to 'The Guild,' said he always thought bellringers were a friendly and sociable lot, but after three dinners he was beginning to wonder. The occasion of the first dinner was marked by high winds and heavy rain; the second by snow; and this one by a violent storm. Was it a sign of wickedness?

The name of Mr. W. C. Lampard, the Cathedral captain, was coupled with the toast. He recalled salient features in the history of the Guild and that this year it had celebrated its 75th anniversary. He finished by urging ringers to look after their Sunday service ringing.

'The Visitors' toast was honoured on the call of Mr. S. B. Carey, and Mr. R. A. Reed, replying, said that the Winchester District was doing a fine job under its secretary, Mr. J. A. C. King. He had found visitors always welcome and a very happy relationship existed.

Members then adjourned to a lounge for a variety concert which included impromptu performances by Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Messrs. S. B. Carey, J. A. C. King and R. A. Reed. Mrs. R. A. Reed officiated for these at the piano.

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CHRISTMAS DAY BELLS

On the morning of the 25th each Region will present a radio Christmas card, prefacing it with a short 'touch' of bells from a tower in the area. A greeting in local speech will follow, with other items. Originating in the West Region, this nation-wide programme, 'God Rest Ye Merry,' will be heard in all the B.B.C.'s Home Services.

From Scotland the bells of Britain's largest carillon, in the tower of the East and West Churches of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, will be heard. Heralding Northern Ireland's contribution will be the bells of the Assembly Hall at Belfast, while a pre-recorded peal from York Minster will bring in the North Region. Down in Devon ringers will 'sign on' the West Region from the tall tower of Widecombe-in-the-Moor Parish Church.

In the Midland Region two towers will take part: first the bells of St. Martin's Parish Church, in Birmingham's Bull Ring, will be heard, and later, the ring of eight in Bretforton Parish Church, Worcestershire, will be introduced by Mr. John Hall, J.P., a market gardener in the Vale of Evesham, who is chairman of his Parish Council and a keen ringer. From Wales will come the sound of a single bell, but the oldest in the country still in use, which dates from 1290, and hangs in the tower of Llanallgo Parish Church, near Moelfre, Anglesey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ladies' Guild Branch Contemplated

A quarterly meeting of the Sussex Association (Eastern Division) was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne on November 27th, when about 20 members attended.

Although the ringing during the afternoon and evening reached no great heights in method ringing it was enjoyed by those present and considerable help was given to the younger members in such methods as Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Marcon.

At the business meeting which followed an enjoyable tea, Miss J. Earl and Miss S. Tonkin, of Hellingly, and Mr. M. Laidler, of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, were elected members of the Association.

A question was raised regarding the formation of the Ladies' Guild in Sussex. After some discussion it was decided to approach Mrs. Percy with the suggestion that she should arrange a ladies' meeting with the object of encouraging the ladies of the other Divisions to add their support to that of the ladies of the Eastern Division.

Good progress is being made towards collecting the sum necessary for the repair and overhaul of Bexhill bells, and it is hoped they will be ready for ringing some time during 1955. Wadhurst bells should be heard again soon after Christmas.

The general secretary of the Association (Mr. R. Percy) gave details of the 70th anniversary of the Association, which is to be celebrated at Brighton on January 29th. He also informed members that Association badges would not be available until after the anniversary. R. W. P.

Mr. G. J. Butcher, of Northfleet, has completed the quartet of peals in Plain Bob and rung handbell peals on all numbers from 5 to 12.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Queen Street, Norwich, on December 4th. In the deeply regretted absence of the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, who is ill), the chairman of the East Norfolk Branch (Mr. E. R. Goate) was in the chair.

The annual general meeting for 1955 was discussed. It was agreed to hold this on Saturday, May 7th, when the annual service in St. Andrew's Church (despite the continued unringableness of its bells) at 4 p.m., and the tea and business meeting in St. Andrew's Parish Hall (not to be confused with St. Andrew's Hall, the ancient monastic church, now a great place of meeting for Norwich). Ringing arrangements to be as far as possible as at the last annual meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Yallop, who run many delightful functions in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, undertook to do a good tea for 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to those at school), with assistance from ringers' wives. Agenda at the annual meeting not to include new members, who could be more conveniently elected at Branch meetings.

It was agreed that a new Norwich Diocesan Association badge be produced forthwith. Mr. Nolan Golden undertook to arrange its design and manufacture, and it is hoped to be able to sell it at 2s. 6d. each (2s. to those at school). It was noted that all members should pay their subscriptions to the branch secretaries, also their peal fees to the Association Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden, in accordance with the rules.

It was agreed to send £5 from the Belfry Repair Fund to Great Bircham, which has recently spent £140 on bell restoration.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cirencester Branch

The annual meeting was held at Cirencester on December 4th. Ringing took place at Watermoor (8) in the afternoon and the Parish Church (12) in the evening. The priest-in-charge at Watermoor took the service at 4.30 p.m.

The Association's Master (Mr. A. L. Barry) presided at the business meeting, when the retiring officers—chairman, Mr. W. A. Godwin; secretary, Mr. R. E. W. Wenban; and management committee representative, Mr. E. H. Jefferies—were re-elected. A rota of meetings to be held during 1955 was adopted. A very successful meeting was enjoyed by all. R. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JAMES BARHAM'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—The recent attempt to break the record for the full extent of Major has drawn attention to the previous peal, rung at Leeds, in Kent, by James Barham, who completed the peal in 27 hours.

A broadsheet in the old ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Woolwich, was printed by George Naunton, of Ipswich. It is undated, but gives and 'Account of peals rung in different methods by James Barham, of Leeds, in Kent, in that and neighbouring county from 1744 to 1813.'

Among them are the following:—

December 30th, 1752.—14,500 of Bob Major rung in 9 hours and 30 minutes.

January 13th, 1753.—20,160 of Bob Major rung in 13 hours and 34 minutes.

March 31st, 1755.—16 hours.

April 7th and 8th, 1761.—40,320 of Bob Major rung in 27 hours.

Of the effort of March, 1755, a footnote states:—

'This number cannot be clearly ascertained nor can it be deemed a Peal, in consequence of the breaking of a clapper, when the said James Barham stood 14 hours 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drunk his glasses of wine and called all the Bobs. The proprietor of this work has a certificate signed by a respectable person who is willing to satisfy upon oath the truth of it.'

It would appear that this was an attempt on the full extent of Major, or, at least, a rehearsal similar to the 14,500 in 1752 in preparation for the half-way, rung in 1753. Likewise, it is reasonable to suppose that James Barham called the bobs in the successful peal, of which the footnote merely states:—

'The whole Peal of Changes on 8 Bells, having never been performed before, or since.'

No mention is made of the composition. If Thomas Steers was the composer he must have been a young man at the time, for it was 26 years after the peal was rung that he was elected a member of the Cambridge Youths, according to the date given by Mr. Hibbins in his letter to 'The Ringing World' of November 26th, 1954.—Yours sincerely,

A. GROVE.

Woolwich.

EARTH AS A SILENCER

Dear Sir,—We, also, have a deep layer of earth on the floor of our bell chamber at Long Crendon, which appears to have been there a considerable number of years. This makes a very effective silencer.

Unfortunately, we shall soon be faced with the problem of moving it, as the frame has to be treated. For this and other restoration work our Vicar has launched an appeal for one million pennies.

Perhaps a moth-proof felt, as is used in the construction of modern flats, would be more appropriate.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. TYLER.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

A COMPOSITION OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. William Thornley has made a slight error in claiming the peal of Superlative on page 784 of 'The Ringing World.' This peal on the commonest plan for peals of Superlative has been published under the name of E. Timbrell (Yorkshire Association Peal No. 4,201), C. H. Hattersley (Kent County Association report for 1910, Peal No. 1,530) and J. W. Washbrook, plus the usual selection of simple variations by Messrs. Knights and Lindoff too numerous to mention in detail.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. B. SPEED.

Kingston, Surrey.

THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Reading in the issue of December 3rd Mr. Harris' interesting account of the late C. Herbert's stupendous achievement in writing the whole extent of Major, reminds me of a story told by the late George Martin, of Boyne Hill. As it was some time ago I might err a little in detail, but, briefly, this is as I remember it:—

A ringer of George's acquaintance got into conversation with a representative of an American firm of safe and lock makers. Apparently bells and ringing were discussed, and a plain course of Bob Major changed hands, with the explanation that 40,320 such rows of figures could be obtained without repetition. Some time later our worthy received a communication from America offering the sum of £300 if he would supply them with the extent but the poor man was then in a bad state of health and although financially embarrassed, was not capable of the task. His colleagues came to the rescue and, between them, brought the issue to a successful climax.

I believe I am correct in saying that some of our firms of safe makers possess copies of 'Standard Methods,' using the various diagrams in the construction of their craft.

An old friend once asked me for the calling of Holt's Original, and he eventually wrote the whole figures to convince his fellow workmates that it is possible to get 5,040 different changes on seven bells—not such a colossal task, but enough to show the pains that some ringers will take to prove that 'there is more in bell-ringing than meets the ear.'

Hard luck, long-peal band. Best wishes for success next time.

W. WELLING.

Old Windsor.

SAXILBY, LINCS

Dear Sir,—I notice reference was made to our tower the other week in one of your 'Letters to the Editor' concerning an old Lincolnshire rhyme. It may be of interest to your readers to know that in 1943 four of us taught ourselves to ring on the old four 'ding dongs' mentioned in the poem. By the time we had mastered Bob Minimus we had raised enough enthusiasm in the village to have the old frame taken out, the existing four bells rehung in a new steel frame and two new trebles added at a cost of over £700. The dedication was in April, 1947, and since then we have raised and maintained a small but keen band ringing Doubles and Minor methods. None of us have ever rung a peal, but since the bells were dedicated in 1947 the bells have **never** been silent before Matins, and ringing for Evensong has only been missed ten times; we regard service ringing as all-important.

Incidentally, our band of nine members consists of five choristers, four sidesmen, three church councillors, the organist and the church treasurer.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. BLAIKIE.

Saxilby, Lincoln.

Note.—We congratulate the band on their quarter peal, the last being rung over five years ago.—Ed.

STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Topp's interesting composition of Stedman Caters recalls to memory a composition we rang in 1931 by the late G. Lindoff. He turned the bells every six courses in the Tittums and hand stroke position alternately, and had a 6.5 or 5.6 at every alternate course end through the peal.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

UNWELCOMED PUBLICITY

Dear Sir,—Some time ago there was a spate of hostile criticism in the lay Press, brought on by the peal attempts of one of our prominent members.

You may recall that I wrote a letter, which you published, decrying the publicity which appeared in the daily newspapers, and I suggested that these matters should be confined to 'The Ringing World,' as publicity often does more harm than good.

This has been borne out in good measure in a recent issue of the 'Daily Mirror,' in which we come in for withering scorn from a tin god who assumes the title of 'Cassandra.' This abuse, and I do not believe we have heard the last, was brought on by the recent attempt at Loughborough.

Many ringers would be hard put to explain why one should want to ring for 20 hours. How, then, can we expect members of the public to understand? We are now being compared with pole squatters, marathon piano players, dancers, talkers and other crazy individuals, and what answer are we to give to the critics?

Believe me, many town towers have enough criticism as it is without this unnecessary storm of abuse being used to feed the flames. Please sir, may I, as a very humble, quite indifferent ringer, appeal to those more gifted performers to keep their prodigious feats of strength and concentration confined to the ringing Press, where at least it will be sympathetically received, if not entirely understood.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has been misled, I think, by a misprint in Mr. Blagrove's recent letter re plain Major methods. This is in the two methods he rejected, which when corrected give Plain Bob coursing order in 7-8. They correspond to Crayford and Little Bob with places in 5-6 instead of dodging in the middle of the lead.

Could anyone please state the method rung at Anstey, Leics, on April 6th, 1935, which, according to Corrigan, was published as Huntington (which had already been rung) and renamed Wicken? Therefore, what is the 'Wicken' rung at Wicken, Northants, on July 12th, 1953?

Also, could the methods Evington Surprise Major and Framland Surprise Maximus be given, please? If they have been, and I've missed them, sorry !)

And does Gainsborough Surprise Major have places made in 1, 2, 3 and 6 simultaneously between the 14th and 15th rows in the first half lead? This is according to the description given in 'Belfry Gossip,' but seems odd.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. FRITH.

Grantham.

CHIMES AND CHIME TUNES

Dear Sir,—In the long series of articles I wrote under the above title in 'The Ringing World,' July 17th, 1942, et seq., I gave a large selection of chime tunes as played by clocks at many churches. I cannot remember any quite like those at Stow-on-the-Wold given in your last issue by the Rev. H. C. M. Potts—the nearest seems to be at Tideswell, where the following was adapted for six bells:—

1.	1 2 3 4
2.	3 2 1 4
3.	1 3 2 4
4.	2 1 3 4

No. 1 was played at first quarter, 1 and 2 second, 1, 2 and 3 at third, and all at fourth, with No. 6 as hour bell.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

LETTERS—Continued

REPLY TO THE SURPRISE MAJOR CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Roe makes out a case for the 'ownership of figures' on the basis of responsibility and a tradition, but also a right have composed a certain peal is not only a responsibility and a tradition, but also a right and a just reward for many hours of hard work.

The 'tradition' of claiming to have composed a certain method seems to lie with less than half a dozen men, two or three in the field of Surprise Major and the same number with so-called extensions of London Surprise to 10 and 12 bells.

Mr. A. G. Driver worked out all the Minor methods and all the Plain Major methods, but he did not claim to have composed any of them. I would suggest that these traditionalists follow his example. After all, Surprise methods can be written down systematically at a higher rate than one a minute, so I fail to see where 'composition' comes in. The responsibility of WHAT is rung lies with those who RING it, and not with those who WRITE it down.

There are over 200,000 Surprise Major methods with coursing order bells in 7–8 and triple and quadruple changes only, so there is really no need to ring methods with non-coursing bells in 7–8 or double changes.

Now for his challenge. I find there are 33 Surprise Major with coursing pairs in 7–8, regular lead ends and no adjacent places (in the Grid, Link, or Junction). They are, with 8ths place lead ends:—

(1) —38—, 14—58—16—14—38, 16—16, 38
(2) —38—, 14—58—16—14—38, 16—36, 18
(3) —38—, 14—58—16—14—58, —36, 14, 38
(4) —38—, 14—58—16—14—58, 14—14, 38
(5) —38—, 14—58—16—14—58, —14, 36, 58
(6) —38—, 14—58—36—14—38, —16—, 58
(7) —38—, 14—58—36—14—38, 14—16, 38
(8) —38—, 14—58—36—14—38, 14—36, 18
(9) —38—, 14—58—36, 14—14, 38, 16, —16, 58
(10) —38—, 14—58—36, 14—14, 58, 36, 14—, 18
(11) —58—, 14, 58—58, 16—14—, 38—36, 14, 38
(12) —58—, 14, 58—58, 16—14—38, 14—14, 58
(13) —58—, 14, 58—58, 16—14—58, —36—, 38
(14) —58—, 14, 58—58, 16—14—58, 36—16, 38
(15) —58—14, 58—58, 16—14—58, 36—36, 18
(16) —58—14, 58—58, 16—14—58, 16—14, 38
(17) —58—14, 58—58, 36—14—38, 14, 36—, 58
(18) —58—14, 58—58, 36—14—58, —36—, 18
(19) —58—14, 58—58, 36—14—58, 14, 36—, 18
(20) —58—14, 58—58, 36—14—58, 36—14, 58
(21) —58—14, 58—58, 36—14—58, 36, 14—, 58
(22) —58—14, 58—58, 36, 14—14, 38, 14—14, 58
(23) —58—14, 58—58, 36, 14—14, 58, —36—, 38
(24) —58—14, 58—58, 36, 14—14, 58, 14, 36—, 18
(25) —58—14, 58—58, 36, 14—14, 58, —14—, 18
(26) —58—16, —58—, 16, —14—, 38, 16—16, 58
(27) —58—16, —58—, 36, —14—, 58, 16—36, 18
(28) —58—16, —58—, 36, —14—, 58, 16—16, 38
(29) —58—16, —58—, 36, —14—, 58, 36, 14—, 38
(30) —58—16, —58—, 36, 14—14, 38, 16—16, 38
(31) —58—16, —58—, 36, 14—14, 38, 16—36, 18
(32) —58—16, —58—, 36, 14—14, 58, 14—14, 38
(33) —58—16, —58—, 36, 14—14, 58, 36, 14, —38

Perhaps someone could supply the names of those that have been rung, as I do not possess any published collection.

If all these methods have been rung or published before, then his challenge was a pointless waste of time and paper. If any of them have not been rung or published, then I challenge him to prove that any one of them is not peralable.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedfont, near Staines.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS

Dear Sir,—In answer to those who complain about the noise made by bells, I should like to state that of my heterogeneous collection of gramophone records, the quietest is Y——k M————r B——ls.

Or perhaps I have got the wrong gramophone.—Faithfully yours, F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

A WEEK-END IN FOUR COUNTIES

A Sequel to 'Dree Days in Zummerset'

(Ringing World,' August 13th, 1954)

For me it all began when I read 'Dree Days in Zummerset,' and saw the words, '16th ov October . . . . if any ov ee wants to cum wi us, just let's knaw . . .' October 16th happened to be within my holidays. Exchanging letters with the Editor eventually led me to the organiser and, to cut the story short, Friday, October 15th, found me Swindon bound.

I hadn't met them before but we introduced ourselves and I soon discovered that they were, in fact, 'purty vrendly.' A quarter peal at St. Mark's was successful and then adjournment for refreshment and to talk about the route for the week end.

Saturday morning we were well under way by eight o'clock, two cars with four in each, destination Nunney, in Somerset, about 40 miles way, where huge stones up to 20 feet high stand in the fields on both sides of the road, relics of the Druids. An hour's run and we were in Somerset, anon to Nunney where the church was under repair, and likely to be for some time, by appearances. There was nothing wrong with the bells, however, a handy six (tenor 12 cwt.). We had our ring and then made way for more of the 'vrends' who'd arrived from another direction. On to Wanstrow, for another ring of six, and here we were joined by another 'visitor,' who'd travelled from Bedford since daylight, with his non-ringing friend for company.

Eleven o'clock, therefore, found us a convoy of four cars, moving on to the third six, Marston Magna (tenor 13 cwt.), but we hadn't been there long before the 'gaffer' decreed that some of us move on to Mudford to keep abreast of the time-table. So on to Mudford to find a very warm welcome from the Vicar and a heavy ring of five. If you want to ring a peal there, make it a non-conducted one. Well, the next stop was Yeovil and here we had an hour for lunch before going up to enjoy that glorious ten at St. John's. Stedman Caters was among the best ringing of the day and I think everyone would have liked to stay longer than the generous hour permitted, but on again for the second half.

If C. S. had tried to find more picturesque names that week-end, I don't think he could have bettered those we had, e.g., Marston Magna and now (three more sixes) Preston Plucknett, Montacute (tenor 24 cwt.) and Stoke-sub-Hamdon, until we came to the first eight of the day—Shepton Beauchamp, as handy a ring as you'll wish to find. We 'moved them on a bit' to Stedman and then finished up with a good course of Yorkshire. One more six, Kingsbury Episcopi (another bonny name) made ten towers for the day and then off for the night to East Budleigh, in Devon, ultimate destination whenever the 'vrends of the Exercise' are out.

Well, we went to bed eventually, but it was a close night in any case, which was maybe why I was up before seven and out to have a look at this viewly village where Raleigh spent so much time. There's his pew in the church, where at eight o'clock six of us raised, rang and ceased for the Holy Communion. Then, after breakfast, to Harpford to ring for Matins, and elevenish on to Bradford Aboas, in Dorset, where we had yet another warm welcome and found another good six. Lunch this day was at Sherborne, but the 'gang' had rung at the Abbey previously, so I didn't have that pleasure. However, on to Milborne Port, and there's a weight of metal in that tower; a fine old church, too. We stayed until three o'clock and then on to Henstridge for the final ring of six (tenor almost a ton again) and as good as any for the last six, although they were all good bells that week-end.

Tea next (was it at Ilminster?) and then the last tower of the tour, North Bradley, back in Wiltshire, and appropriately enough the home tower of two of the lads. As spick-and-span a belfry as I've seen, and the bells just as smart with a peal to match (tenor cast in 1519 and the two trebles added only four years since). They made a good job of that splice we all agreed. We finished off by staying to the service and having a good sing, almost a choir on our own. From there it was back to Swindon—the end of a memorable week-end.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District at Kettering

Despite the unfavourable weather, there was a good gathering at the meeting held at Kettering on November 20th. A party travelled by train from Leicester and district and the bells were set going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods.

A short form of service was conducted by the Rector, who, in his address, said that campanologists were fortunate in having an interest which drew them to the House of God so often, and he hoped that they found time to say a short prayer at each church where they rang. He stated how gratifying it would be for ringers to be able to say after meeting and tower-grabbing expeditions, not only that they have rung in a number of churches, but also that they have prayed in that number of churches.

An excellent tea was served in the nearby Church Hall by the ladies of the parish. Before the business meeting commenced Miss Thompson (vice-president) expressed thanks to all concerned, especially to Mr. P. Chapman, for making the local arrangements. Seven new members were elected.

The Leicester party, arriving back in Leicester, were met by Mr. H. J. Poole, who caused considerable hilarity on remarking that he was pleased to see the ladies had roped in several new members for the 'Supporters' Club'!

It is hoped to hold the annual meeting at St. Mary de Castro's, Leicester, on Jan. 29th.

IN THE FEN COUNTRY

The bleak and desolate prospect presented by the Lincolnshire Fens did not deter a keen party of tower snatchers from taking full advantage of the excellent programme arranged for them by Mr. Ron Noon on November 6th, when ten towers were visited.

Market Deeping, a tower famous in its 'Day,' was reached at 1 p.m. and quickly followed by the magnificent six of Deeping St. James' Church. The age-defying Abbey Church of SS. Bartholomew, Guthlac and Mary, Crowland, which has known the sound of bells for longer than most places, but now possesses only six bells, was admired by the band in the brief period allowed before the road was taken for Gedney Hill, where are five bells. Spliced Doubles were rung there and we were told that a long silence has only recently been broken.

Whaplode—lovely in its Norman nave as well as its bells—was reached in darkness at what would have been tea-time had there been time. Holbeach, though it has eight good bells, could not provide a cup of tea for the weaker brethren, who must, anyway, press on to Fleet. Mr. J. Hallifax, a hearty octogenarian and the ringing Vicar, made us welcome and warmed us in the detached campanile. Another Gedney, this time with six bells and a much larger church, came next and was enjoyed. Long Sutton heard our only course of Surprise Major of the day, Cambridge. Thanks, Lincolnshire!

S. I. C.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Grieveson 1, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 2, Pamela Law 3, Valerie Mepham 4, D. H. Paine 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled by members of the local band in memory of Mr. 'Ted' Godley, a ringer at this church for 60 years, who passed to his rest on November 25th.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Holehouse 1, P. Stacey (first of Major 'inside') 2, J. Dear 3, L. Hughes 4, R. Castledine (first in the method as cond.) 5, C. Harwood 6, W. Collins 7, E. Buck 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tomsett 1, Miss D. Smith 2, I. Heasman 3, S. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, Joyce S. Coward 2, Mrs. E. Naylor 3, Mrs. B. Copper 4, Brenda L. J. Foley 5, F. A. Gooding 6. A farewell to Brenda Foley, who has left the district to take up an appointment at Leamington.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. R. Cox 1, Miss B. A. Thompson 2, Miss D. M. Ward 3, J. L. Morris 4, P. P. Brown 5, R. Rugman 6, Miss M. R. Andrews (first as cond.) 7, Miss J. Tunbridge (first quarter) 8. Rung with 6, 8 covering. For Evensong.

BIBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. Smith 1, M. Day 2, P. W. Bartlett 3, R. Wenban (cond.) 4, P. A. Bartlett 5, J. Carey 6. A welcome to the new Bishop of Gloucester on his first visit to Bibury.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Langton (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, G. Francis 4, L. Weller 5, L. Stilwell 6, F. Lufkin (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Douglas 1, T. Merritt 2, J. Parsons 3, S. Grant (cond.) 4, T. A. Palmer 5, F. Osmond (first quarter) 6.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. A. Longland 1, F. Attewell 2, B. E. Frost 3, P. Jones 4, J. Davey 5, G. Care (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary, Redcliffe, on Dec. 2nd, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: M. Hancock 1, F. G. Leaker 2, G. Briggs 3, D. J. Marshall (first of Cinques) 4, F. C. Mogford 5, E. L. Roberts (first of Cinques as cond.) 6, D. Smith 7, R. G. Hooper 8, A. A. Hilliar 9, A. M. Tyler 10, N. Coombs 11, F. Hansford 12.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Diane Spice 1, Monica Howard 2, A. Bird 3, R. Purchase 4, J. Brooks 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. C. Herd and Miss B. Abel, the former being a member of the local band.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Legg 1, K. Medway 2, J. Weadon 3, F. Parramore 4, H. Hooper 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. A welcome home to H.R.H. the Queen Mother.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 25th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Eyles 1, G. Winter 2, W. Mortimer 3, W. Swift 4, G. Eyles 5, H. Gummer 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, J. Romain 8.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hanny (first quarter) 1, G. Hawkins (cond.) 2, L. Moses 3, A. Read 4, J. Hobbs 5, J. Davis 6.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Robertson (first quarter) 1, E. Bray 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, W. Mills 4, J. Topp 5, G. Massey 6, D. Flower (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss H. Flower and Mr. L. Williams, both ringers at this tower, married on November 27th.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. J. H. Ransom (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cole 2, G. W. Moss 3, J. Gould 4, T. Cole 5, F. H. Erith (cond.) 6.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Deason 1, M. Collins 2, G. Ingham 3, R. Lay 4, R. Woodcock 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

QUARTER PEALS

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,2,5 Grandsire Caters: F. Bowden 1, E. J. Wells 2, C. N. Pearson 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Miss E. M. Turner 5, Miss M. E. Collins 6, R. W. Morant 7, H. Gauntlett 8, A. C. Hazeldene (cond.) 9, F. W. Wicks 10. Rung for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Guildford.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Powell 1, J. Pares (first quarter) 2, Miss J. D. Kent 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, L. Jarvis 5, A. Kemp 6, R. J. Brown 7, J. G. Powell 8.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. MacPherson 1, J. Martin 2, B. Hale 3, E. J. Wells (cond.) 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, Miss E. M. Turner 6. First of Doubles for 1 and 3.

HILLFARENCE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Sparkes 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (first in method as cond.) 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, C. Tarr 5, W. Nurcombe 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Fidler 1, C. V. Hare 2, P. W. Croft 3, K. C. Timbury (first of Stedman Triples) 4, G. Cherry 5, E. Winters 6, F. W. Croft (cond.) 7, R. Head 8. For Advent Sunday. Also 720 London Surprise and 552 Norwich Surprise Minor: L. Fidler 1, G. Cherry 3, P. W. Croft 4, C. M. Orme 5, D. P. Jones 6, F. W. Croft (cond.) 7, E. Winters 8. A 68th birthday compliment to Mr. L. Fidler. Rung with tenor covering.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: O. Norman 1, F. Warrington 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, E. J. Parish 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Spicer upon their wedding anniversary.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer (first of Surprise) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead (first in method) 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (being 720 each of Oxford and Kent): J. Adams (first as cond.) 1, C. Bennet 2, H. Mair 3, W. Fern 4, L. Busby 5, M. Harding 6. First in two methods by all except the conductor. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. E. Cordrey, who has completed 60 years with Iffley Church choir.

KILBURN, N.W.—At the Church of St. Augustine, on Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ruth Stafford (first on 8) 1, Dorothy Watts 2, Audrey Barker 3, C. E. Lankester 4, Elsie Lankester 5, A. H. Catlin 6, W. E. Eveleigh (first of Bob Major 'inside') 7, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 8. A farewell to the retiring Vicar (Father W. H. F. Dickinson).

LANCASTER.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Eccles 1, G. Braithwaite 2, J. Bagnall 3, F. Postlethwaite 4, J. Burles 5, A. Capstick 6, N. M. Newby 7, F. Birkett 8. A farewell to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Pollard D.D., who is shortly going to the I.O.M.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Scase (first in method) 1, Miss S. Green (first in method 'inside') 2, Miss C. Ford 3, S. Ford 4, A. W. Beard 5, H. Corney (first in method 'inside') 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, D. Riley 8. Rung for Advent Sunday evening service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, G. S. Morris 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley (cond.) 4, C. W. Powell 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, A. Whitemore 8. A welcome to the Rev. Kenneth Rowcroft as curate of St. Michael's, Lyme Regis.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. Taylor 1, G. L. Hewitt 2, T. Pritchard 3, T. Wilson 4, J. J. Stanier 5, K. Ferrington 6, J. L. Stanier (cond.) 7, T. Milward 8. A farewell to the Rev. M. McNicol, who is leaving for St. Mark's, Wolverhampton.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and Plain Bob combined, 720 Kent Treble Bob): J. Wilson 1, F. Wigmore 2, F. S. Parsons 3, R. Reed 4, T. A. Bevis 5, W. Rose 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Parsons.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss H. Bonner 2, H. Buckingham 3, J. T. Clay 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. Silvey 8. For Evensong on Advent Sunday.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Devonshire 1, G. F. Gray 2, W. C. Chandler 3, Miss R. Longhurst 4, M. J. Martin 5, C. Devonshire 6. Conducting shared by M. J. Martin and W. C. Chandler. A farewell to Miss R. Longhurst, who is joining the W.R.A.F.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Smart 1, R. J. Nash 2, P. R. Saunders (first of Surprise) 3, M. M. R. Glover 4, W. H. Jackson 5, G. F. Jenkins 6, D. A. Edwards 7, D. M. Niblett (first of Surprise as cond.) 8.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Jean Wallace (first quarter) 1, W. A. Wood 2, F. Fagg 3, B. Fagg 4, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 5, G. Wood 6. The conductor's first quarter since his ordination.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, C. S. Hoad 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, M. Holmes (first quarter) 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Dec. 5th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrinton (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. O. Noble 4, H. W. Pratt 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, L. W. Fisher 7, W. Ransome 8.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. Tutle 1, B. S. Cope 2, P. I. Chapman 3, C. H. Harding 4, C. M. Orme 5, G. E. Watson 6, P. Mehew 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8. First of Lincolnshire for 1, 5 and 7. Rung for Evensong.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 Single Oxford): Miss M. Yardley 1, H. Dove 2, W. G. Baker 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. Rung on the 75th anniversary of the opening of St. Andrew's Mission Church, and on the 80th birthday of Mrs. E. Spencer, wife of the churchwarden.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Nov. 28th, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximum: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, G. Peters 6, P. N. Bond 7, F. J. Matthews 8, A. R. Ling 9, J. R. Leeming 10, R. F. Deal 11, A. J. House 12. First of Cambridge Maximus for 6, 7, and 10.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, R. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, M. Carter 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung for Confirmation service, at which Robert Warrilow, son of R. J. Warrilow, and Michael Harvey, both junior ringers, wmere confirmed.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brewer 1, A. H. Reed 2, F. G. Sparks 3, W. H. Coles 4, P. H. Sparks (cond.) 5, S. G. Coles 6. Rung on 30th anniversary of peal rung here by the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 with William C. Slocombe.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooper (first on treble in method) 1, Jill Tombs (first 'inside') 2, D. H. Watson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. L. Dunn 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, B. Crannage 8. Rung for Advent Sunday.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Cocking 1, R. Chapman 2, A. Print 3, V. B. Hunt 4, J. Findon 5, F. C. Lyne 6, G. Ingram (first as cond.) 7, H. Huxley 8, C. R. Steed 9, E. Smith 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, Miss G. Brown 2, H. P. Rood 3, Miss P. A Gaunt 4, G. Wiggins 5, M. Maisey 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stepman Triples: Miss G. Brown 1, C. Lewington 2, Miss P. Gaunt 3, Mrs. D. Cooper 4, M. Maisey 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Rung in memory of Mr. J. Hedges, of Brightwalton, an old and respected member of the Newbury branch of the Oxford Guild.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Devenish 1, M. L. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, B. Howard 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND

With sincere regret we record the death in St. Mary's Hospital, Poole, on December 3rd, at the age of 87 years, of Mr. F. W. Townsend. He became crippled with arthritis before the last war, and was unable to continue ringing. For the last year he had been confined to bed, but, active in mind, he enjoyed reading his 'Ringing World' and talking on ringing right up to the last. He was not a big peal ringer and his peals did not exceed 50, his greatest object being to have the bells well rung for service.

Mr. Townsend learned to handle a bell at Bishop's Cleeve and his change ringing at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and Charlton Kings, under Mr. W. T. Pates and Mr. W. Dyer. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He came to Poole in 1904 and at that time only call changes were rung at St. James', Poole. In 1906 he joined the Poole band and soon became captain. Under his instruction the Poole band became one of the best in the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. He saw the eight bells rehung in 1907 and was largely responsible for increasing them to ten in 1937, which he said was the most memorable event in his ringing career. The treble in the ten carries his name and is a lasting memorial to his memory.

A good handbell ringer, he was largely responsible for building up the band of handbell ringers in the Poole and Bournemouth District and his pupils appear to-day in many of the handbell peals rung in the area.

Mr. Townsend was District Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for over 40 years. He spent a great deal of time in instructing bands in change ringing in days when transport was not easy. Amongst his pupils was one of our leading composers of to-day as well as several ringers who have made their name in the Exercise. During his long life he saw no less than six rectors at St. James', Poole.

The funeral took place on December 6th in Poole Cemetery and was conducted by the Rector of Poole, the Rev. G. H. W. Bevington. After the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by W. Young, Mrs. Marshallsay, D. Matkin and A. Davis.

Amongst the mourners and friends were his son, Mr. W. Townsend, Messrs. B. James, A. F. Martin Stewart, I. P. Davis, F. Hart, L. J. Lockyer, R. Willis and A. R. Macdonald. In the evening the Rector of Poole conducted a short service in the belfry of St. James' Church and gave a brief address in which he stressed Mr. Townsend's devotion to his duties as a ringer over the years.

The local company then rang the ten bells with half-muffled clappers to the 'Whole Pull and Stand' to the years of the deceased's age, after which touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung, in which ringers from Wimborne and Bournemouth joined. A. R. M.

AN APPRECIATION

I would like to pay a small tribute to this grand old gentleman, a tribute in which many ringers who knew him in this part of the country would like to join.

It will be difficult to measure the extent of Mr. Townsend's work to encourage the art of change ringing, both on tower bells and on handbells. When one visited Poole tower in his day one was always sure of a most cordial welcome, and that no time would be wasted for, if for some reason the tower bells could not be rung, the handbells were soon in evidence.

Freddie did not make extravagant claims, but he would insist on good striking at all times. His standard was extremely high, so that if he said the ringing was *good* it was a compliment indeed.

Peal attempts were frequent on the Old Poole eight, and the drill was always the same. Mr. Townsend would have everything ready and settle down to listen to the first quarter, then he would creep out of the belfry. But he would not be far away; he was the first one up at the conclusion of the ringing to congratulate or listen to the inquest.

When tower-bell ringing was banned in 1940, Mr. Townsend assisted the early efforts made in Bournemouth to practise double-handed change ringing. Through him the Bournemouth handbell band came into existence, and as long as a handbell peal is rung in the district, the name of Frederick Townsend will be remembered with affection, respect and gratitude.

A. V. D.

MR. ROBERT ALSOP

Mr. Robert Alsop, a ringer at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, died at Ebbw Vale Hospital on November 29th, aged 76.

A native of Cheddar, where he had learned to ring call changes as a young man, he went to Ebbw Vale when he was 23, but there was no opportunity for ringing until the ring of eight bells was installed at Christ Church in 1937. Then, at nearly 60 years of age, he took up change ringing for the first time, being a member of the service band throughout its existence.

He rang a few peals of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. He was keenly interested in all aspects of ringing, and was learning new methods, including Cambridge, right to the end of his life.

He was a faithful member of his church in many of its activities. He was widely read and would often dig out and use a little-known word, with a mischievous glint in his eye. He wrote to 'The Ringing World' many times, often under a pen name, usually over some query of interest. A few years ago he made a table out of a walnut tree that he himself had planted when a boy.

He was the father of a truly Christian family, and was a few weeks from his golden wedding when he died. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Alsop and her daughter and sons.

B. D. P.

MR. P. T. CLIFT

We regret to announce the death at Rumney, near Cardiff, of Mr. Phillip Thomas Clift, father of Messrs. D. G. and P. B. Clift, at the age of 82.

Mr. Clift was taught change ringing by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, in the latter part of the 19th century and was leader of the old six-bell band at Usk for many years. In 1925, when the old six had become unringable, he was associated with the late Canon Morgan and others in raising funds for the magnificent eight which now hang in the tower of St. Mary's Church.

Though he never took part in a peal and had taken no active part in ringing for many years, he nevertheless maintained a keen interest, and any ringer was made welcome at his home.

His first love, however, was rifle shooting, a sport in which he had achieved international honours, having shot for Wales on many occasions in the annual meetings between the four countries at Bisley. He had reached the final stage of the King's Prize on several occasions and had won the coveted silver medal of the National Rifle Association, also the then Blue Riband of the Miniature Rifle Shooting, Sir Eliott Lee's Shield. He was proud to have been one of a long line of notable sportsmen which the small town of Usk has produced.

He was interred on December 11th in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church, where the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire Triples by the local band. D. G. C.

(Obituary—continued next column)

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' December 18th, 1914

PEAL ATTEMPT IN AMERICA

Groton Scholars Learning to Ring.

On November 25th the ringers from Boston, U.S.A., visited the Memorial Tower at Hingham, Mass., where 564 Grandsire Triples was brought round after some very fair striking: A. Matthews 1, P. J. Allfrey (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. H. Shurtleff 3, C. C. Randall 4, J. Goodhead 5, J. F. Laker 6, W. Bashford 7, R. Newton 8. A 672 in the same method was also rung. . . .

On November 26th . . . . six members of the Boston Guild visited Groton School and enjoyed a very pleasant outing. . . . One or two short touches were rung before service at the school chapel, some of the pupils taking a rope . . . . and at 1.45 an attempt was made for a peal, the ringers standing as follows: S. Warren Sturgis 1, P. J. Allfrey (cond.) 2, W. Bashford 3, J. F. Laker 4, J. Goodhead 5, C. C. Randall 6, R. Newton 7, L. Adams 8. Owing to the noise in the tower, however, a trip which occurred after 50 minutes' good ringing could not be adjusted and the bells were brought to a stand.

[Mr. S. Warren Sturgis was classics master and L. Adams a pupil at the school. The former, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang several handbell peals during visits to this country. Mrs. Shurtleff, the first lady member of that Society, and still living in Boston, also rang a few peals in England.]

Herts County Association

The rough weather probably accounted for the attendance dropping to 20 at the Northern District meeting ot Norton on November 27th. The special method for the meeting, Pudsey Surprise, was successfully brought round.

Mrs. H. Werrett and helpers provided a bountiful tea, and Miss J. Sanderson presided at the business meeting when the following members were elected: Messrs. J. Sinfield and D. Broyd (Houghton Regis, Beds) and Mr. and Mrs. W. Critchley (Hitchin). The annual meeting was announced for Hitchin on Jan. 22nd.

Evensong was said at 6.30 p.m. by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Kenyon). Further ringing followed until 8.15 when the bells were lowered in peal.

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MR. R. G. MARTIN

There passed to higher service, on November 25th, Richard Gough Martin, a Diocesan Lay Reader, known in many Northants churches. In his younger days he had an aptitude for ringing, and up to a month prior to his death at the age of 86 often chimed for early Sunday Eucharist and daily evensong at his own church, Weston Favell. He was for many years secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Lay Readers Association, and in private life was a retired schoolmaster.

The funeral took place at Weston Favell on November 29th, after which a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,020 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob) was rung half-muffled by: W. Gummage 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, F. Rollings 3, M. Hollowell 4, P. Amos (conductor) 5.

P. A.

MR. A. L. SIMMONDS

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. A. L. Simmonds, of Westfield, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, a member for many years of the Cathedral band.

Before moving to Chelmsford he was a member of the Saffron Walden band. He will be missed by his many friends—through ringing he made life-long contacts.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

SEMMENS.—To Barbara (née Knee) and Peter Semmens, on Sunday, November 28th, 1954, at 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough, a daughter, Morwenna Barbara (correction).

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

WARWICK—BURTON.—The wedding arranged between Brian G. Warwick and Winifred M. Burton will take place at St. Thomas's Church, South Wigston, Leicester, on Monday, December 27th, at 10.45 a.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 5504

DEATHS

CLIFT.—On December 7th, 1954, at the residence of his son, Rumney, near Cardiff, Phillip Thomas Clift, aged 82, beloved husband of Florence and father of Donald G. and Phil. B. Clift. 5513

LYON.—Mrs. Mabel Lyon, aged 55, the devoted and only sister of Percy Amos, tower master of Weston Favell. Died in Northampton Hospital, after a long and painful illness, on December 8th. Deeply mourned. She loved the sound of church bells. 5500

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chaddock, after December 15th, 1954, will be 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. 5495

The address of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow is now 17, The Close, Norwich. 5516

PUBLICATION

A FEW COPIES remain of 'The Church Bells of Flintshire,' 3s. 6d.; 'Ayrshire,' 3s. 6d.; 'Stirlingshire,' 3s.; 'Scottish Rings of Bells,' 2s. All post free from the author, Ranald Clouston, Swanslea, Westerfield, near Ipswich, Suffolk. 5464

MISCELLANEOUS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS will be published in 'The Ringing World' of December 17th and December 24th. Price 3s. for 36 words.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., Saturday, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5460

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, December 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, near Derby. 5472

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5491

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Goudhurst (8), Saturday, December 18th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice Saturday, December 18th, Stokes Poges, 6 p.m. Note date.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5476

CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATION

The issue of December 24th will be on sale on Thursday, December 23rd. Notices must be in as early as possible in view of Christmas postal delays. We go to press on Monday noon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Subscriptions should be paid and accounts remitted to Gen. Sec. before end of year. General meeting, Stowmarket, December 18th, 2.30 p.m. Notice for tea to Mr. O. G. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket.—C. W. Pipe. 5467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting St. Nicholas', Brighton, December 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. 5466

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Boys' Club. 5459

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Handsworth, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all. 5488

ALL SAINTS', BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—The Lord Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the bells (retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co), on Sunday, December 19th, at 3.30 p.m. All are welcome.—E. E. G. 5477

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Walton-on-Thames bells available Monday, Dec. 27th, 10.30 to 1. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5497

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney on Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Humphrey, 29, The Churchlands, New Romney, by Dec. 28th. Don't forget your nominations for new members.—W. P. G. 5493

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Sevenoaks (8) on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5517

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 1st, at St Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Wednesday, Dec. 29th. Business meeting after tea. 5496

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Goole, Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., School, near Church. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Dec. 29th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 40, New Lane, Selby. 5499

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting for election of officers, etc., Jan. 8th, Uxbridge. Details next week. Happy Christmas to all.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 5514

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—The annual ringing day and dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1955. Details later.—Michael Sprackling, Sec., Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol. 5492

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Next committee meeting February 12th, 1955, not the 5th as previously arranged.—F. V. G. 5494

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Christmas Greetings

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the new and succeeding years. With thanks to all my ringing associations and friends, wherever they may be, for many hours of pleasure, including 'The Ringing World' and the Editor, Mr. T. W. White; the Chester, 'Dick' Langford, Samuel Jones (85), Sam, jun.; Archdeaconry of Stafford, Howard Howell, Fred Bennett; North Staffs, Shelagh Seery; Shropshire, 'Ted' Rodenhurst, 'Bill' Farmer; Worcester, Geof. Hemming and 'Mother'; Lincoln, synonymous with John A. Freeman; Derbyshire, Bill Lancaster, Den Carlisle; Sid, Mrs. Jones and Shelagh; Peterborough, Ron Noon; Midland, Barney Key, 'Joe' Cotton; North Wales, Fred Evans; Hereford, Wilfreds Overton and Moreton; Swansea and Brecon, Leslie Evans; Norwich, Nolan Golden; St. Martin's, Birmingham, Albert Walker, George Fearn; Devonshire, Tom Myers and 'Father'; Ashton-under-Lyne; 'Ted' Walker, Dover; David 'C.' Vincent; Clif Thomas, Germany; Philip Gray, Jack and Mary Armstrong, Australia; and Joe Burgess, Friezland. Arthur Yorke, Alsager, in North Staffs Royal Infirmary, keep your bell up, Arthur.—W. Frank Stenson, Crewe. 5468

To all ringers in the Mother Country, the ringers of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, send best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.—A. C. Caldwell. 5510

To 'The Ringing World' at home and in faraway places, I wish a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Jennie Armstrong, Morpeth. 5507

Mr. and Mrs. Percy D. Baldock, 11, Casterton Road, Stamford, send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all friends, especially those of Bromborough and Wirral districts. 5503

To all ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a successful New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mr. A. H. Pulling, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 5501

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all members of Eastern District, Yorkshire Association.—From Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 5511

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Sellers send hearty Christmas greetings with best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends, especially the Beverley and District Society.—3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 5512

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, especially those of my own tower and other members of the Bedfordshire Association. Sincere greetings to all who ring at Chepstow, Lyme Regis, Ashford, and to 'Bill' Shute, of Ferndown. Also to Tom Lock's touring ringers I wish the best of luck in 1955.—Ronald J. Sharp. 5505

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year, good health and ringing, to all ringers and friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. Stitch, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 5498

To all my ringing friends, where'er they be, a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Frederick White, Culverden, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 5508

To all our ringing friends near and far we wish good health, happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheadon, Wilmslow, Cheshire. 5509

NOTICES—continued

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19th, 1955. Morning peal attempts will be arranged for those who apply. Afternoon ringing arrangements later. Tickets from G. A. Holls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby, price 11s. 5380

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Rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, October 18th, 1954.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Clarke 1, C. Marchant (first as cond.) 2, E. Rollitt (first 'inside') 3, M. Stone 4, F. Sweet 5, R. Short 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Margetts (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Bampton 2, T. A. Gilbert 3, Miss D. E. Wright (first as cond.) 4, C. Ashton 5, F. Fisher 6, P. Longley 7, T. Cutts 8.

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By The Rev. Canon C. CAREW COX

CHRISTMAS cards; Christmas presents; Christmas dinners; Family gatherings; Children's parties; Fireside stories, and all the other accompaniments of the festive season! How much they will occupy our time and thoughts! What thrills and joys they may be expected to bring! What memories they will stir!

But can all that be enough? Surely some other thoughts will be welling up; imbedded deep and, maybe, beyond expression; linking one with the Divine Wonderful Mystery and, at the same time, with the highest conception of human life imaginable yet altogether possible; 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among men.'

No finer song has ever been sung: no more glorious promise has ever been echoed: no more precious foundation for national and family life has ever been conceived. More than the mind of man, seeking this or that new achievement, shall ever surpass. Voiced that one night at Bethlehem so long ago when the Son of God was born of Mary.

'Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.'

For that is what the Church has to say and has always had to say to the world on Christmas Day. That is why the church towers stand to rock in sympathy with the joyful ringing of the bells. That is why the bells are there to move us to 'sing merrily unto God our strength'; to be the double-forte accompaniment to the greetings being exchanged everywhere, notwithstanding that

'By day men go their ways
Hearing the music as they pass,
But deeming it no more, alas!
Than the hollow sound of brass.'

And if the association of the church bells with the proclamation from Bethlehem goes unperceived there must be a hollowness in the Christmas festivities: they must lose much of the old simplicity and be in danger of developing into something wild and coarse, unmeaning and unedifying. It is at least a shocking thought that there could be anything in the nature of a 'hang-over' after the keeping of Christmas Day. We do not wish one another a 'Merry Christmas' with that idea. First and foremost we give the greeting because it is the Feast of Him Who came down into this world with the Love to draw homewards and welcome such as the prodigal son, so that (if the poet will forgive a change of word)—

'Perchance some sleepless wight
May listen with a calm delight
To the Christian melodies:
Till he hears, or dreams he hears
Intermingled with the song,
Thoughts that he has cherished long;
Hears amid the chime and singing
The bells of his own village ringing,
And wakes, and finds his slumberous eyes
Wet with most delicious tears.'

And, to-day, the Feast of the new-born Saviour may be celebrated very simply in a mud and wattle church in some far off African or Indian village, or in some glorious lofty cathedral amid a busy city where the Eucharist is offered with more elaborate ceremonial. The one will be as real as the other, for what matters most is that the Feast begins at the Altar where the Babe of Bethlehem is now the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Therefore the bells will ring out the welcome which can truly be that of Bethlehem in our day to the multitudes far and near; and no doubt people in their hundreds will be streaming towards the churches for midnight or early services. Would it might be said that the buildings are not spacious enough nor numerous enough to embrace all the would-be worshippers!

We do not forget there will be those whose Christmas will be tinged with sorrow; with whom the memories will conjure up perhaps overwhelming longings; who will scarcely have the heart for joining with others who make merry. True, but the Love which came down at Christmas is for them as well and without it they would indeed be forlorn and bereft of hope. The myrrh was one of the significant offerings to the Holy Child, the prophetic symbol of the endurance of grief for the sake of sealing the joy which shall eclipse all earthly joys in the Heavenly Home.

And what of the ringers standing to the ropes for the Christmas services? We wish them, one and all, the real joys of the Festival and the best of music in their hearts. Sad it must be if any belfries are closed, or any ropes unmanned; either because of poor conditions or for lack of ringers: sadder still if for lack of comradeship.

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But here and now we shall expect the song to penetrate through the belfry, 'Peace on earth, goodwill among men.' This is the time to sink all differences and to make good any breaches existing. That is the ringers' part at Christmas-tide, those who know that the instruments they handle are not giving out 'hollow sounds of brass,' but the sure and lovely tones of the Christian call to praise and worship the God and King of Redeeming and Consoling Love.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	PETER BORDER	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Maximus as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker upon the 56th anniversary of their wedding.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

*CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	†GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
JOHN WALDEN	2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN	8
*GWEN I. RUSBY	3	*RAYMOND F. SMITH	9
*NORAH M. BIBBY	4	*‡SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	10
*WALTER TOMLINSON	5	HERBERT LOWMAN	11
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6	*STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ 100th peal. In memoriam Lewis Snell.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	PETER BORDER	7
MURIEL REAY	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 100th peal on the bells. First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Taylor.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	‡E. GEOFFREY BEYNON	6
PATRICIA M. BOURNE	2	‡DAVID J. MARSHALL	7
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	ENID L. ROBERTS	8
ROBERT J. STOKES	4	JACK R. WORRALL	9
†FRANK D. MACK	5	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ENID L. ROBERTS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. The first peal on ten bells by the Society.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

*RALPH F. LOWINGS	*Treble*	COLIN HARRISON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	†LEONARD J. HALL	7
BRIAN MARTIN	3	†HORACE J. MYATT	8
PAUL L. TAYLOR	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON	5	LESLIE W. STEVENS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	EWART H. EDGE	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	2	*WILLIAM A. FARMER	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	8
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	5	†RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 400th peal. The first peal of Surprise Royal rung in Shrewsbury.

Rung to mark the 100th birthday of Miss Annette Sandford, of Shrewsbury, and the 86th birthday of Mr. S. Jones, of Eccleston, Chester.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	*ERIC T. LEE	5
*ERNEST TREAGUS	2	†W. LESLIE WELLER	6
†GEORGE FRANCIS	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First Surprise peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*SIDNEY H. BARRON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	5
FRANK LINFOOT	2	ALBERT W. BOND	6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
ARNOLD ROTHERY	4	*HENRY H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major. This peal contains 2,528 changes of each method with 18 changes of method.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

NORMAN V. HARDING	*Treble*	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to mark the birth this day of a son, John William, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Taylor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	FRANK C. CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the Rt. Rev. John Jamison Willis, C.B.E., D.P., formerly Assistant Bishop of Leicester.

SOWTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Dec. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DEREK REEKS	*Treble*	ARTHUR TAPLEY	5
ARTHUR GOODING	2	JOHN SALWAY	6
WILFRED PANTER	3	WILLIAM REEKS	7
WILLIAM SELDON	4	LEONARD BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM REEKS.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Reeks, whose son rang the treble. Also a 70th birthday compliment to William Seldon.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES BAILEY	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. The 27-course composition contains 2nd 3 courses only in 6ths.

Rung for the centenary of the augmentation of the bells to eight.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	FRANK LORD	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	6
HARRY HALL	3	JACK BRAY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung for the christening of Anne Victoria Worley, the conductor's first grandchild.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*JEAN A. KIRKMAN	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
MRS. M. I. PAILING	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT	3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*NORMAN J. SMITH	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	*JOHN N. DISERENS	6
*GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
†CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

DEREK NORRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	5
LEONARD MANNERING	2	RONALD T. NORRIS	6
PERCY J. SPICE	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
THOMAS BEAUMONT	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

75th peal as conductor.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 3,552 Cambridge and 1,536 Superlative, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*EDMUND A. MALIN	*Treble*	†TREVOR REYNOLDS	5
*DEREK J. TRANTER	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
*ALAN A. ELSMORE	3	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
*J. DENNIS HOLDEN	4	*HARRY GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

Method arrangement (C.C.C. note on p. 58).

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor, first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Society, and rung by a resident band at the first attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Knight, of Wolverhampton.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

SAMUEL JONES	*Treble*	*OSWALD CLAYBROOK	5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE	2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
*ARTHUR B. CLOSE	4	†GEORGE PUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Treble*	†MONTAGUE J. SOPER	5
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	2	CHARLES W. WARD	6
*TRUDY NEWCOMBE	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
†JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4	*JAMES E. WEEKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

A birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer. Also a wedding compliment to her sister, married this day at Bulawayo, South Africa.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT ST. OLAVE'S CHURCH, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.

WILFRID WILLIAMS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. CECIL	5
HERBERT LANGDON	2	ALFRED B. PECK	6
BROOKE K. LUNN	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
HORACE BELCHER	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung at the Parish Church of the Corporation of Trinity House in honour of the 80th birthday anniversary of the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Churchill, K.G., Prime Minister, and senior Elder Brother of Trinity House.

PENTRE, RHONDDA, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	GRAHAM R. EYLES	6
J. ARTHUR HOARE	3	DAVID J. KING	7
ROBERT E. COLES	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	DAVID CORNWALL	5
WALTER LEE	2	WALTER AVERY	6
DOREEN COKER	3	JOHN D. KAPE	7
ANTHONY E. COX	4	*BERNARD C. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	GORDON C. GRAHAM	5
WILLIAM LANCASTER	2	*MAURICE BAILEY	6
SYDNEY J. MERRY	3	*BENJAMIN BARKER	7
*MARK J. BARKER	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DOVERIDGE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 different extents, 960 changes each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, 480 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

VIVIENNE HORTON	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	3
ALAN FOSTER	2	SAMPSON WALKLATE	4
		DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in six Doubles methods for the Association and by all except conductor.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DORIS MARSHALL	*Treble*	*GEORGE CHALLANS	4
FREDERICK FLINT	2	ARNOLD HILL	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill, K.G.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID G. WRIGHT	*Treble*	‡GEORGE OLIVER	4
†DOREEN M. GIBBONS	2	JACK R. WORRALL	5
JOHN A. MARTIN	3	ROY COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
JOHN VERNON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
WILLIAM THORNELY	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. L. Alldread, who after the peal entertained the band to tea.

ELTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents: 10 each (four callings) of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 12 (ten callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ROY MARSDEN	*Treble*	†JOHN F. MURFIN (13)	3
ALAN FOSTER	2	DEREK P. JONES	4
		DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in four Doubles methods. The first peal on the bells.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	ROGER SAVORY	5
JOHN THOMAS	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ROYSTON, NEAR BARNSLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Albans, Neasden, Wragby, Oxford, London Scholars, Kingston and Sandal. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES W. BUXTON	*Treble*	DANIEL SMITH	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	HERMAN RUSBY	5
FRED COWLING	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
Rung in memoriam Harry Spencer, a ringer of Sandal, near Wakefield, who died suddenly on November 29th.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*KEITH F. BONAS	*Treble*	*DONALD A. MORTLOCK	4
E. JACK PARISH	2	†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal. † First peal in two methods.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Primrose and Ipswich Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST BRITTAIN	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	4
RONALD C. NOON	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
FRED BRIGHTMAN	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
Ernest Brittain has now 'circled' the tower twice, and Fred Brightman and Stanley E. Bennett have both 'circled' the tower.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	ALLAN WILSON	4
*ANNE READ	2	JOHN NEWBERT	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* First peal.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	*Treble*	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	4
COLIN CONWAY	2	*BRIAN GRINTER	5
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
* First peal of Minor.

CRONDALL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*DUGALD MACPHERSON	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	4
†MONICA E. COLLINS	2	E. JOHN WELLS	5
EILEEN M. TURNER	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal in three methods on the bells.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. BRYAN SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
SIMON L. BARLEY	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	J. LESLIE SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
A birthday compliment to J. Bryan Smith and his first peal away from cover bell.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JANICE E. GRENHAM	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4
BETTY M. VIDLER	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal. Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert, mother of the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
WILLIAM HALL	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
Rung for the seventh anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT 51, DOVER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*TREVOR A. CROSS	1—2	†GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3—4
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	5—6		

Conducted by C. S. JARRETT. Witness: MRS. A. E. BUTCHER.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor 'in hand,' also 250th peal.

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AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Kirby 1, M. Sinfield 2, A. Murphy 3, A. C. Sinfield (cond.) 4, C. Mann 5, B. Holder 6. For the patronal festival.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Fenn 1, S. T. Ford 2, Christine Ford 3, R. W. Stannard 4, A. W. Beard 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, E. G. Cottis 8. First in method for 2 and 3.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wingrove 1, M. Swift (first of Minor) 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, A. Bridges 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6, A. Slade (first quarter) 7. Rung, with tenor covering, for Confirmation service.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Saggers 1, W. B. Judd 2, C. S. Hoad 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, W. H. Inwood 6, F. T. Hoad 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Stephenson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Thompson 2, Miss J. Cox (first 'inside' of Major) 3, P. Brown 4, Miss M. Ward 5, Miss M. Andrews 6, D. Beresford (cond.) 7, P. Beresford 8. For Confirmation service.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 540 Grandsire, 240 St. Simon's): F. Bradley 1, A. Smithson (cond.) 2, D. Armstrong 3, W. Riley 4, A. Wheeler 5. For evening service.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,246 Spliced Triples (11 methods): A. Mallen 1, F. Jukes 2, J. Lloyd 3, A. Peakman 4, T. Hemming 5, B. Lawton 6, C. Skidmore (cond.) 7, S. Mallen 8. For the dedication of the new organ by the Bishop of Stafford.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Sims 1, K. Everett 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, H. Stebbings 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, G. Rouse (first of Kent as cond.) 6.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Miss V. Flint (first quarter) 1, W. Broadhead 2, F. Cowling 3, I. Crossland 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: R. Lowle 1, P. Mogg 2, D. French 3, W. Mogg 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, C. Ridout 6. First in the method for all. For Confirmation service.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Miles 1, Miss Skeet 2, M. Jennings 3, G. Jennings 4, W. Slaughter (cond.) 5, S. Arnold 6, B. Moore 7, A. Stoner 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, Miss B. Sanger 2, D. Hill 3, R. Crago 4, A. Sanger 5, J. Badman 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, F. Field 8. Rung for Matins, and in honour of the 80th birthday of Fred Reakes, who, after nearly 50 years' ringing, is still a regular Sunday service ringer in this tower.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): J. Lindsey 1, D. Mettham 2, H. Collins 3, W. Weston 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival, and for the Prime Minister's 80th birthday.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Cherry 1, R. Head 2, K. C. Timbury 3, W. F. Todd 4, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 1st, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: R. Prime (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, W. Kerrison 3, G. A. Sutherland 4, R. S. Payne 5, E. J. Thurlow 6, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 7, H. Wm. Barrett 8.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Hilda M. Snowden 1, A. Catterwell 2, F. Claydon 3, H. G. Felton 4, J. H. Brett 5, L. W. Wiffen 6, W. Arnold 7, Hilda G. Snowden (cond.) 8. Rung with clappers half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. R. A. Butler, whose funeral took place this day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, J. Fowler 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For the civic service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Dec. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss L. Allen 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Before morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HUNTSHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. P. Bolt 1, V. Bolt 2, Miss J. Lewis 3, A. Cook 4, J. Kelland (cond.) 5, Miss D. Lewis 6. First quarter 1 and 2. By Sunday service band.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 780 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, M. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Burroughs 3, Miss S. A. Richardson 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: L. Batley 1, R. Smith 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, C. Hughes 4, D. Beard 5, C. Wilmington 6, E. Smith 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Brown (aged 70, first quarter) 1, C. Bailey 2, S. W. Copling 3, C. Goodman 4, M. Goodman 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: B. Walshaw 1, H. Reynolds 2, F. Barraclough 3, G. Pye 4, H. Melbourn 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pye 7, A. Ward 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10. Rung as a farewell to H. Melbourn, who sails for Australia on December 24th.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kirby 1, A. C. Sinfield (cond.) 2, M. A. C. Sinfield 3, M. J. Lockey 4, R. J. Sharp 5, A. Murphy 6, C. Mann 7, S. Sharp 8. A birthday compliment to C. W. Sinfield, father of the conductor and grandfather of the ringer of the 3rd.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hulbert 1, Miss J. Powell 2, Miss D. Atwell 3, J. E. Morgan 4, Miss J. S. Evans 5, G. Jenkins 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, G. Skidmore 8. Rung for the 89th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Skull (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, P. L. Baycock (first in method 'inside') 3, Mary F. Lawrence 4, J. R. Lofty 5, P. J. Coles 6, J. G. Hall 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Sanderson 1, Miss I. Werrett 2, R. Dixon 3, I.Werrett 4, H. Werrett 5, W. Hitch (cond.) 6, M. Collings 7, Miss J. Merrill 8. For morning service.

PENTRE, GLAM.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Jones (first quarter) 1, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 2, R. Brabham 3, T. Edwards 4, K. Jones 5, J. Lovett 6, K. Hartnoll 7, H. Crabb 8. Rung for Evensong.

PLYMOUTH.—On Dec. 2nd, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Muriel McClellend (first quarter) 1, A. Weatherly 2, W. J. Harvey 3, F. E. Day 4, G. Goddard 5, H. H. Thomas 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, R. F. Hocking (first quarter) 8. Rung for Confirmation service, at which two young ringers, Sylvia Sims and Elizabeth Lydon, were confirmed by the Bishop of Plymouth

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PETERBOROUGH.—On Nov. 30th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bell 1, R. Morgan 2, H. Goakes 3, G. Bush 4, L. Hadman 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6, J. Haw 7, F. Boyall 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Sir Winston Churchill.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sargent 1, D. Gare 2, F. Andrews 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, C. Thomas 5, J. Rendell 6. A 69th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Mead, a ringer for 55 years.

SOWERBY, YORKS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Lumb 1, C. F. Sutcliffe 2, G. A. Briggs 3, D. Hoyle 4, K. Harrison 5, T. H. Brown 6, P. Carter (cond.) 7, E. Wilde 8. First quarter peal rung on the bells since being recast and rehung. Rung by the local band.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cavill 1, E. Ford 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. Ford (first as cond.) 5, R. Ford 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. First quarter 'inside' 2 and 3.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robson 1, Miss E. M. Perrin 2, Miss P. Lentz 3, I. M. Parry (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, F. Riddleston 6. First quarter by local band since rebuilding of spire.

ST. ALBANS, HERT.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Trples: J. Ewer (15, first quarter) 1, H. E. C. Goodenough 2, G. Dodds 3, Mrs. J. Dodds 4, Geo. Blake 5, R. F. Ewer 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, R. H. Hofton 8. A birthday compliment to Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Reynolds 1, Rhoda Brown 2, J. P. Morriss 3, W. E. Clark 4, A. E. Flatters 5, A. H. Bennett 6, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Pitman 1, R. Perry 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, C. Deem 4, J. Carter 5, J. Quick 6. First in method for all except 3 and 6. Also 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Skinner 1, R. Pitman (first 'inside') 2, J. Carter 3, R. Perry 4, C. Deem 5, J. Quick (cond.) 6.

WALMER, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. M. Stephens 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. A. Rye 5, P. J. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence 7, E. T. Dixon 8. First of Stedman for 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. A 61st birthday compliment to Lt.-Col. H. A. C. Webber, churchwarden.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, Mrs. P. J. Moore 3, S. N. Bristow (first of Stedman) 4, G. J. Gammon 5, A. J. North 6, F. W. Slocombe (cond.) 7, D. W. Lentell 8. For the wedding of Gordon Walford and Miss S. Burton.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,320 Minor (720 Frodsham Bob and 600 St. Clement's): Mary Fuller 1, A. S. Richards 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Fuller 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. First extent of Frodsham for all.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, D. Staples 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. A. Gower (first quarter) 1, W. J. Lancefield 2, C. T. Hillis 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. P. Garner 5, A. J. Lancefield 6. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: Mrs. Sinden 1, Mrs. Devenish 2, P. Devenish 3, M. Sinden 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, J. Tomsett 7, J. Brickell 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Old, 240 April Day, 300 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): F. Patrick (first in four methods) 1, L. Olliffe 2, E. J. Hill (first as cond.) 3, J. Coggins 4, G. Wright 5, D. Smith (first quarter) 6.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,280 Bob Major: G. D. Whalley 1, E. A. Edge 2, Rachel M. Snell, Shelagh C. Collins 4, P. S. Whalley 5, D. R. Whalley 6, W. Massey 7, G. W. Biddulph 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Price 1, Mrs. I. Beechey 2, R. Brice 3, H. Marshall 4, D. E. Vowles 5, M. O. Davis 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, S. Smith (first quarter) 8. Rung for the birthdays of the ringers of 2 and 7, and for the treble ringer's daughter, Bridget.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Three towers were available at the last meeting of the above Society on December 4th at All Saints' (8) in the afternoon, and Sheffield Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) in the evening. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major, Cinques and Maximus.

In his address of welcome, after tea in All Saints' Institute, the Vicar (the Rev. M. Penfold) said how pleased he was that his own ringers were always well represented at the church services, and he expressed appreciation of the ringers' services, which, he said, were an important branch of church work.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held at Dore on January 1st. The modern ring of eight bells at this church has not been rung for some time and it is hoped that this meeting will stimulate ringing activities there.

N. C.

NETHERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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Rung at Netherton, October 30th, 1954

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' December 25th, 1914

WALTHAM ABBEY BELLS

Ring Increased to Twelve

The dedication [of the new ring] took place on Thursday afternoon of last week . . . . and immediately after the service the following band of College Youths rang five courses of Stedman Cinques: E. Horrex 1, E. Gibbs 2, W. Garrard 3, H. Pasmore 4, H. Springall 5, W. A. Alps 6, E. Wallage 7, C. F. Winney (conductor) 8, C. Burden 9, T. H. Taffender 10, H. R. Newton 11, A. B. Peck 12.

[This was the third ring of 12 to be dedicated during a period of 15 months in Essex, a county which formerly possessed none at all, and which has had no further such augmentation since. Whether 12 bells in a tower are necessarily an asset is a matter of opinion, however.]

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

New Secretary for Aylesbeare Branch

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch at its annual meeting on December 3rd at Woodbury elected a new secretary. Mr. Brian Pidgeon felt he could not continue in office as he was living out of the Branch's area. Mr. R. Perry was appointed his successor. The Ringing Master, Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill, who was re-elected, thanked Mr. Pidgeon for all the work he had done for the Branch during his 12 years in office. The chairman, the Rev. H. V. Christie, was also re-elected.

Three certificates were presented to members of the Branch by the Guild president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) and three new members were elected.

The chairman thanked the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Osmond) for conducting the service, and also the organist. The ladies who provided such an enjoyable tea were also thanked. East Budleigh was chosen for the next meeting on March 5th.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was directed by Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Forty-four members and friends attended the meeting at Pocklington on November 13th, a village noted for its good teas, which on this occasion well maintained the tradition, thanks to local ringers' wives.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and the service was conducted by Canon F. Richardson (Vicar). At the business meeting an address was given by Mr. A. Taylor, a member of the committee, on attendances and work of the Society. Further ringing on the bells concluded a successful meeting.

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Mr. Percy D. Baldock, of Stamford, has left hospital after having two major operations and is now progressing slowly but satisfactorily.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Sowerby, where a quarter peal was scored after two attempts for a full peal had come to grief, is the village in the West Riding of Yorkshire where William Sottenstall lived, and St. Peter's is the church where he rang when he compiled his book on 'Bell Ringing.' He was here laid to rest. The bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and were dedicated by the Bishop of Wakefield on July 4th.

Miss Valerie Flint, daughter of the Vicar of Cawthorne, has scored her first quarter peal after only five weeks' experience of change ringing.

Mr. D. R. Whalley, of 77, Dunsdale View, Porthill, Stoke-on-Trent, is 'The Ringing World' correspondent for the North Staffs Association.

With the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on December 11th, Mr. Clifford A. Barron has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus in his native town of Shrewsbury.

Mr. A. Simpson, the conductor, has notified us that the peal rung at North Muskham on November 27th has since been proved false in the fourth 720. He apologises to the band.

The quarter peal at Queenborough, reported in our last issue, was also a compliment to Frank Fagg, the secretary of the Milton Regis band, and Brenda Harris, a member of the Queenborough band, on their engagement.

Mr. Trevor Reynolds, of Wolverhampton, has not only rung on all the ringable rings in Staffordshire, but by ringing at Leaton on December 4th also completed Shropshire. Congratulations. Leaton was also Mr. Clive M. Smith's (Lichfield) 275th tower this year. Has anyone rung in more than this number in any 12 months?

Mr. Sam Jones, of Eccleston, rang faultlessly in the peal for his 86th birthday and finished 'as fresh as a daisy.' The band joined in a birthday tea afterwards and sampled an excellent cake made by his grand-daughter, which carried the figure 86 in the icing, but not the appropriate number of candles!

There were ten first peals of Grandsire Cinques recorded in the peal at Lincoln Cathedral on December 11th.

Congratulations to John J. Jelley on ringing his 50th peal at the age of 16 years. He achieved this by taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Oakham, Rutland.

Congratulations to Mr. Charles E. J. Norris on completing 57 years' service at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Chatham. He joined as a choirboy in 1897. At the laying of the foundation stone of the tower in 1904 he left the choir and joined the belfry. He has served under nine rectors of Chatham.

A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on December 11th on the fine octave of St. Peter's Church, Pentre, Rhondda. The band would like to express its appreciation of the warm welcome extended by Mr. Harry Crabb and Mr. Joe Lovett, who had everything in readiness and who kindly entertained the band after the peal.

'One could hardly think that the 'oranges and lemons, said the bells of St. Clements', which used to peel out, would reappear, but if it did it would perhaps be a fitting monument to the bounty of the testatrix.'—'The Times' in the report on the bequest for restoration of St. Clement Danes' of nearly £27,000 which was held to be valid. A consolation to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' that some of the great ones at times have literals.

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THE BEAST AND THE BELL(E)

or THE TYRANT OF THE TOWER

A COMIC OPERA IN ONE ACT

By S. A. HILL

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

Despard (The tower captain).
Adam Brokenstay (An old ringer).
Jack Tittums, Stella Queens } (Strolling hand-bell ringers).
Anastasia (An old spinster ringer disguised as a bell-rope peddler).
1st tower snatcher.
2nd tower snatcher.
No chorus (Thank goodness).

The scenes take place before the tower of the small English village of Much Clattering.

Date: Before you were born anyway.

Any resemblance between characters in the opera and living persons is entirely intentional.

Scene: The tower of Much Clattering at the back and right. The tower captain's dwelling (a sumptuous villa) on the left. An old ringer (Adam) is seated outside the tower apparently asleep.

Enter Anastasia, and speaks through finale of overture which leads straight into first song.

An.: Bell-ropes. Who'll buy my fine bell-ropes?

She sees Adam, approaches him and, finding him apparently asleep, puts down her ropes, adopts a haughty attitude, advances to the centre of the stage and sings.

1. Tune: 'When our Gallant Norman Foes.'

Though in this ragged guise I stand before
your eyes,
No gypsy I, no peddler woman stupid.
A ringer see in me, of highest pedigree,
But victim to the subtle shaft of Cupid.
A week ago or two determined I to woo
The son of our renowned tower captain,
Himself a ringer true, and in the future due
To inherit the glory that his father now
is Wrapt in.

Chorus:

While ropes may rot and sallies wear
thin
My love-lorn quest I'll never give in.
I'll follow him from tower to tower.
Until again he's in my power.

But this eligible son was not so easy won.
For he'd an infantile infatuation
For a paltry village maid who hadn't I'm
afraid,
The advantage of my elevated station.
Wooing him availed me nought, so other
means I sought:
His father's assent and co-operation;
And ere the week was out I'd dispelled his
every doubt,
And secured the contract for our prompt
unification.

Chorus:

The wedding day arrived. The father, in
his pride,
Had spent a fortune on the preparation.
But when his son was sought, of his presence found we nought:
The lovers had effected an evasion.
Foiled of my amorous whim, I gathered
news of him.
As strolling hand-bell ringers they are posing.
But disguised by these old ropes I mean
to blast their hopes,
And catch my promised husband dozing.

Chorus:

A PLAGUE on all pretty maids. Time was when I was as fair as any of them. Once I was the most sought after maid in the parish, but none of my suitors was worthy of one so fair. But, just when I had made my choice and was awaiting the proposal, my father, then the tower captain and a person of considerable rank, authority (and means), happened to miscall a peal of Cambridge Royal after four hours and was demoted from captain to mat scrubber with corresponding reduction of income. For some incomprehensible reason my suitors deserted me in a body. I can only surmise that the shock of my father's fall caused a radical and disturbing change in my previous Venusian beauty. But ever since that day I have been seeking to regain my position in ringing society by marrying into a suitable family, and now that I have the marriage contract for my union with the son of a tower captain signed and sealed, no one shall thwart me of my desire.

I have reason to believe that the pair of them, Jack and his young lady, are even now in this village. I will to the local tavern to see if aught is known of them. EXIT.

Enter Jack and Stella left, carrying six hand-bells. Stella is leaning on Jack.

S.: Let's rest for a moment, Jack. I feel a little tired. (She sits down, exhausted.)

J. Very well. Stella, I suppose it is inevitable that one should feel tired after tramping 30 miles in a morning, but I dare not rest long while Anastasia is following us. I had hopes of tiring her out, but women of her calibre seem to have the wind of a horse—and the face. But I believe we have at last managed to evade her.

S.: Oh! Jack, I do hope so.
(Jack sits down beside her.)

J.: None shall part us, Stella. Let us see the vicar at once, and by noon, if all goes well, we shall be man and wife.

S.: Oh! Jack.
(They embrace.)

S.: (Suddenly jumping up.) Jack! I have just remembered. We have no money to pay the marriage fees.

J.: Good heavens. You're right. We must make some at once. But there seems to be only this old man that we could ring for, and he is sleeping so soundly it would be a shame to awaken him.

(Adam yawns, stretches, and rises. He sees J. and S., apparently only then aware of their presence.)

A.: Why, good morning. And who may you be, pray?

J.: This is Stella Queens, and I am Jack Tittums.

A.: Adam Brokenstay at your service. But did I not hear you say that you are hand-bell ringers?

J.: You did not, sir. But we are.

A.: Then I would hear you ring. Come, I will join you.
(They ring some rounds, very badly.)
Well done, well done. Here (He gives Jack a purse), buy the young lady a wedding ring.
(Jack looks at him in surprise.)

J.: Then you were not asleep after all. (A. winks.)

S.: We can never thank you enough.

A.: Come, we will ring some more.
(They recommence. Despard storms out of his house.)

D.: Whatever is this jangling din, this terrifying tintinnabulation, this . . . (sees Stella.) Oho! What have we here?

J.: We are two strolling hand-bell ringers, sir. I, Jack Tittums, and this, Stella Queens.

D, (looking hard at Stella): Delighted, I'm sure.

J.: And pray whom have we the honour of addressing?

D.: You don't know? Then listen, and I will tell you.

2. Tune: 'A More Humane Mikado.'

A more beloved tower captain never
did exist.
To nobody second, I'm certainly reckoned a true campanologist.
(Aside) (I rule this tower and ringers cower
beneath my biting tongue.
At any error they shrink in terror and
wish they'd never rung.)
I any means employ, none can my intent cloy,
To make this tower a heavenly bower
and ringing here a joy.
A close community in perfect amity,
I and my band go hand in hand (unless they me annoy).
(The man who makes seconds a time
too often
While ringing a touch of Kent,
The troublesome fellow will turn
green and yellow
When I my anger vent.)
In concord we ring and will do anything
Each other to aid, and quite rightly;
If one loses his place I don't swear
in his face
But merely correct him politely.
(The fool who runs in when he should
have made 3rds,
Or behind for a time should have
waited,
Dare not show his face again in the
place
Until my fierce temper's abated.
And if in Bob Doubles he misses a
dodge
Or something else quite as fantastical,
The rage I develop that will him envelop
Is positively demonastical.)
I any means employ, none can my
intent cloy,
To make this tower a heavenly bower
and ringing here a joy.
A close community in perfect amity,
I and my band go hand in hand;
Our bond none may destroy.

J.: Why, sir, it is for such a happy and amicable community that we are searching. Would it be possible for us to join your band?

D.: But, of course. And until you find other accommodation pray use this, my humble dwelling, as your home.

J.: You are generosity itself.

D.: Think nothing of it. Now I'm sure you will not say no to a little refreshment. Adam, take these young people down to the 'Bob and Single' and buy them some dinner.
(He gives Adam some money.)

A. (gruffly): Aye. (Aside to D.) I think I see your evil intentions, Despard. Take thought ere ye do what you may regret.

D.: Keep thy advice for thyself, old man. Now begone.
(Exeunt Adam, Jack and Stella.)

D.: Meddlesome old bob-caller! But this Stella be as fair a maid as ever I set eye upon. And how lucky to have caught the eye of one of my wealth and position. Now that my ambition to become tower captain has been fulfilled, a wife is all I

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need to complete my conquests. When I was first introduced to a bell-rope, I swore I should reach the rank of tower captain whether worthy of the position or not, for only in such a position could I rule the ringing community and at the same time not have to do too much ringing myself. (I hate exerting myself.) I decided that, on the death of my foster-father, then captain, all I needed to do was to convince the other ringers that I was exceptionally well versed in the craft and I would be elected. So it turned out. When I quoted long passages of Troyte and Snowdon, and spoke in airy terms of Yorkshire, Superlative and London, I was elected at once. As they never ring anything but Plain Bob and Grandsire, I was on perfectly safe ground.

3. Tune: 'If You're Anxious for to Shine.'

When you're anxious to advance you must
lead them all a dance
With your ringing knowledge rare.
You must know your Jasper Snowdon and
be sure of all Troyte's lowdown,
Strip the Central Council bare.
You must know your early history and
have a mental list of the
Forefathers of our intellectual craft;
Be able to review all methods old and
new
However weird or daft.
And everyone you meet will gape as you
repeat
How so-and-so did this and that at such
and such a time.
Astonishing perhaps, but of irrelevance
sublime.

And then if you are pally with Picasso,
Klee and Dali
It will prove of priceless worth,
For it's easy then to sham a method diagram
Of surrealistic birth.
If you're able to devise a cubist York
Surprise
Everybody will be eloquent in praise.
And nothing could be finer than a Double
Court Bob Minor
In a purely abstract phase.
And everyone will stare at those lines of
beauty rare;
And even though it's bound to be away
beyond them far,
Your skill they'll never doubt and so loud
your praises shout
That your progress none can mar.

But soft. Here comes Stella alone. Now is my opportunity.
(Enter Stella.)
Stella—may I call you thus?

S.: Why, of course, sir.

D.: Stella, know that ever since I first set eyes upon you, I have been consumed by a burning passion. I love you, Stella, with a fervent, undying love. You shall have everything you desire. Your every wish shall be my command; and you will receive all the honours accorded to the wife of the highest official in the tower. Now, what sayest thou?

S.: Sir, please do not speak to me of love. Why, I have only known you a few minutes and—my heart is already given.

D.: Given? To whom?

S.: To dear Jack, my companion.

D.: Then you actually refuse me?

S.: It is for the good of both of us, sir.

4. Tune: 'Kind Sir, You Cannot Have the Heart'

Kind sir, you cannot have a mind our
lives to bind;
I am a poor and lowly maid and unworthy.
You t'would degrade and probably bring
misery
To many other loving hearts more suited
for thee.
There must be many maids in Clattering
love you,
So why not seek a wife from those well-favoured ladies.
Before your own career you stem, do look
at them
And pause ere you make up your mind
and ere too late 'tis.
Ah me! 'Tis true though high and low
be wed,
That gulf no bridge can span until sweet
life is fled.

(Exit Stella.)

D.: She spurns my love. This is an insult I cannot brook. But she *will* be my wife, that I swear. And as for her companion . . .
(Enter Anastasia, unseen.)
I'll break his bones, I'll rend him limb from limb. . . .

An.: What truly admirable passion. At last I have found a man worthy of my love.

D.: I'll hang him from the top of the tower and leave him till the crows peck out his eyes. . . .

An.: O rapture! O bliss!

D.: Worst torture of all: He shall be made to sit through a peal of Minor rung by our own band.
(He laughs devilishly at the thought.)

An.: O bliss! O rapture!
(She falls noisily in a fit of ecstasy.)

D. (noticing her for the first time): Why, whoever's this?
(He walks over to her.)

An. (faintly): Buy a bell-rope, sir.

D.: Bell-ropes? We've no need of thy wares here, old hag. Come. (Helps her up with considerable difficulty.) Take thy moulting sallies elsewhere. You're littering the street.
(She stares adoringly into his eyes for a moment and then exits slowly as if in a daze.)

D.: How very strange. But now I must retire for forty winks while my brain devises some devilish scheme to effect my desires. (Exits into his house.)
(Enter the two Tower Snatchers, wearing shorts, ankle socks and Y.H.A. badges, and with billies dangling from their belts to indicate their calling, with their coat collars turned up to indicate their criminal tendencies. They approach the centre of the stage furtively and sing:)

5. Tune: 'Twenty Love-sick Maidens We.'

(Both) Ruthless tower snatchers we,
Criminals against our will:
Twenty years hence we shall be
Ruthless tower snatchers still.
Ruthless tower snatchers we;
Damned forever now we be.
Ruthless tower snatchers we,
And of crime we drink our fill.
Twenty years hence we shall be
Ruthless tower snatchers still.

(1st T.S.) Babes, we were kidnapped and transported then.

(Both) Ah miserie.

(1st T.S.) By tower snatchers unto their dark den.

(Both) Ah miserie.

(2nd T.S.) Thus we, by stroke of fate, in that company were dropt;
We had no option that life to adopt.

(Both) Ah miserie.
Would that innocent were we,
But irredeemable we be.
Beyond hope now we are,
We have sunk down far too far.
Ah miserie.
Ruthless tower snatchers we,
Criminals against our will.
Twenty years hence we shall be
Ruthless tower snatchers still.
Ah miserie.

(1st T.S.) (In alarm.) Someone comes.
They hurry to the seat before the tower and hide behind it, raising their heads slowly over the back to observe. Despard enters, groaning and holding his head.)

6. Tune: 'Love unrequited robs me of my rest.'

Terrible nightmares numb my aching brain;
Bells, ever bells, my thoughts confused encumber;
Bells, and more bells; bells and more bells again,
Dozens, scores, hundreds, bells without number.

You're lying awake with a dismal headache, indigestion your torments enhancing.
You open your eyes and note with surprise a bell on the counterpane dancing.
It's followed by more until there's a score of them dancing Quadrilles on the sheeting.
With a jangling din they polka and spin; it sounds just like a Quarterly Meeting.
You think you're in bed but you find that instead you are ringing a quarter of Norwich
On bells odd-struck and tinny, which make such a din even you'd prefer eating cold porridge.
There's a pain in your head and your bell is like lead while the serpentine rope tries to strangle you.
You thrust it away but try as you may the slippery coils still entangle you.
A hideous face suspended in space, devil-featured, with horns like a viking.
Thrills you with fear as it screams in your ear that spine-chilling phrase: 'Watch your striking.'
You're beginning to reel when the rope slips the wheel and your wild clutching hands fail to check it;
The bell crashes back, hits the stay with a crack that is more than sufficient to wreck it.
While you're still in a daze all the sliders and stays shower down like a hail-storm around you,
While a rainbow-hued sally (who's been to the ballet) does dances that really astound you.
But now your spine tingles as fierce bobs and singles swarm into the belfry before you,
While headstocks and bearings with shriekings and glarings show plainly how much they abhor you.
Now the clappers appear, and they yell in your ear as their leader with malice arranges
With all of his might to madden you quite with some devilish forms of call-changes.
Amid lightning and thunder, the clappers fall under the galloping feet of the handbells
Who, with metal-parts gleaming, run off, brightly beaming, to a Sunday School Treat in St. Anne's Wells.

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You're on your last legs, and your throbbing brain begs for just one minute's rest while the fear in your breast makes you tremble and sweat for what's to come yet as those torturing bells tolling, tolling their knells lead you plainly to see what the ending will be, for your sanity's going and rapidly flowing away is your strength and you know that at length you will have to awake or expire.
But the dream's at an end; your frayed nerves can mend;
The nightmare's been long, and so has my song, and thank goodness I now can retire.

But away with these fears and mournful thoughts. I must think of some way to secure Stella's hand. If only I could enlist the aid of some good honest criminals.

(T.S.s look at each other, and then emerge from their place of concealment.)

1st T.S.: Er . . . .

D.: (turning and noticing them) Well?

1st T.S.: We happened, purely by accident, to overhear your latter remark. You see before you two of the honestest criminals in the underworld. Can we be of any assistance to you?

D.: What a providential occurrence. Now this is the dirty deed I desire done. . . .
(They go into a huddle from which evil laughs and anticipative hand-rubbings emerge at intervals.) . . . Here are 20 crowns. Another 50 await you when all is accomplished.

2nd T.S.: The deed is good as done.

6.5 Tune: 'Hereupon we both agree.'

(T.S.s) Hereupon we are agreed
For a small consideration
To execute the deed
Without more investigation.
(1st T.S.) The maiden we shall find,
(2nd T.S.) Her companion there with her;
(1st) The latter we shall bind.
(2nd) And bring the maid hither.
(Both) Then returning,
(D.) I'll be yearning.
(T.S.s) With our capture.
(D.) Oh rapture!
(All) What a deed of villainy;
Worst we've e'er done, and we've done many.
Deed tremendous, Heav'n defend us,
What a deed of villainy.

(D. re-enters house, and T.S.s hide behind seat.)

(Enter Stella and Jack.)

J.: All is arranged. In half an hour, Stella, you will be my very own little wife.

S.: And you, Jack, will be my own tall, strong and handsome husband.
(They have a fervent embrace.)

7. Tune: 'What ought we to do?'

(1st T.S.) See them hug and pet. What a pretty sight.
We cannot bash him yet. 'Twould not be polite.
(2nd T.S.) Let us wait until they've done their bit of singing, and meantime we will discuss the local ringing.
(Both) Yes, yes, discuss the local ringing.
(1st T.S.) Are you aware dear brother mine
How very singularly fine
These bells of Clattering must sound
To anyone that's underground?
(2nd T.S.) Quite so, and with me you'll agree
How sweet their sound must also be
To all those people, overjoyed,
Who of their hearing are devoid.
(Both) Upon this point we both agree.
How joyful deaf and dead must be
That while in torment dire are we,
They of the ghastly din are free.
Yes on this point, etc.
(S.) Did ever learner under such a knowing tutor
Find in him an ardent, tender, loving suitor?
Was ever ringer, dodging being her usual duty,
Called to course with one of such exceeding beauty?
(J.) Ah yes, ah yes, I have exceeding beauty.
(T.S.s are about to leap out, but J. and S. embrace again. T.S.s repeat song.)
(1st T.S.) Are you aware, etc.
(J.) Did ever ringer in the hunt for love's devotion
Of such superlative loveliness e'er have a notion?
(T.S.s) Are you aware, etc.
(S.) Was ever ringer, dodging being her usual duty,
Called to course with one of such exceeding beauty,
Ah yes, ah yes, ah yes.
(J.) Did ever ringer in the hunt for love's devotion.
Of such superlative loveliness e'er have a notion?
Ah yes, ah yes, ah yes.

(T.S.s now leap on Jack. Stella screams and runs off, followed by 1st T.S. 2nd T.S. knocks Jack unconscious with his cosh (a sally), D. emerges from his house and helps him carry Jack inside. Enter Adam.)

A.: Very strange. I was sure I heard a great commotion. What could it have been?
(He looks round, and then draws into the shadow of the tower as D. and 2nd T.S. reappear.)

D.: (To T.S.) Quickly, follow them.
(T.S. exits.)
Now that Jack is safely under lock and key, I can proceed with my plans. I shall inform Stella that unless she consents to marry me, Jack will die in awful agony. She will have to consent.
(Enter T.S.s with Stella, struggling.)

S.: Unhand me, you villains.
(She tears herself free and runs to Despard.)
Sir, save me from these uncouth persons and help me to find and rescue poor Jack, whom they have cruelly and maliciously assaulted.

D.: There, there. (To T.S.s). Here is your fee. Now go, but do not leave the village. I may need you again.
(Exit T.S.s.)
Stella, once I asked you to marry me, but you refused.

S.: I did.

D.: I make you that offer again. Will you, of your own free will, accept me as your husband?

S.: Sir, you know that I cannot. But please help me to find and rescue poor Jack.

D.: 'Poor Jack' is in my power. In the tower behind you are, as you know, six bells. The tenor is at this moment up, and a noose in the end of the rope encircles Jack's neck. At a word from me the bell will be pulled off, and . . .

S.: (horrified) You monster.

D.: That is as may be. But as it only requires your assent to our union to bring about his immediate release, I am confident that he has many years of happy ringing ahead of him.

S.: You leave me no choice.
(Exeunt D. and S.)

(Enter Jack from Despard's house.)

J.: The villain. So he was misleading us all the time. And now he hires two assassins to liquidate me and bear Stella away. But I'll catch him yet. It takes more than a broken skull and strangled neck to incapacitate Jack Tittums.

A.: (Emerging from concealment) Young sir.

J.: Yes?

8. Tune: 'Kind Captain, I've Important Information.'

(A.) Young Sir, I've some important information:
Sing hey, the Tower Tyrant and the Belle.
About a certain forthcoming relation;
Sing hey, the Tower Tyrant and the Belle.
(D.) Good fellow, if my Stella it's concerning,
Sing hey, the Tower Tyrant and the Belle;
For any information I am yearning.
Sing hey, the Tower Tyrant and the Belle.
(A.) Young sir, that tyrant Despard is a-heading,
Ring hey, the merry, merry wedding bell.
Within the hour your Stella to be wedding.
Ring hey, the merry, merry wedding bell.
(J.) Good fellow, you have given timely warning,
Ring hey, the merry, merry wedding bell.
By supper time your captain you'll be mourning.
Ring hey, the doleful, doleful funeral bell.

(During the last chorus, Despard enters with the T.S.s and directs them to the seat, behind which they conceal themselves unobserved. He exits, and returns at the end of the song with Stella. When she catches sight of Jack, she runs to him and they embrace.)

S.: Oh Jack; Are you all right?

J.: Perfectly, apart from a fractured skull and lacerated larynx.

D.: Well, hug and kiss as much as you like. But remember, Stella, I have your promise and in a few minutes you will wed me.

J.: Stella. How could you?

S.: I had no choice, Jack. He told me that unless I assented you would be hung from the tenor bell.

J.: The scoundrel! He merely locked me in the bathroom, from which I managed to escape without assistance.

S.: But Jack, what are we to do? I have given my word, and must therefore marry him.

J.: There seems to be but one solution. Despard alive you must marry. But Despard dead. . . .
(He makes as if to attack D., but Adam intervenes.)

A.: Wait a moment, Jack. That will not help. If a dead Despard cannot marry Stella, neither can a Jack convicted of murder. No, there is only one solution. I am an old man and, although I do not wish to die, if in that way I can bring happiness to two young wives, it will be worth the sacrifice.

S.: Whatever do you mean?

A.: Listen, and you will find out.
(Anastasia has now entered and is also listening with interest.)

9. Tune: 'When Frederic was a Little Lad.'

Long years ago, twenty maybe, when I was fairly handsome,
My three small sons were kidnapped and held to a costly ransome.
I was an impecunious man (rope-splicing then my trade was),
And all my hard-earned savings but one third it I'm afraid was.
And so I managed to reclaim the eldest of my brood, sir,
The others ne'er saw again, though I did all I could, sir.

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Now only child, the one redeemed received all my affection,
Spoilt he became, and soon 'twas clear to anyone's inspection
That his mad jokes were now beyond the realms of infant pranking,
And all were soon aware how ineffectual was spanking.
At last they caught him in the act of melting down the treble.
The penalty of death was duly passed upon the rebel.

One night I managed to release him from his prison cheerless.
For miles we galloped; through it all my infant son was fearless.
I left him on the doorstep of the captain in this parish,
Who took him in and on him all his loving care did lavish.
Return I could not as there was a price upon my head, sir;
Old Adam I became, and let my friends think I was dead, sir.

My true identity I ne'er revealed to my son though,
For even if he was exposed, yet I would still be safe so.
What love of mine for my own son at this sad time remained
Was lost when the exalted rank of Captain he attained.
For this oppressive despot, this tyrant is my son, sir.
And now you may do what you will. My story now is done, sir.

So you see that Despard is a wanted man, and I, as accessory, must suffer the same fate.

D.: (Who, as Adam's song proceeded, was more and more affected until he finally collapsed into Anastasia's arms) To think that for all these years my own father has been living in the same village but would not own me because of my despotic nature. What a monster I must be.

ALL: You are.

D.: I deserve whatever is coming to me. Here (he hands Stella to Jack), take her. She's yours.

A.: All that remains is for you, Jack, to hand us over to the appropriate authorities that the sentence passed upon us so many years ago may at last be executed.

D.: Pray don't use that word.

J.: But wait a moment. I see no need why your true identities need ever be made public. Despard, you have fully reformed, have you not?

D.: I have.

J.: And would you promise to be a good, kind, upright and honest Tower Captain in the future?

D.: Oh I do, I do.

J.: Well then. Stella and I may be trusted to keep your secret, and I'm sure that were you, Despard, to offer your hand in marriage to Anastasia, she would have no cause to betray you.

D.: Perhaps it would be better to give ourselves up.

A: Nonsense. (Grabs him firmly.)

J.: Then your secret is still safe.
(Stella turns suddenly and catches sight of the T.S.s peering over the seat. She screams.)

S.: Oh Jack, Jack. There are those awful men. (Jack leaps to the seat and hauls them out.)

J.: So you are still waiting to knock out my brains.

1st T.S.: (pointing at D.) He asked us to be around in case we were needed.

A.: One moment, Jack. Surely I have seen these men before. Why, of course. They look just like. . . . But no, they couldn't be. And yet. . . . Tell me, how did you come to take up such a dastardly profession?

1st T.S.: We were kidnapped in infancy.

2nd: And held to ransome.

1st: And the ransome wasn't paid.

2nd: So we had no option

1st: That life to adopt.

Both: Ah miserie.

A.: Then you are. Clarence, Claude. Don't you recognise me? (They look at him hard.)

Both: Father.
(They embrace him.)

10. Tune: 'Never Mind the Why and Wherefore.'

(T.S.s) We were lost, now we're discovered;
Ostracized, but now recovered;
From our deeds criminalistic we reformed now return.
And from felonology to campanology we turn.
Ring the merry bells in Clattering
Our reform to celebrate;
No more will we go a-battering,
Our past we'll eradicate.

(1st) So away with Cosh and D.A.

(2nd) Get ye gone Edwardian drainpipes.

(1st) Throw away your cut-throat razor,

(2nd) We are now respectable types.

(Both) Ring the merry bells, etc.

(D. & AN.) I was once a tyrant hated,
To oppressive power fated,
But Papa's unselfish sacrifice complete reform has caused.
(Though it probably would not have if for further thought I'd/he'd paused.)
Now a dreadful choice awaits me/him.
Aged wife or hangman's rope.
Either way it matters little,
Gone is all remaining hope.

(AN.) Gallows grim, or chair electric,

(D.) Or a waistline supermetric.

(AN) Guillotine or block and chopper,

(D) Or a wig of fading copper.

(Both) I/He might choose the rope provided
If the choice was mine/his alone;
But another has decided.
So she's/I'm now my/his very own.

(J. & S.) Once we feared that we'd be parted
By this person brutal-hearted,
But his ways he's changed and left us in our former happy state.
We'll be conjugally mated at the very earliest date.
Set the wedding bells vibrating,
Set the ringers to their job.
The event we're celebrating
With a peal of Oxford Bob.

(S.) We would ring a peal of Major
If it were within our power.

(J.) 'Twould be quite a feat I wager;
For it's but a 6 bell tower.

(ALL) Hear the tintinnabulation
Bring an end to all our troubles.
We'll begin the celebration
With a touch of Grandsire Doubles.
Ring with joy the air above
For the joy of fervent love.
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For the joy of fervent love.

FINIS.

Any Brethren in the Masonic Craft interested in standing in a peal attempt at St. Giles', Ashtead, on January 15th, kindly communicate with W. G. Newberry, 55, Stag Leys, Ashtead, Surrey.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Resignation of Mr. W. Carnwell

The resignation was received with regret at the annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association, on December 4th, at Stoke, of Mr. W. Carnwell from the post of hon. secretary, a position he had held for many years.

The president (Archdeacon P. Harthill) was in the chair, the meeting following tea, which was attended by 61 members. In welcoming the Association to Stoke the president said it was the 20th time the Association had visited Stoke.

In his report on the year's activities the secretary said that 11 meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 34. Ten new resident and two non-resident members had been elected. Sixteen peals had been rung (four 'in hand'), Conductors had been F. W. Grocott 8, F. E. Wilshaw 3, W. Carnwell, G. A. Hall, C. A. Page, D. R. Whalley and J. Worth one each.

The Association had lost by death five members, viz: A. Rowley (Stone), W. Fraddley (Bucknall), W. A. Fitchford (Wolstanton), G. Wainwright (Marchington) and H. Carnwell (Kingsley).

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £58 18s. 1d. The report and accounts were adopted.

The following officers were elected:—Chairman and Central Council representative, Mr. R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Hall; secretary, Mr. E. H. Edge; Ringing Masters: eight bells, Mr. W. P. Deane; six bells, Mr. W. Hazledene. auditor, Mr. C. H. Page; peal recorder, Mr. A. Gaunt; 'Ringing World' correspondent, Mr. D. R. Whalley.

The chairman (Mr. R. S. Anderson), in reviewing the past year, again stressed the need of all ringers becoming subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' If this was achieved those responsible for its issue would have no need for further financial worry. He was very sorry that Mr. W. Carnwell found it impossible to carry on with the secretarial work of the Association. He was quite sure that those present would wish him to say 'Thank you, for serving the Association during the years.' He also thanked Mr. W. Edwards (Kingsley), Mr. A. W. Hall (Cheadle R.C.) and Mr. A. Moore for their services as assistant secretary, auditor and Ringing Master (eight bells).

A fine tribute was paid by Mr. D. R. Whalley, on behalf of the Association, to the services given by two founder members who had died during the year—Mr. Henry Carnwell and Mr. W. A. Fitchford. Mr. Carnwell had been a ringer for 65 years, and leader at Kingsley for 50 years, having rung 44 peals (40 Minor and four Major). Mr. W. A. Fitchford had been a ringer for 67 years and had nearly completed 50 years' service as conductor at Wolstanton. He had rung 91 peals, mostly Triples, and had conducted 67. The company stood in silence in memory of them.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. in various methods from rounds to Surprise.. D. R. W.

JOINT MEETING AT SHOREDITCH AND BISHOPSGATE

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex County Association held a successful joint meeting at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on December 4th.

A truly magnificent tea was provided at St. Botolph's Church Hall by Mrs. Davis and her helpers. On behalf of the Cumberlands Mr. P. N. Bond welcomed the Middlesex County Association, and Mr. W. H. Coles suitably replied Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Davis and the incumbents.

So cordial was the joint meeting that it is hoped to make it an annual fixture.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'DELIGHT METHODS'

Dear Sir,—The writers of recent correspondence on this subject may be interested to learn that Kirkstall Delight (Cambridge 'up' and Morning Star 'in') will extend to 8, 10 and 12 bells. This is one of the most pleasant Minor methods in the Central Council Collection, and on higher numbers it should sound similar to Yorkshire.

Whilst methods in the 'Daffodil' group (Peveril, Leasowe, Melandra, etc.) apparently do not extend satisfactorily, the following contains the characteristic work of this group and is almost a Double method:—

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12  12436587
38  12345678
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 X  21354768
34  12537486
18  21534768
 X  25143678
12  52416387
 X  52143678
16  25416387
 X  24561378
34  42653187
 X  24651378
18  42563187
56  45236817
 X  54326871
16  45238617
78  42583671
    24856371
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F.C.H.'s:—

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24365
32546
46253
63542
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Perhaps this could be named Daffodil Delight, thus adding a little variety to the present system of nomenclature.—Yours sincerely,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

STEDMAN—HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF CONCENTRATION

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. W. Pipe's reference to the monotony of Stedman fails to impress me. His reason is that all methods which contain Plain Bob lead ends are monotonous to the experienced ringer. Stedman has to be rung with the highest percentage of concentration because the treble is not leading at the lead end and the previous fixed observations are not available. I have rung peals in various Surprise methods, but Stedman is very elusive and I find that as I am unable to follow the composition, there is tremendous fun and entertainment in watching the working of the other bells.

He refers to mistakes being hard to rectify, but surely this only makes a peal of Stedman more valuable. I am unable to convince myself that people enter a peal band with the intention of relying on the conductor to correct mistakes.

A few years ago I was told that if I wanted a peal of Stedman Triples I should have to get Mr. So-and-so to conduct it. I promptly replied if that was the case then I did not want one.

The type of advancement Mr. Pipe refers to will be truly a credit to those who ring one with irregular lead ends, which the Central Council do not allow. The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has very ably clarified the reason why we don't ring them.

We have this year attempted quarter peals in various methods with our local band. The last one, on December 1st, was Superlative for Confirmation, and what promised to be a perfect 1,280 was lost in the last five leads, which proves again concentration is the keynote of success.—Yours truly,

Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE D. MILLS.

ALL THE WORK OF SEVEN SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I offer my congratulations to Mr. R. F. B. Speed and the band at Willesden on ringing a peal with all the work of seven Surprise Major methods.

In view of the interesting correspondence on this subject, perhaps I may say a little about the composition, which was published in 'The Ringing World' two or three years ago. The intention was, if possible, to produce a regular three-part, but in this I was not successful, although I do not doubt it is possible; however, I have not had time since to go much further into the matter.

As all the methods are of the same group, the problems which arise are entirely different from those which confronted Messrs. Cashmore and Pitman, and others such as Messrs. J. W. Parker and E. C. S. Turner, in their work on peals including the four standard methods. In some respects the task is much easier; for instance, one can take a simple basic composition, knowing that the absence of reversed course heads and of 2–3 from sixths place simplifies proof considerably. On the other hand there is much less room for manœuvring, as all the work of 2–3–7–8 in each of the seven methods would, in a completely regular peal, have to be contained in eight courses, one of which is shortened. I hope someone may feel encouraged to tackle this.—Yours faithfully,

E, A. BARNETT.

LEGAL CASES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter from my friend, Mr. E. L. Humphriss, in which he referred to a case stated for bell ringing by Lord Justice Goddard.

When writing the Legal Survey, which was published a little while ago, I made a fairly extensive search for any cases decided by the Courts with reference to the subject of bell ringing. Unfortunately I did not at that time find any reference to the case referred to, and since reading the letter I have made further search on the scanty information available, but have been unable to trace it in the Law Reports.

I am not in possession of any 'Ringing Worlds' for the relative period and have not been able to make a search there. I should, however, be grateful if any reader can throw any further light on the subject, either by giving more details of the case, e.g., the names of the parties and the Law Report in which it was published, or alternatively, by reference to the issue of 'The Ringing World' in which the case was reported.

I was also recently informed that another similar case was decided in a County Court in one of the southern counties. This case also does not appear to have been published in the Legal Press and I would appreciate any further information relating thereto. If any other information is forthcoming I shall be only too pleased to pursue the matter further and, if necessary, to prepare a further article on the facts as they then appear.—Yours faithfully,

A. P.

INDISPENSABLE

More and more ringers are finding the Ringer's Notebook and Diary an indispensable companion. The Diary for 1955 has been improved upon its predecessors in the light of the experience gained from past publications. The section dealing with touches and quarter peals is of great value to conductors, young and old.

OBITUARY

MR. R. ALSOP

Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, has sustained a distinct loss by the death of their first Ringing Master, Mr. R. Alsop, who died in hospital on November 31st after a short illness.

When the bells were installed in September, 1937, as a thanksgiving for the re-opening of the works, Mr. Alsop took on the leadership. He collected around him a band of ringers, several of whom are still alive. His genial character will be greatly missed in the circle of the tower.

Always an ardent service ringer and equally interested in all branches of ringing at meetings in the district and elsewhere—he really loved the bells.

The interment took place at Ebbw Vale on Thursday, December 2nd, after a service in Christ Church.

In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute to his memory. To his widow and children his fellow ringers extend their heartfelt sympathy. E. S.

TWO WELSH ASSOCIATIONS HOLD JOINT MEETING

A successful joint meeting of the Llandaff Branch and the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Cowbridge on December 4th. The bells were made good use of very early in the afternoon, and ringing was in the very capable charge of Mr. Fred Bailey, Branch Master of the Llandaff Branch, well known for his excellent care of young ringers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, R.D.) assisted by the curate (the Rev. R. L. Cole). An interesting address by the Vicar reminded ringers of their great responsibilities to the church.

A very appealing array of refreshments prepared by Cowbridge ringers' wives and friends was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For this, the Branch Master gave a hearty vote of thanks to those concerned in arranging such a welcome meal.

With the Vicar in the chair, the Swansea and Brecon Guild held their business meeting first. Prior to the Llandaff Branch meeting members were asked to stand in silence in respect of two late members—Mr. D. Rees-James, of Bridgend, and Mr. Alsop, of Ebbw Vale.

Mr. Fred Bailey proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his sincere welcome to the two Associations and for taking charge of both business meetings. In this he was supported by Mr. T. M. Roderick on behalf of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. R. E. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some 30 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch at St. James', Taunton, on December 4th. The Branch chairman (the Rev. E. Hurst) conducted the service and tea was served in the Church Room.

At the ensuing business meeting the following officers were elected:—Chairman, the Rev. E. Hirst; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Hayward; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. H. Reed; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Gigg. The A.G.M. for 1955 will be held at Wellington, with quarterly meetings at Trull, Wilton and Staplegrove.

In his annual report the Branch secretary reported that membership remained static at 106 and that during the year six peals had been rung in the Deanery. Ringing during the meeting included Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH ATTEMPT

Seen Through American Eyes

The Loughborough record attempt, according to the Associated Press of America:—

'. . . . After 9 hours the sniffling Jesson was in trouble. But he refused to stop. All eyes were on Jesson, clinging grimly to his rope and appearing barely conscious as the clock showed that 9 hours 48 minutes had passed.

'Then it happened. Critchley, the caller—a man known to the ringing art as a perfectionist—failed to "call a bob." This snarled the ringing order and the umpire called a halt.'

BUNTER VOLUNTEERS

Dear Edditer.—I was thrilled to reed of the menyoo which the ringers had last week in the peel attempt. If Mr. Critchley writes to me, I will gladly aksept a posishun in the next long peel.

Agchully, I havvnt dun much ringing yet, but Tom Merry, who wrings the skool bell after lessuns (he misses two minnits of every lessun, the beest) will teech me if I ask him. When my postal order arrives, I will have enuff munney to pay my single fair to Lorburruh.—Yours faythfully,

WILLIAM GEORGE BUNTER.
Greyfriars Skool.

P.S.—Ask Mr. Critchley to get sum lemonade to drink during the intervals in the peel.—W. G. B.

In Defence

'The Bristol Evening Post' defends bell-ringing. Replying to the London journalist 'who worked himself into a tantrum about the Loughborough bellringers who recently tried to break the world's record of bell-ringing by "carrying on their murderous cacophony for a whole day and night,"' the writer says:—

'I cannot understand for the life of me why the inaudible practice of an art that combines music, science, accuracy and considerable athletic strength should have roused our vitriolic stentor to such flight of acid vituperation. It should be remembered that every person has points of difference—another way of saying that it takes all sorts to make a world—and the practice and interest of the campanologist is no more nor less praiseworthy than his neighbours' interest in the Test Match or football. Ah, you say, but the neighbours' interest is less noisy. Noise! Good heavens, this is the age of noise and we must learn to lump it. Can the melodious tinkling of church bells compare with the screaming roar and occasional explosions of aircraft and the bombination and bellowing of motors?'

A Suffolk Version

'X Y Z,' a popular dialect writer in the 'Suffolk Chronicle,' has these interesting observations on the record attempt at Loughborough:—

'When the long peal was rung at Deb'num a few years back, the bor Dearvud and I hung about in the churchyard to give the ringers a hand for breakin' the record. As it turned out, they brook down instead—and I'm still sure that it was the raisins that stopped 'em.

'A chap who starts ringin' at quarter-past four in the mornin', and expects to keep at it non-stop for about ten hours is likely to be a bit peckish come elevenses and dinner-time. Therefore he puts some sustenance handy in the belfry, and nibbles as he pulls. By the rules he mustn't be handed his grub by someone else.

'Well, there was another go at the record peal on Sat'day—at Loughborough. Accordin' to the reports the ringers' eats were varied. One account says they had glucose tablets, chewin' gum, ham sandwiches, and treacle tart; another tells us it was mainly raisins, grapes, chocolate and glucose.

'Now I've got nothin' against raisins, which are excellent in cakes and puddin's, but I'm pretty sure it was raisins that made the pains in the tum-tum of the tenor at Deb'num and stopped the long peal.

SILENT PEAL

This Loughborough peal was highly humanitarian. Held in the campanile of Taylors' bell-foundry, all the louvres and chinks had been bunged up, and unless the local lieges got within 30 yards of the tower they wouldn't have known the ringers were at it.

'Just a bit more science, bor, and someone'll invent a silent bell. That'd be much appreciated by such as the Ipswich theatre on practice nights at the Tower! Anyhow, when one of the Loughborough ringers turned up queer the windows were opened to let in some air, and in the general hubbub somethin' went wrong with the call.

'That's happened at solo whist, nap, and similar, and the result's always the same. The ringers came down, the record stands, and I look forward to another day out with bor Dearvud when the next attempt on the record is made here in Suffolk.

'But no raisins, please. I also have doubts about treacle tart, which lays heavy on the chest. Can't someone compound vitamins and so on in pills that the ringers can park in their weskit pockets?'

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

Members of the Ladies' Guild, together with the usual gentleman supporters, enjoyed the winter meeting, which was held at St. Barnabas', Erdington, on December 4th.

Canon W. S. Power (the Vicar) conducted the service, which was held in the Lady Chapel, and tea was served in the Church Hall.

New members elected at the meeting were three from Walsall, one from Lichfield and one from Little Aston. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge and learners' rounds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual nomination meeting of the Farnham District was held at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on December 11th. Whether it was due to the cold weather or to the changing minds' of other Districts, the number catered for did not appear. Nevertheless there was a good attendance.

The ringing started at 2.30 p.m. under the leadership of the joint Ringing Masters, Mr. T. Page and Mr. E. J. Wells.

At 4.15 p.m. representatives' of the towers in the District met in the Church Room to report on their year's work. On the whole this was found to be quite satisfactory, most towers being able to boast of new recruits and Sunday ringers. This 'captains'' meeting was followed by an excellent tea, and after Mr. C. W. Denyer had proposed a vote of thanks to the tea organisers the whole gathering went back to the church for the ringers' service conducted by the Rev. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall.

M. A. C.

Christmas Greetings

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' extends his sincere Christmas Greetings to all correspondents and readers. May every happiness attend your Christmas ringing.

Apsley St. Mary's, Herts, ringers send sincere greetings for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to their many ringing friends. May goodwill be the keynote throughout the coming year. 5559

A happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, old and new, wherever they may be.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Ashdown, Beare Cottage, Broadclyst, Devon. 5520

A very happy Christmas to all our ringing friends in Sussex and Kent. Come and try our new octave in the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett and Ann, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5555

Greetings to all the clergy and ringers who have welcomed us to their churches on our tours and ringing week-ends. We wish you joyous Christmas peals and a New Year abounding with well-struck touches.—The Bedfordshire Young Ringers. 5564

Mr. Peter N. Bond sends every possible good wish for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all his ringing friends, especially to fellow Cumberlands. 5526

A merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bullen, of Darley Dale, Derbyshire, to all ringing friends and acquaintances. 5537

A happy Christmas to all our ringing friends, especially those of the Peterborough Diocese, Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Huntingdonshire, London, Birmingham, Leicester, Newcastle, Brighton, Somerset, Hertfordshire, Warwickshire, Lancashire, Surrey, Kent and Lincolnshire. We extend our warmest thanks and greetings to all who have made us so welcome on tower grabs and in peal attempts in their belfries and homes.—Bryan S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer; Patrick I. Chapman, 8, Ash Road, Kettering. 5561

To all our friends and visitors of the past years, the ringers of Combe Martin, Devon, extend hearty Christmas greetings and wish you a prosperous New Year. We look forward to welcoming many ringers on holiday next summer. 5560

To all our ringing friends, especially the Royal Cumberland Youths, we wish a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Marjorie and George H. Cross, Pinneys Cottage, Chardstock, near Axminster, Devon. 5566

The ringers of Danbury (Essex) Church tower send Christmas greetings to all their friends, both near and far, and best wishes for a happy New Year and good ringing in 1955. 5519

Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens and family wish their friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 5523

'Plain Bob' wishes all members of the Coventry Guild and all ringers and friends 'A merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year, and the best of health.'—Edden, Deppers Bridge, Southam. 5565

Mr. I. Emery and Mr. P. J. Spice, of Bromley, extend their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, both far and near. 5529

Paul, Flo and Mischief Field extend sincere Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1955 to all their ringing friends wherever they may be. 5570

To all my ringing friends, both near and far, kind thoughts and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—John Fowler. 5524

Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Hairs wish all friends a season of joy, and for the New Year—12 months of happiness.—Lee Grounds, Titchfield, Hants. 5528

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends, near and far.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts. 5540

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Ladd and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 5545

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and 1955 to all our old ringing friends; also to our new ones at Lichfield and in Cheshire who made us so welcome on our holiday our best wishes for 1955.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury and Miss Nora Shorter, Walton-on-Thames. 5567

A happy Christmas and prosperous New year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, 11, Exton Road, Bournemouth. 5538

A very happy Christmas and good fortune in the New Year to all our ringing friends.—From David, Frances, George and Hilda Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Frome. 5557

Hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 5571

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent, send to all ringing friends hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year. 5518

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole, Marlow, Bucks. 5554

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price wish happiness for Christmas and good luck for 1955 to all their friends.—St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone S.46005. 5530

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skidmore, Bristol, send heartiest greetings and good wishes for a very happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year to ringing friends everywhere. 5547

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, Warrington House, Paddock Wood, Kent, send sincere Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all our ringing friends, far and near. 5558

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and very happy New Year to all my ringing friends, at home and overseas.—Evelyn Steel. 5527

Hearty Christmas and New Year's greetings to all ringing associates.—Frank Warrington, St. Ives. 5562

Season's greetings and all good wishes are voiced by Mr. E. Alexr. Young to his ringing friends. Toast is—'Health, Happiness, Good Luck.' 5521

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ENGAGEMENT

JUKES—SIMMONS. — The engagement is announced between Frederick Edward Jukes, Fremar, Dudley Road, Kingswinford, Staffs, and Kathleen Sylvia Simmons, Corona, Broad Street, Kingswinford. Mr. Jukes is a ringer at St. Mary's, Kingswinford. 5549

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. Martyn W. Harbott is now residing c/o 200, The Broadway, S.W.19. Telephone No. LIBerty 2607 (at the usual unreasonable hours) 5552

PUBLICATION

A FEW COPIES remain of 'The Church Bells of Flintshire,' 3s. 6d.; 'Ayrshire,' 3s. 6d.; 'Stirlingshire,' 3s.; 'Scottish Rings of Bells,' 2s. All post free from the author, Ranald Clouston, Swanslea, Westerfield, near Ipswich, Suffolk. 5464

MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Rule IX. Notices of motion and nominations for office for A.G.M., 1955, must reach me by Feb. 1st, 1955. Frank V. Gant. 5546

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS will be published in 'The Ringing World' of December 17th and December 24th. Price 3s. for 36 words.

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Walton-on-Thames bells available Monday, Dec. 27th, 10.30 to 1. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5497

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Annual meeting, Halifax Parish (12), Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells 2.15 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. It is hoped to provide tea, otherwise numerous cafes are within short distance. 5522

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Harrold (6) on Jan. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas. Names for tea, by Dec. 29th, to Rev. J. A. Macwilliam, The Vicarage, Harrold, Beds. Annual meeting: Bedford, Feb. 5th. 5533

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting at Ely on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Election of officers at business meeting.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5543

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, Barnwood (8), Jan. 1st, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Dec. 29th certain, to Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 5551

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Annual meeting at Eardisland, Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (8) available 2,30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Dec. 29th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 5536

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney on Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Humphrey, 29, The Churchlands, New Romney, by Dec. 28th. Don't forget your nominations for new members.—W. P. G. 5493

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Sevenoaks (8) on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5517

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on Jan. 1st at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5534

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford. Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (6) at 5 p.m All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 5541

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Annual meeting, Devizes, Jan. 1st. Bells at the three churches from 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4.30. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5563

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting at Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, at 6 p.m., Jan. 1st. St. Martin's bells (12) available 4.30 p.m.—George E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: Springfield 1025. 5502

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Jan. 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; bring own food. All welcome.—N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 5532

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 1st, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Wednesday, Dec. 29th. Business meeting after tea. 5496

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Goole, Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., School, near Church. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Dec. 29th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 40, New Lane, Selby. 5499

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Silverton, Saturday, Jan 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 Names for tea to A. G. Selley, 3, Exeter Road, Silverton.—W. Ware, Hon. Sec. 5506

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Annual general meeting, Brentwood, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Sitch, Angle Cottage, Priests' Lane, Shenfield. 5531

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross, Jan. 8th, from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea (Central Cafe) 4.30. Names for tea to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 5544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Headcorn, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5569

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District. —Second annual meeting, Darlington, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. at St. Cuthbert's and St. John's. Service, St. Cuthbert's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing, Holy Trinity, in evening. Names for tea, by Thursday, Jan. 6th, to Mrs. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington. Special bus will leave Central Garage, Newcastle, at 2 p.m. There are still a few seats vacant on this bus. Anyone interested, please contact Mrs. N. I. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 5553

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 8th, St. Margaret's (not St. Andrew's), Uxbridge. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hut, Belmont Road. Bells (8) from 3. Hillingdon (10) after tea. Every tower represented, please. —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 5568

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Swalcliffe (6), Jan. 8th. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West. Phone: Adderbury 350. 5535

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting at Oundle (8), Jan. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Brereton Rooms. Names for tea, by Jan. 1st, to Mrs. P E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle 5550

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting. Wellington, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Hall. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Pritchard, 51, Hadley Park Road, Hadley. Wrockwardine also in evening if required. 5539

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24381765	57163824
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OUR JOURNAL

By The Editor

WHEN the Central Council met at Chester in 1951, the old committee of 'The Ringing World,' who had skilfully shepherded the journal from private ownership into the hands of the Central Council and watched over its affairs for nine years, resigned. They then saw no alternative but a price increase. A new committee was appointed; they overhauled completely the machinery of production; they exercised the most stringent economies in which they had the full co-operation of the Editor in an endeavour to keep 'The Ringing World' as a fourpenny production. For three years they have held the fort nobly. In that period 'The Ringing World' has increased its sales by 600 copies. The sad thing to relate is that for the last two years the accounts of 'The Ringing World' have only been balanced by donations and those ringers of peals and especially quarter peals who voluntarily made a levy to enable the publication of their performances. Their contributions in aggregate have been very substantial and amounted in 1953 to £310 or about £70 less than the revenue from Notices. This measure of generosity appears to the Editor to have been maintained during the current year, although he is not in possession of the actual facts of the position.

We feel certain that the present Editorial Committee have come with great reluctance to their decision to increase the price of 'The Ringing World' to those readers purchasing their copies through newsagents to sixpence. The reason is that the only revenue-producing side of circulation is postal subscriptions. When the drive was embarked upon last March the number of postal subscribers was 1,582; this number has been increased to 1,903. There were great hopes that by the appointment of 'Ringing World' representatives by most Guilds and Associations a very substantial number of new postal subscribers would have been forthcoming. The fact is that more than twice the number of our readers prefer to deal with the newsagents than as postal subscribers.

Why has a price of sixpence been selected for sales through the newsagent while postal subscribers pay only at the moment £1 2s. 6d. a year? The committee view the position strictly from a business point of view and say that each type of circulation must produce a reasonable profit. The cost of paper and printing each copy of 'The Ringing World' is approximately 1½d. With a copy that is sold through a newsagent there is in the first place his trade commission of one-third; then there is a 10 per cent. in most cases to meet the wholesaler's charges, and finally there are the costs of the publishers, Rolls House Publishing Company, who since the inception of this journal have acted faithfully in this capacity. Their costs have increased in both freight charges and labour. The outcome of this is that no contribution is available from this side of our circulation. With a sixpenny 'Ringing World' there will be a chance of some revenue being received, but, even so, still not equal to that derived from the present postal subscriber. After full allowance is made for addressing and postage, there is a margin of 2d. a week from each postal subscriber to meet the overhead costs of production. The committee accordingly came to the decision that for the time being this class of subscriber should enjoy the same privileges as heretofore, but this may have to be altered shortly.

The prosperity of 'The Ringing World' is linked with that of the Central Council. While the fees payable by affiliated bodies and associations have been increased, they are still short of what a national organisation of this character should reasonably expect. To accept office for the Central Council is not merely honorary; it is expensive. While most of the Guilds and Associations make a contribution towards the expenses of their representatives attending meetings, no such provision appears in the accounts of the Council for its officers. The time has come, in the Editor's opinion, when reasonable expenses should be paid. The same applies to members of 'The Ringing World' Committee. From Bath, Leicester, Stoke-on-Trent, Hampshire and other places they travel to attend to the business of the journal without even a train fare being paid. No other organisation would treat its executive officers in such a fashion. Those who criticise should ponder over these things. As to the future, according to the resources at the disposal of the committee, so will the standard of the journal be. Editorially, ringers get a very cheap journal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr.

*R. Margaret Bryce	*Treble*	Leslie Boumphrey	7
W. Eric Critchley	2	*Leslie Fisher	8
Peter Woodward	3	James H. Kirby	9
*F. Eric Roberts	4	Gordon Benfield	10
*William H. Jackson	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
*Fred Bennett	6	John E. Kirby	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal on twelve bells.

WALSALL, STAFFS
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	*Dorothy T. Gardiner	7
William Davies	2	Arthur T. Dutton	8
Christopher Wallater	3	Alan G. Foster	9
Barnabas G. Key	4	Ernest Stitch	10
Stella Hughes	5	Frederick G. Handley	11
Stanley Prestidge	6	George Dean	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Angela Briggs	*Treble*	Alfred E. Reeves	6
*Michael T. Sprackling	2	Enid L. Roberts	7
Francis C. Mogford	3	Reginald G. Hooper	8
Brian Grinter	4	Albert M. Tyler	9
Frederick G. Leaker	5	Frank Hansford	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* First peal on more than six bells.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to R. Gordon Boyd, a member of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, interred at Bristol to-day.

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

William Wenban	*Treble*	Reginald Rowley	6
Richard G. Bell	2	Christopher W. Woolley	7
*D. Kay Adkins	3	Thomas W. Sheppard	8
†Kenneth Dunstan	4	Thomas J. Southam	9
*Ernest H. Durrant	5	Geoffrey W. Seaman	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. Deal. Conducted by Thomas J. Southam.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes.*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*Frederick S. Sutton	*Treble*	George A. Packer	6
John W. Griffiths	2	*Ivor R. Nicols	7
*Robert W. Hinde	3	Richard D. Langford	8
†Dennis H. B. Millward	4	Arthur Pritchard	9
F. Hector Bennett	5	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. Wilfred Kerr, Crewe branch secretary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Joan Cordwell	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
*Graeme A. Hughes	2	Alan J. Brown	6
Alan A. Potts	3	Peter Laflin	7
James Fernley	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Major and first Surprise peal.
A birthday peal for Peter Laflin (65) and Alfred Barnes (86).

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Consisting of 840 Oxford Bob and 4,200 Grandsire, with 72 changes of method, in 12 parts. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

David W. Evans	*Treble*	Edmund Morris	5
Alfred Hannington	2	*Gwyn I. Lewis	6
Trevor Roderick	3	Albert J. Pitman	7
George Davis	4	William J. Petty	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert J. Pitman.
* 150th peal.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5436 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Arthur C. Chaplin	*Treble*	Charles E. Willmington	5
Lionel S. Woods	2	John H. Crampion	5
Donald M. Salisbury	3	Tom East	7
Harry Turner	4	Frank V. Gant	*Tenor*

Composed by David W. Beard. Conducted by Frank V. Gant.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Rung, with the best wishes and congratulations, for the 90th birthday of John Dale, life member of the Association, and for many years tower-keeper at St. Andrew's.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*S. Arthur Read	*Treble*	†Laurence H. Hitchins	5
†Elisabeth Grime	2	Percival W. J. Harding	6
†Frederick H. Slatford	3	Eric Naylor	7
William F. J. Cope	4	†David Hoare	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Kent Major.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

James B. Morley	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	5
Nolan Golden	2	Arthur G. Bason	6
Albert G. Harrison	3	George Sayer	7
Stanley W. Copling	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon. Dec. 13, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*Arthur Cowen	*Treble*	Harold Worrall	5
Christopher Gudgeon	2	Cecil Raddon	6
Alan Pendlebury	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
Sydney Leatherbarrow	4	Albert Greenhalgh	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Peter Crook.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter, Mrs. Payne, now resident in Canada, and a former ringer in Bolton.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

*EUNICE HILEY	*Treble*	JAMES F. DODSON	5
†MONICA E. COLLINS	2	E. JOHN WELLS	6
JOHN W. EUSTON	3	HERBERT COLCOMBE	7
A. PATRICK CANNON	4	ROLAND W. MORANT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells 'inside.' Mr. H. Colcombe has now 'completed the circle' on these bells. The conductor's 225th peal in that capacity.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 3,520 London and 1,632 Bristol, with 60 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 150th peal.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

EDWARD G. TALBOT	*Treble*	GORDON P. T. PETERS	5
JOHN W. EUSTON	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
*STEWART F. W. KIMBER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHUPCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Consisting of 840 changes each of Court, Oxford, Hereward, St. Clement's, Double Grandsire and Double Court, with 359 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
*GEOFFREY WESTWOOD	2	BERNARD LAWTON	6
FREDERICK JUKES	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
†CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	STEPHEN MALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Spliced Triples. † 400th peal. Annual peal for the Association.
The above composition and arrangement of methods is as published by Mr. John Segar in the 'Ringing World' of January 9th, 1953, and has every lead bobbed except the 350th and 360th, which have H.B.S.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*DAVID S. HOLLAS (13)	*Treble*	*E. MARTIN FIELDEN	5
PAUL BIRKETT	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
M. VIVIEN COPPING	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH L. STANIER	*Treble*	*ROBERT SAVAGE	5
LEO EVANS	2	HARRY EDGE	6
ROBERT EVANS	3	ALFRED S. BAYLEY	7
G. LEONARD HEWITT	4	B. LESLIE JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.
* First peal. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bayley on the occasion of their silver wedding on December 21st, 1954. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
FRANK TAYLOR	2	*MAURICE BENNETT	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	JACK BRAY	7
AUBREY D. MILLS	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

RONALD F. DISERENS	*Treble*	*NORMAN J. SMITH	5
*ALBERT DISERENS	2	*JOHN N. DISERENS	6
*E. WINIFRED KEYES	3	*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	7
*BRYAN C. STIRLAND	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal in the method.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in F.

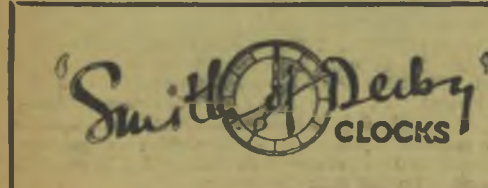
HARRY L. MARTIN	*Treble*	CYRIL A. HURST	5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	MANSFIELD GINN	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 250th peal. The first peal in the method.
Rung for the wedding of Richard J. W. Housden and Rita Plumb, which took place at Fordham earlier in the day.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

SYDNEY J. MERRY	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
JACK BAILEY	2	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
EDWARD F. GOBEY	4	MARK J. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association, and on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gobey, of Ilkeston, Derbyshire.



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SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

PETER F. BORER	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	ALBERT E. BEANEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Rung half-muffled as a token of deep respect to F. J. Ring, leader of the local band and a devoted member of this church.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

FELIX H. ERITH	*Treble*	ROY DUESBURY	4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND.
THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings.

*PETER RICHARDS	*Treble*	*BRUCE JENKINS	3
DAVID MCADAM	2	CLAUDE GIFFORD	4
COLIN WARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by COLIN WARD.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The conductor is the first New Zealander to conduct a peal in New Zealand.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOYCE MORSE	*Treble*	*ERNEST H. JEFFERIES	4
*HUGH FALKNER	2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	5
MRS. W. A. GODWIN	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the ring of six bells.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	*Treble*	LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	4
JOHN HOPE	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
*JOHN NEWMAN	3	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal in three methods. Mr. L. Evans has 'completed the circle' on these bells. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the bells.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Tues., Dec. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 4 extents each of Stedman, Chase, Reverse Canterbury; 6 extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, April Day; 8 extents of Plain Bob and 10 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	*Treble*	*PATRICIA M. BOURN	4
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
ENID L. ROBERTS	3	DAVID HEIGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

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

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

*JAMES E. BREWER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. TARR	4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal. The conductor's 150th peal. First peal on the bells since one recast, the rest tuned and rehung on modern bearings.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CLIVE A. GOODING	*Treble*	†MICHAEL W. CARTER	4
MARIE K. ROBERTS	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

S. SHIPP	*Treble*	G. WALKER	4
*D. KNIGHTS	2	T. A. BEVIS	5
W. YOUNG	3	A. YARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. A. BEVIS.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Housden (secretary of the Ely District), which took place on this day.

MARSTON BIGOT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*EUNICE D. OVEREND	*Treble*	†LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	2	†GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	†DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of London.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (5 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Treble*	MALGWYN WILLIAMS	4
THOMAS E. HIDDINS	2	DAVID W. EVANS	5
WILLIAM T. PETTY	3	*CYRIL A. GERRISH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Hereward Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROY DUESBURY	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
KENNETH MITCHELL	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
JAMES G. STANNARD	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

HANDBELL PEAL

KENSINGTON, W.11.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 58, LADBROKE GROVE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALAN CAVE	1—2	†MERIEL HAWKSLEY	3—4
WILLIAM T. COOK	5—6		

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL. — At St. Mary Redcliffe on December 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Hancock 1, F. G. Leaker 2, G. Briggs 3, B. Grinter 4, C. F. Mogford 5, R. G. Hooper 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, N. Coombs 8, E. L. Roberts (cond.) 9, F. Hansford 10. Rung for Confirmation service.

DALWOOD, DEVON. — On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, C. Webb (first quarter as conductor, age 15) 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb 5, E. Snell 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — At All Saints' on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. H. Dallaway 1, Mrs. C. R. O'Dwyer (first quarter) 2, P. J. Brook 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, R. W. Pankhurst 5, J. Rollison 6, O. Wood (cond.) 7, J. C. Cole 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, W. H. Poole 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, G. S. Morris 8. For Evensong.—Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris 1, H. Arscott 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, W. H. Poole 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, C. W. Powell 8. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, and after the failure of an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE. — On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Evans 1, A. Taylor 2, T. Pritchard 3, T. Wilson 4, D. Evans 5, K. Ferrington 6, J. L. Stanier (cond.) 7, T. Millward 8. Rung with 4–6–8 covering. First quarter on the new bells by a Sunday service band.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (2 six-scores each of St. Blaize, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day and 540 Grandsire): Miss N. Osmond 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Quint 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Brake, interred this day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Dec. 5th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Vinter 1, C. Humphrey 2, R. Finch 3, J. Knight 4, R. A. Reed (cond.) 5, D. C. Jackson 6. First 720 by all except ringers of 4th and 5th. Rung on the Eve of St. Nicolas.—Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Vinter 1, N. Hayes 2, D. C. Jackson 3, N. S. Hayes 4, C. Taylor 5, J. Knight 6, R. A. Reed (cond.) 7, A. E. Smith 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. Rung in honour of the Festival of St. Nicolas and for the visit of the Rev. L. T. Blackall, a former curate of North Stoneham, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Tucker (vice-captain), who celebrated his 78th birthday the day previous.

PRESTBURY, GLOS. — On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss B. Bridgeman 1, C .Rouse (cond.) 2, R. Taylor 3, R. Dowdeswell 4, D. Surman 5, M. Clifford 6. Half-muffled in memoriam A. E. Taylor, father of R. Taylor. First in the method by all the band.

READING, BERKS. — On Dec. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, F. W. Lewis 3, B. C. Stirland (first of London 'inside') 4, C. E. Lewington 5, R. F. Diserens 6, J. N. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

RYE, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Twidale 1, Pat Forster 2, Ruth Carey 3, A. Hicks (first of Triples as cond.) 4, D. Jackson 5, R. Hodgson 6, D. Hodgson 7, J. Moore 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 8. The first quarter of Triples on the bells for 23 years.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.1. — On Dec. 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: S. Dearden 1, J. Chilcott 2, B. K. Lunn 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, W. Rawlings 5, A. A. Hughes 6, J. Sansom 7, James Phillips 8, J. Bullock 9, R. F. Deal 10, John Phillips (cond.) 11, A. B. Peck 12.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — At St. Thomas' Church on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Crannage (first on treble) 1, D. J. Midgley (age 13, first 'inside') 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, D. H. Watson 6, R. Smith (cond.) 7, P. W. Webb (age 17, first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong.

GLOUCESTER. — At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Newman 1, T. Newman 2, S. Harrison 3, A. Lynall (first of Triples) 4, J. Whiting 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, W. Cox 7, C. Larner 8. Rung on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones.

TRULL, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. M. Noad (first in method) 1, L. Beryl Churchill 2, B. G. Vine 3, R. G. Perry 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. E. J. Baker 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX. — On Dec. 7th, 1,272 Minor (480 Little Bob, 792 Plain Bob), rung with tenor covering: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. E. Merrett 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, J. Merrett 5, J. Barrance 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. R. Brice 8. First in two Minor methods by all the band. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. Stella, Edgware, Middlesex.

ROMSEY, HANTS. — At the Abbey on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Northway 1, Miss A. Knight (first 'inside') 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, K. Jacobs 4, D. Greenlaw 5, C. T. Drew 6.—Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Money (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Knight (first of Triples) 2, M. Northway 3, M. J. Bray (first 'inside') 4, D. Greenlaw (first of Triples) 5, K. Jacobs 6, C. T. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Salvi (first of Triples) 8.

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Ancient Bells and Interesting Inscriptions in Surrey

By J. CLARK, HASLEMERE

THIS article has for the most part been compiled from J. C. L. Stahlschmidt's book 'Surrey Bells and London Bellfounders,' nowadays an almost unobtainable work published in 1884, a copy of which I am fortunate enough to have in my possession.

I shall begin with the pre-Reformation bells, of which there are 22 in Surrey, although most of them cannot be dated exactly. The single bell at Chaldon is unquestionably the most ancient in the county and one of the oldest in England. At present it hangs in the south porch, where it can be closely studied. The bell is shaped somewhat like a flower-pot with scarcely any curve around the waist and sound-bow; it bears the inscription in beautifully-formed Gothic letters. 'Capana : Beati : Pauli.' The suggestion has been made that it was cast in Italy, or at least by an Italian founder. Stahlschmidt says: '. . . it may be certainly reckoned as not much later than 1250, and from its archaic shape may well be much older.'

The second at Bisley would appear to be the second oldest bell in the county, having been cast sometime between the years 1307 and 1346, when it is thought to have been presented by the great Abbey of Chertsey, which owned much property in Surrey prior to the Reformation. The inscription in Gothic lettering on this bell reads, 'Fraternitas : Fecit : Me : Honore : Beate : Mareie.'

The first and second at Wotton, which from their inscriptions would appear to have come from the same foundry, belong to the years between 1350 and 1400. The single bell at Chelsham and the fifth at Limpsfield, although this latter has been recast, are possibly the work of a London founder, William Burford, between the years 1371 and 1392. The second at Merstham dedicated to St. Katharine, was cast in all probability by his son Richard between 1392 and 1418.

A WOMAN BELLFOUNDER

The third at Stoke D'Abernon bears the letters 'J. O. S.' These are the initials of Johanna Sturdy, one of the few women founders, and the wife of Richard Hille (she was afterwards the widow of a person by the name of Sturdy) who cast the third at East Horsley and the bell at Headley; these three bells date from about the middle of the 15th century.

The fifth at Chertsey bears the inscription. 'Oro Mente Pia Pro Nobis Virgo Maria,' the same as that on the first at Wotton. The bell is thought to have come from the Abbey at the time of the Dissolution, but this and the bells previously mentioned form the only bells in the county with inscriptions composed entirely of capital letters. The first bells inscribed with small letters were the bell at Seale, the first at Clandon, the original third at Chiddingfold, which is not now incorporated in the present ring, and the third and fourth at Ewhurst. These bells all bear dedications to various saints, whilst that at Chiddingfold is inscribed. 'Sancta Trinitas Ora Pro Nobis'; one wonders to whom the Holy Trinity is supposed to pray! The above bells belong to approximately the middle of the 16th century. The second at Merton and the first at Burstow, dedicated to St. Margaret and St. Thomas respectively, belong to much the same period. The remaining pre-Reformation bells are the third and sixth at Limpsfield, the fourth at Walton-on-Thames and the third at Chobham, with the second at Thursley dating from 1450.

ARMADA BELLS

From the time of the Dissolution until the year 1600, there are 13 bells all dated and inscribed. Beginning with Barnes we have the second inscribed, 'This Bell Cast By Order Of Thomas Smythe,' The second at Dunsfold has a complete inscription in small letters, this:—multie anie reconet campanai iohan,' and is dated 1583. To the year 1585 belongs the fourth at Banstead inscribed, 'Robertus mot me fecit' Robert Mot, who died in 1608, was the first owner of the famous Whitechapel foundry. Another bell cast by the same man and bearing the same inscription is the seventh at Chertsey, this is dated 1588. It seems incredible that men and materials could have been spared for the casting of bells in so critical a year as that. Dating from the same year and bearing the same inscription we have the second at Fetcham. In 1591 Robert Mot cast the third at Walton-on-the-Hill, whilst the third at Merstham, dated 1597, is also his work. The Eldridge family are very important as regards bells in Surrey, for there are very many examples of their work throughout the county.

Richard Eldridge is the earliest member of the family of which we have any record. He had foundries at Reading, Wokingham and Horsham; his earliest work in Surrey is the fifth at Capel, inscribed 'Omnia habent finem. R. E. 1593.' His almost invariable motto is like that to be seen on the fifth at Chipstead, and the second and fourth at Chobham, all inscribed, 'Oure hope is in the lorde. 1595. R.E.,' and at Chobham, '1597. R.E.' The first at Weybridge is another of Robert Mot's bells, inscribed, 'R. M. 1597.' The last 16th century bell in Surrey is the fourth at Cranleigh, inscribed, 'Prais God. 1599. A. W..' It seems that Stahlschmidt is unable to ascribe the initials to any founder in particular, but thinks it cast by 'a local founder not improbably one casting at Horsham.' However, with the mention of this bell we pass on now to the bells of the 17th century.

THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

I think it simpler to divide the 17th century into two parts. Taking the years 1600 to 1650, first we have many examples of work by the Eldridge family. Richard Eldridge has cast the fourth at Capel, 1605: the fourth at Chipstead, 1607: the second at Witley, 1604; the first at East Molesey, 1608: also the fifth at Seale in the same year: the fifth at Chobham, where he breaks away from his usual motto, and has, 'In trouble an adversitie the lord god heare thee. 1610. R. E.' The last bell cast by him before his death in 1623 is the first at Dunsfold.

We have many examples of the work of Brian Eldridge the elder, who died in 1640, and of his son Brian, who died in 1661. It is possible in most cases to distinguish the work of the two, because the former spells his name Eldredge. The first at Alfold, inscribed 'Gloria Deo In Excelsis. 1631. B. E..' and also the third, inscribed 'Brainvs Eldredge Me Fecit. 1625,' are his work, as also are the first at Banstead, 1638; the first at Compton, 1634; the second and fourth at Cranleigh, 1638: the third at West Horsley, 1621: the third at Merton, 1621: the second at Micklcham, 1624: the third at Morden, 1637; and the first at Petersham, 1620.

His son's work may be seen at Dunsfold, the third, 1649; the first at East Horsley, 1648; and the first at West Horsley, 1645; whilst a full ring of five was cast by him for Lingfield in 1648, a surprising accomplishment in the time of the Civil War. He also cast the first at Merrow, 1650; the fifth at Merstham, 1640; and the first at the same place, 1657; the sixth at Walton-on-Thames, 1651; and the first and third at Witley, 1648. A certain William Land cast the third at Fetcham, 1613; the first at Barnes, 1616; and the fifth at Dulwich College Chapel, 1633; the second, third and fourth at Frensham, which are the remains of an old ring of five, were cast by Ellis Knight in 1627; they bear rather quaint old mottoes: the second, 'I as second will ring'; the third, 'I as third will sing'; and the fourth, 'I as tenar hvm all rovnd.' There remain only about half a dozen bells of this first half of the 17th century which I consider not important enough to be worthy of notice.

I will now pass on to the second half of the 17th century, of which period there are 72 bells, but space will only permit the mention of the most interesting. There are one or two examples of the work of Brian Eldridge the younger during this period, notably the second at Chiddingfold, 1656: the second at Compton, 1660; and the sixth at Cranleigh dated the same year; also the first at Merstham, 1657; the sixth at Walton-on-Thames, 1651; and finally the first at Woodmansterne, 1661. Following his death in 1661, the ownership of the foundry passed into the hands of his brother William, and the majority of the bells cast during this period bear his name or initials; in a few cases he gives his name in Latin, as at Barnes on the third:—'Gvilielmvs Eldridge Me Fecit. 1667.' His other work includes the first and second at Abinger, 1674: the second, third, fourth and sixth at Albury, 1695: the sixth at Banstead, 1661: the second at Great Bookham, 1675; the third, fourth and fifth at Buckland, 1681; the fourth at Burstow, 1681; the third, fourth and sixth at Charlwood, 1697, 1668 and 1662; and at least another 25 spread fairly evenly throughout the county.

COULSDON'S RING

The Hodson family have cast a few bells in Surrey. Christopher Hodson cast the second at Addington in 1683; whilst John cast the first and second at Caterham in 1664: the first and second at Chipstead in 1658; the bell at Farley in 1663: and the complete ring at Old Coulsdon, which are all inscribed, 'Iohn Hodson. Hodson made me. 1675. Ch Thoms Wood, Iasper Wood Chvrchwardens,' and are reputed to be the oldest complete ring in Surrey that have never been renovated in any way. These bells, I think, are the most important of the period, although there are some dozen or more which I have not the space to describe.

There is a bell at Pyrford which I think has the most amazing inscription of all in Surrey; Stahlschmidt does not date the bell, neither does he profess to be able to translate the inscription. The only word of any meaning, could be the first, which to me appears as the Latin word 'Suas' in reverse but beyond that the inscription is meaningless. It would be interesting to hear if readers have any ideas about it. Another rather unlikely suggestion is that the founders wished to put on a Greek inscription, and not having any Greek letters, did the nearest thing they could with English letters.

Another peculiarity, chiefly to be found on late 17th century bells is the reversing of the letters S and N on numerous bell inscriptions. There may have been some particular reason for this, but I think it very conceivable that as the letters which were to impress the inscription into the bell had to be fixed into the cope so that they read from right to left it was very easy to make a mistake with the letters N and S, and affix them the correct way so that they came out in reverse on the bell itself.

However, with this interesting question still unsolved, I conclude my article on Surrey's ancient bells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Mepham 1, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 2, R. D. Brown (first 'inside') 3, Pamela Law 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. A 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Smith 1, Jill Cochrane 2, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 3, T. Pryce 4, A. W. Skelton 5, K. Pulford 6. A welcome to the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt, who was inducted as Vicar on Dec. 1st, and to Mrs. Hunt.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—At the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pilkington 1, Miss M. Fuller 2, Miss M. Powell 3, M. Fuller 4, C. Rew (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. Rung on the occasion of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and for the Crowning of Our Lady of St. George's.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Overton (first quarter) 1, E. Sidaway (first 'inside') 2, H. White 3, H. Wyre 4, L. R. Hall 5, R. Dunn 6, H. Shuck (cond.) 7, W. Lloyd 8. For gift Sunday.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Miller (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, W. A. Gammage 3, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 4, G. F. Roome 5, T. Jennings 6. Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to British Timken, Ltd., Duston.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, C. C. Mayne 2, D. J. L. Ward 3, J. R. Mayne 4, R. G. Ouston 5, H. E. Clayton (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. H. Young 1, A. H. Warboys 2, Miss I. Coates 3, Miss A. Bailey 4, F. W. Whitby 5, V. Tipton 6, W. Wheeler 7, E. Rochester (first in method as cond.) 8. For evening service.

QUARTER PEALS

HUNTON, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, being 720 Kent and 720 Oxford: W. R. Manser 1, I. A. C. Butcher 2, K. S. Holh 3, L. J. Honess 4, G. Fry (first in method as cond.) 5, J. W. Meade 6.

KINGSBURY, N.W.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Voss 1, M. I. H. King 2, J. C. Taylor (cond.) 3, G. M. Ellis 4, D. Sanders 5, Miss B. F. Martin 6, P. F. Flint 7, M. D. Chamberlain 8. Rung with 6, 7, 8 covering. First quarter by 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Average age 17.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Hubbard 1, Mrs. P. A. Gorby 2, R. J. Hubbard 3, F. J. Stimson 4, M. D. Staniforth 5, J. F. Hubbard (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service, and also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Cousins.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. A. Pursey (first quarter) 1, P. Walker 2, J. H. Gardner 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, D. O. Wilks 5, D. H. Niblett 6, A. H. Gearing (first quarter as cond.) 7, L. F. Pullen 8. For Evensong.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,20 Stedman Doubles: M. Parker (first of Stedman) 1, S. K. M. Knight 2, R. H. R. Parker 3, F. W. Burnett 4, R. Baldwin (first of Stedman as cond.) 5, F. G. Edwards 6. First of Stedman Doubles by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, and on the bells.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hurcombe (first quarter) 1, F. E. T. Tranter 2, S. J. Pugh 3, C. Wixey, jun. (first 'inside') 4, F. G. Gorby (cond.) 5, J. Cobb (first quarter) 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Dec. 12th, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, R. F. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, Mrs. P. Lewington 4, G. K. Dodd 5, J. N. Diserens 6, F. W. Lewis 7, R. G. Burton 8, R. W. Rex 9, C. E. Lewington 10, W. Hibbert 11, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 12. First of Surprise Maximus for 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Paice (cond.) 1, J. Wightman 2, Miss S. Revell 3, W. Collins 4, L. W. Paice 5, W. J. Parker 6.

SIBSEY, LINCS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: Agnes Elmet 1, W. Elmet 2, H. Johnson 3, T. Cummins 4, W. Wilkinson 5, J. R. Young 6, D. Smith 7, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 7.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. A. Kitchenside 1, B. V. Collison 2, S. G. Ponting 3, C. A. Bassett 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, P. N. Bond 6. First quarter in method by all the band except ringer of tenor. Third anniversary of Vicar's induction.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. E. Watson 1, R. F. Roe 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, C. H. Harding 4, B. S. Cope 5, C. Clarke (first of Major) 6, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 7, H. Parkes 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Miss J. Gladman 2, J. G. Newman 3, D. M. Knox 4, R. J. Scott 5, K. L. Brown 6, D. Broyd 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. K. L. Brown, who is leaving the district for Lowestoft.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doris M. Barker (first quarter) 1, Mary Arkinstall 2, G. Geary (first quarter 'inside') 3, B. P. Morris (cond.) 4, L. G. Toseland 5.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): W. A. Gammage 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, F. Rollings 3, Miss J. Hill 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Miss J. D. Beeby and Mr. K. R. Bates. Also on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rollings 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, Miss J. Hill 3, W. A. Gammage 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Lyon (sister of the tower captain).

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 London and 600 Cambridge): J. E. Cannell 1, Mary Fuller 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Fuller 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. Bird 6.

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Mr. James Bennett, of Grundisburgh, rang his 1,200th peal on December 4th. 'My peal centuries,' he writes, 'do not roll along as quickly as in the past, as it has taken nearly five years to reach the last 100.'

Doubles.—In five methods 1.

Minor.—All numbers from one to seven methods 44.

Triples.—In 7 different methods 180.

Major.—In 36 different methods (excluding methods used for splicing) 671. Spliced: Double Norwich and Plain Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 3. Surprise: All numbers from three to twelve methods 35. Total Major 710.

Caters.—In three different methods 59. Spliced: Erin, Stedman and Grandsire 1. Total Caters 60.

Royal.—In ten different methods 74. Spliced: Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge Surprise 1. Total Royal 75.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Erin 1, Stedman 73. Total Cinques 75.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 4. Surprise: Cambridge 44. Superlative 3, Yorkshire 1. Spliced: Superlative & Cambridge 2. Total Maximus 55.

Grand total.—1,200 (conducted 106).

In addition to the above five others were rung but had to be withdrawn, four of which were false.

Rung with 1,136 ringers, for 33 Associations affiliated to the Central Council, in 47 counties in England, Wales and Ireland, in 336 towers, 25 of which 'the circle has been completed.'

Included in the above are:—

Major.—The first peals in eight new methods. The first in 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Spliced Surprise.

Caters.—The first of Spliced in three methods.

Royal.—One new method and the first of Spliced Surprise in three methods.

Maximus.—The first two peals of Spliced (two methods) ever rung. The longest peal on 12 bells, viz., 15,312 Cambridge Surprise

Also includes a peal in every county in England, a peal on eight bells and upwards on every one of the 366 dates of the calendar, both completed during 1936. The first peal ever rung by an Army and Navy band, viz., Bob Major, January 1st, 1914. The first peals on the twelves of Canterbury Cathedral and Buckfast Abbey. A 12-bell peal in 50 different towers. One hundred or more with the following:—G. R. Pye 460, William Pye 321, C. T. Coles 300, H. E. Audsley 274, J. H. Cheesman 210, A. W. Coles 132, E. P. Duffield 124, C. W. Roberts 123, I. G. Shade 117, Edwin Barnett sen. 114, E. J. Butler 107, F. J. Cullum 106.

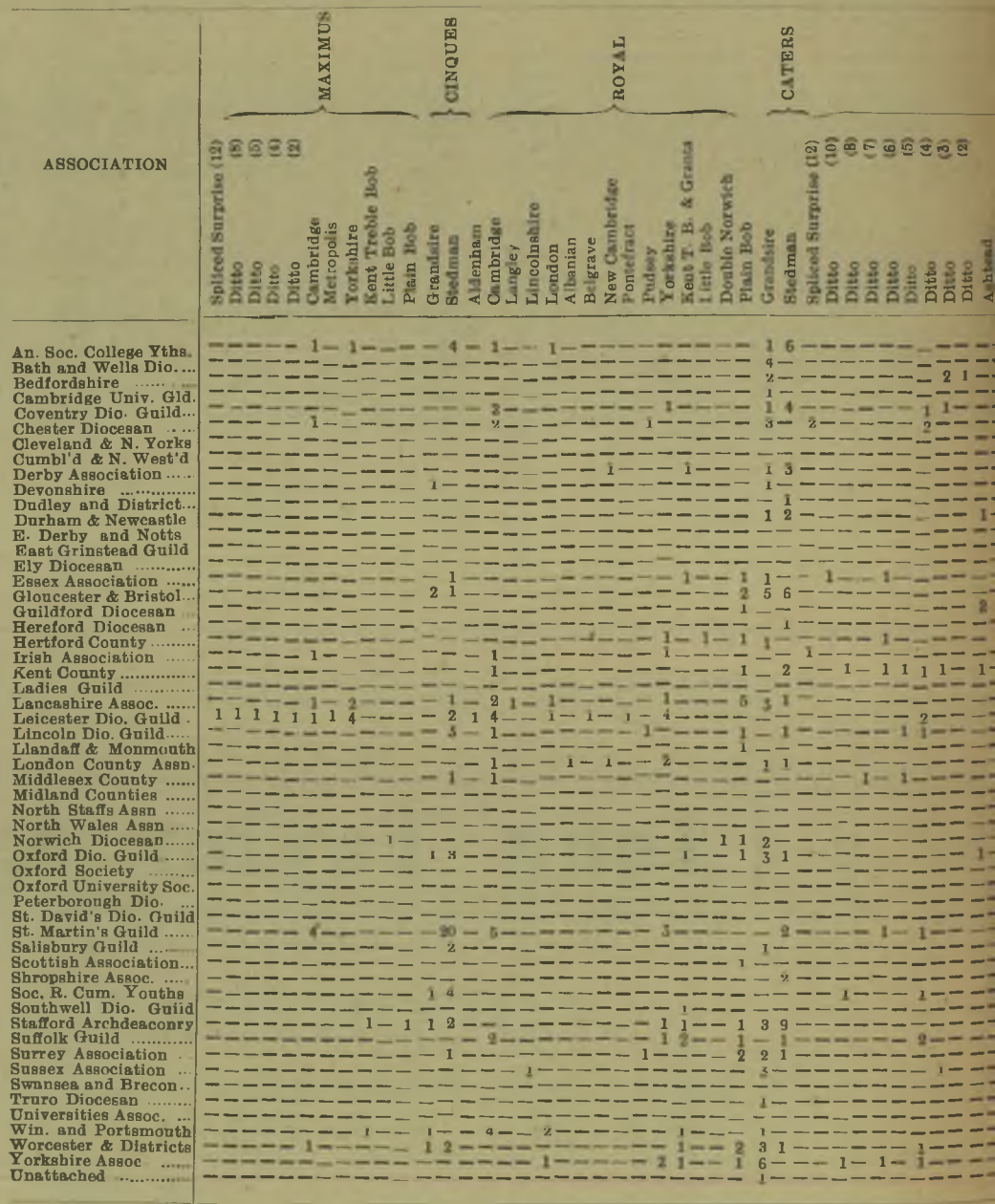
Ely Diocesan Association

The District meeting of the Hunts Branch took place at All Saints', St. Ives, on December 11th. The Guild service was conducted by Canon B. F. Sheppard, M.A., Rector of Somersham.

The business meeting was in All Saints' (St. Ives) belfry, Mr. F. Warrington presiding. For the February meeting it was hoped to obtain both Hemingford Grey and Abbots, and it was left to Mr. Warrington to see the Vicar of Hemingford Grey, where some doubt exists about the bells being in good going order. F. W.

Analysis of Peals rung on T

Compiled by the Committee appointed



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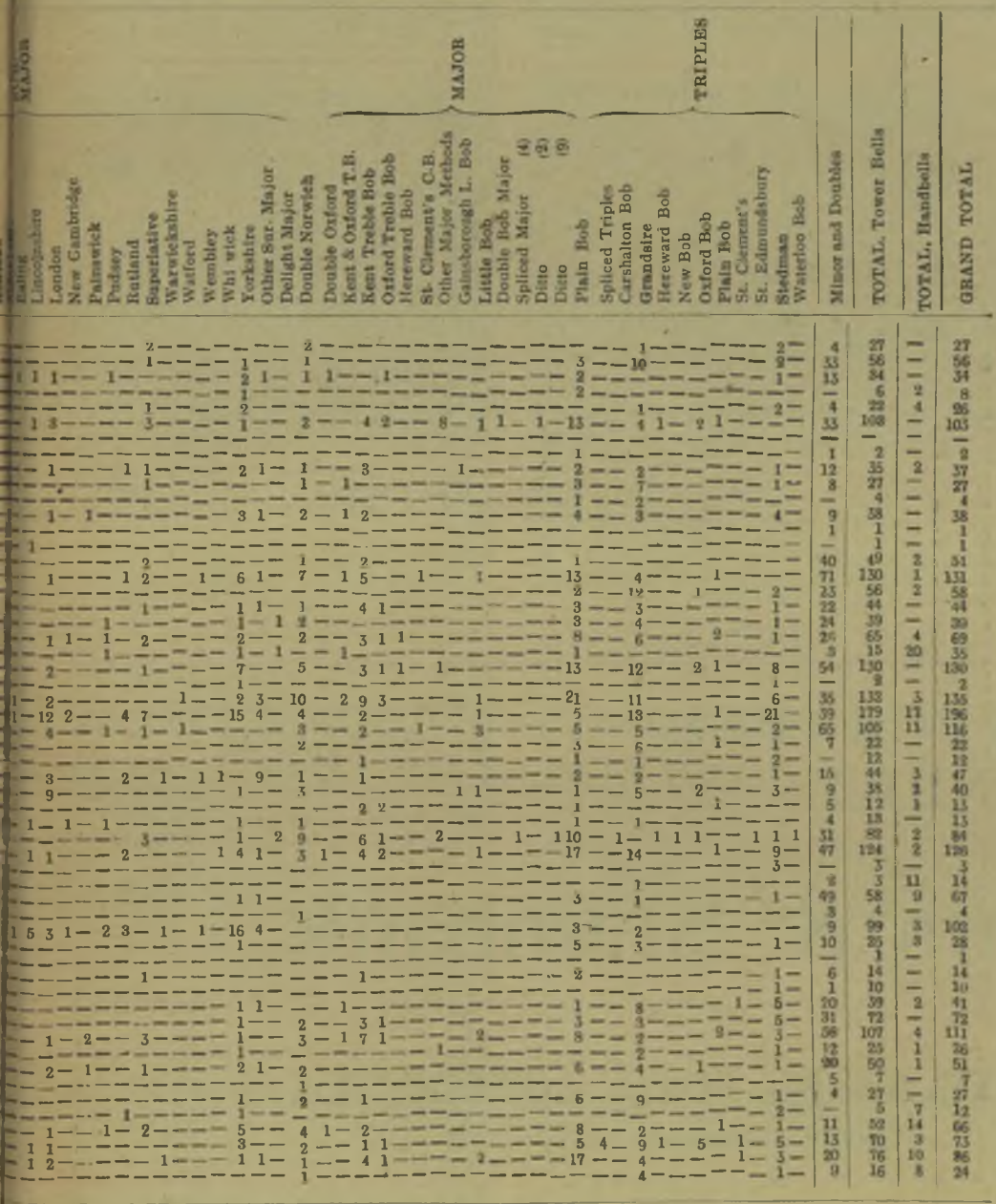

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Over 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Christchurch District held at Christchurch on December 11th, and the company sitting down to tea at the Priory Cafe included the Vicar of Christchurch (the Rev. R. P. Price), Mr. George Pullinger (Master of the Guild) and Mrs. Pullinger, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Mr. George Preston, Mr. J. A. C. King (hon. secretary, Winchester District) and Mr. Ivan Davies (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild).

Mr. David Reed presided over the meeting, at which the hon. secretary was happy to report steady progress in all departments during 1954. Meetings, including a joint one with the Salisbury Guild, had been well attended. There was an increase in ringing members and in the credit balance, and the annual George Williams Commemoration Dinner, held in May, was a most enjoyable function.

The members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Frederick W. Townsend, Ringing Master of the neighbouring Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and of St. James', Poole.

Unfortunately the District will soon lose the services of Mr. David Reed (chairman), who is to take up residence in the Isle of Wight. The District's grateful thanks are due to Mr. Reed for his enthusiastic and valuable services as a member and officer of the Branch.

Officers for 1954 were elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. E. Daniels; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. V. Davis; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. E. Cheater and R. Marlow; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hurst; representative, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

Unanimous votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Christchurch, to the preacher and the organist. Congratulations were offered to Mr. George Preston in anticipation of his 85th birthday on December 18th. Mr. George Pullinger said that Mr. Preston is the oldest practising member of the Guild.

It was decided to hold the George Williams Commemoration Dinner on May 7th, and quarterly meetings were arranged for March 19th, June 18th and September 17th, 1955. Further ringing on the Priory bells continued until 9 p.m.

A. V. D.

Launton Ringers On Television

Launton (Oxfordshire) ringers appeared in a television newsreel on December 13th in a programme of carols.

The picture opened with three views of St. Mary's Church, Launton. These were followed by a switch to the interior showing the Rector and ringers walking in procession from the chancel to take up their positions in the nave in front of the chancel screen. Here they played 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.'

The ringers, who are all choristers at the church, were robed for the recording. They were Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. S. Holtam, the Misses Stephanie Gilpin, Susan Clarke, Elizabeth Sharpe and Patricia Ayris.

Three octaves of handbells were used and the carols were played in four-part harmony. The bells were part of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's collection and included specimens from the 17th century to the present day.

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Mr. T. Reginald Dennis, now 71 years of age, tried something new on December 18th with a peal of Fordham Surprise Major at Ickleton. This is the first time this method has been rung to a peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We welcome to our columns the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Hamilton Cathedral, New Zealand, which is the second peal to be rung by the St. Peter's Society, Hamilton. It was conducted by New Zealand born Mr. Colin Ward, who is the first native of that Dominion to call a peal in his own country.

Wadhurst bells were dedicated at morning service on December 19th. An application has been made for a faculty for two new treble bells.

Mr. T. H. Francis was the umpire for the handbell peal rung at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on November 29th for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Accrington Parish Church has now eight subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' They would be interested to hear of a tower that beats their record.

Although during the course of the recent peal at Eye by ringers from over the border there was evidence of bearings running dry, thre was no lack of 'lubrication' of another sort at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rush.

Errata.—The peal of Minor in seven methods rung at Stoke Bishop, Bristol, on November 13th, consisted of extents in the following methods:—Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob. (See page 804.)

Mr. R. Claude Gifford, Ringing Master of Hamilton Cathedral, New Zealand, in sending seasonal greetings to English ringers, wants especially to be remembered to the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Guild, of which he was secretary for some 11 years. He and his wife recall many happy hours spent with the Branch and tower members of Coalpit Heath and Westerleigh. His greetings are heartily endorsed by other members of the Cathedral band

Mr. W. J. Robinson, who since 1926 has been a stalwart at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, is leaving in the New Year to live near Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. In appreciation of his good services to the tower and comradeship he was presented with a wallet at the tower's annual supper on December 20th. The tower captain, Mr. F. A. Munday, made the presentation, and tributes to Mr. Robinson's ability and helpfulness were paid by Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. R. H. Hutton. His departure will be a great loss to the tower and the district.

Mr. Roger B. Morris informs us that the peal of Doubles at Rampton, Cambs, on December 1st was not his first in the method.

The bells of Tetbury Parish Church, Glos, (tenor 16¼ cwt.) will be broadcast in the West Home Service on January 2nd.

Throughout the year many readers have informed us that the issues for April 9th and April 16th bore duplicate numbers, 2,245. To rectify the position the number 2,283 has been omitted and we start 1955 with number 2,284.

His many friends in Essex will be pleased to know that Mr. John Dale has reached the grand old age of 90. Apart from difficulty in getting about John is hale and hearty and retains a lively interest in the Exercise. The peal of Gainsborough Little Bob Major at Hornchurch on December 11th, in honour of his birthday, was one of unusual length and can be a leson to conductor and composer. To the former—check the number of changes, and to the latter—the danger of ambiguous instructions. A peal of 5,004 changes turned out to be 5,436 changes, so John got good value on a very auspicious occasion. One is almost tempted to claim 'the longest length in the method.' What about it, Records Committee?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. FRED G. MAY

Dear Sir,—It was with considerable pleasure that I discovered the other day a man who, in the earlier years of this century, had been a leading ringer in the West Country.

Mr. Fred G. May was born near Cirencester in 1871 and was there taught to handle a bell by Mr. C. Bond. He was then 24, and his great aptitude is evident when, four years later, in 1898, he became Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. A Cumberland Youth and member of numerous Guilds, he was on the Central Council from 1900 to 1909.

Noted as a composer and especially as a conductor, his peal total stands at more than 660, many being rung in his home tower of St. Nicholas', Bristol; amongst others were the first of Cambridge, and Gloucester, Surprise Major, also first of Forward Royal.

His last peal was at Stroud, Glos, in August, 1919, when he conducted his own composition of Grandsire Caters. In 1925 he came to a warmer climate for his health, and for a while captained and taught at St. Mary's, Woodstock, but the travelling nature of his work precluded any peal attempts.

To-day he is quite well, living in quiet retirement near Cape Town. If this should catch the eye of any friends who wish to write to him they could do so care of, Yours sincerely,

A. V. SHEPPARD.

P.O. Box 1073, Cape Town.

IDENTITY OF SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—From the list of Surprise Major methods given by Mr. Blagrove I can help in a very small way with supplying the names of Nos. 12 and 22—Essex (No. 12) and Clacton (No. 22).

The notation of No. 5 is Beaconsfield, and of No. 17 Guildford **but** both these have 2nds place lead ends, so cannot qualify, as Mr. Blagrove's are all 8ths place lead ends.

As my collection of these methods is only small, the above information is probably of little use, but I give it for what it is worth.—Yours sincerely,

J. H. BRETT.

Sible Hedingham.

FIGHT FOR OUR CRAFT

Dear Sir,—My old friend, Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, takes a very alarming attitude over what might happen over the Bob Major extent attempt, which ended in such a glorious failure at Loughborough. Instead of being an alarmist, I feel some good will come out of this peal attempt, for never in my lifetime do I remember bell-ringing gaining such publicity. I am optimist enough to think we shall get inquiries at our churches about this bell-ringing, which should mean recruits to take up the art.

The criticism Mr. Rowe fears should be met. The fault here lies with the ringers—yes! and with the bell founders as well and the craftsmen who help to make materials into bells and frames, etc. Both sections allow all sorts of unkind and ignorant criticisms to go unchallenged and unanswered; we just 'lie down' and 'take it.'

Ringers should take up the fight on behalf of the art of change ringing, and most certainly the founders should join in the fray to preserve their ancient art of bell founding which is their living.

I can hear some of my friends saying to me, 'Why don't you have a fight?' I have several times in the local Press here in North London, when nasty letters have appeared about bell-ringing.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

REPLY TO MR. FELSTEAD

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Felstead's letter of December 10th, I must protest against his remark that Mr. Butler is 'trying to be funny.' Unlike the Methods Committee, who are concerned only with the 'purity' of methods, Mr. Butler, on behalf of Sunday service ringers in his area, is protesting against the stupid rules introduced by the Methods Committee.

It has been explained before to Mr. Felstead that there is no comparison between the laws of the land and the laws of the Central Council. The laws of the land are made for the good of the majority and are generally justified by the Ten Commandments, although they do occasionally bring hardship to a small minority. But the rules of the Central Council only do harm for the majority and satisfy the personal whims of a very small minority. What good has it done to ban Plain Bob Triples and 'irregular' Minor from the analysis? Try to get the Central Council rules ratified by the Guilds, Societies and Associations and you will soon see that the majority do not object to Plain Bob Triples and 'irregular' Minor being included in the analysis.

Football is a competitive sport, played for gain, and as such needs regulations. Peal ringing should be a duty to the Church and as such does not need regulations (concerning method construction).

Then he makes an amusing accusation, 'rebellion' against the Methods Committee. There can be no doubt that when the Doubles Collection is published, a motion will be put to the Central Council by the Methods Committee (directly or indirectly) that 'peals containing methods not in the collection be excluded from the peals analysis.' I therefore appeal to all Doubles ringers to stand firm against the Methods Committee, by getting their associations to instruct their representatives(?) to vote against such a motion. Perhaps Mr. Felstead could tell us how to rebel against any committee, let alone that infallible collection of purists, the Methods Committee.

He then says that the Methods Committee persuaded (by way of a compromise) the Central Council to relax certain rules for Doubles ringers. Where was the persuasion? It only needs a speech from the Methods Committee, a direction 'Don't waste time over this,' and like a lot of sheep the Central Council say, 'Yes.' Where was the compromise? Doubles ringers were not consulted. Those relaxations were the wishes of the Methods Committee, none of whom are five-bell ringers.

He then says that I helped in getting together the collection of 97 'true' methods. When I found out what rules the Methods Committee were using, I worked out that there were 100 methods conforming to these rules and sent them to Mr. C. K. Lewis to check. He replied that (in his quest for purity) 'he could not accept 19 of them.' I wrote back protesting that his exclusion of these methods was as illogical as the exclusion of Double Bob Minor and the inclusion of Plain Bob Minor because Double Bob Minor has its lead ends in a different order to Plain Bob Minor. He was, in fact, interpreting the rules to suit his own wishes. I received no reply.

In fact, we rang the peal at Stanwell under the impression that ten of the methods we rang would not be included in the collection, and it was not until after the peal that I found out that Mr. Lewis had changed his mind about them. Even now they are excluding three methods because they cannot find a bob to suit their puritanical ideas. Will these methods be included? Will all other methods be banned? Or will the few try to dictate only 97, 'which (quoting Mr. Felstead) is quite a good number when there are only five bells to play about with,' but which (quoting Sunday service ringers) 'is not enough.'

Finally, may I be allowed to enlarge on Mr. Speed's remarks on Treble Bob Major? He says that it is impossible to get a T.B.8 method with 'natural' coursing order in 7–8 and no adjacent places. The same is true on 10 and 12, and also, I believe, for Little T.B. In fact, there are only 343 T.B. Major with P.B. coursing order in 7–8 and triple and quadruple changes only. There are, in fact, only eight different works above the treble, all of which are 'place' variations on Kent, either Kent Places moved and/or seconds at the lead end.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedfont, Stanwell, near Staines.

ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cavill is quite right—All Saints' Doubles is not one of the methods which will appear in the Doubles book. The reason is not far to seek—the method is simply Reverse Canterbury Pleasure using a Grandsire single at the lead end, whilst the bob lead is a plain lead of Reverse Canterbury. We have excluded all this type of method in the book. The sort of thing that can happen if you don't draw the line in the way we are suggesting is shown by the fact that Besthorpe, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Hudibras, April Day, Ready Money, Ludham and Kennington all have the same plain course, viz., Plain Bob (!) and their difference consists in the variation of bob.

I was interested to see that the peal at South Wigston on November 27th was claimed as the 100th on the bells. I make it the 103rd. Perhaps there have been some false ones rung of which I am not aware, and so I should be grateful if Mr. Warwick (or someone more directly interested, perhaps) would check up with me at St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

AN EXAMPLE TO THE CLERGY

Dear Sir,—When recently attending the practice night at Brighouse Parish Church I was agreeably surprised to see that the Vicar and two of his curates are learning bellringing. The Vicar and one curate are in the rounds stage, whereas the other curate can ring Grandsire, both on the tower bells and 'in hand.' Brighouse is one of the most important and populous parishes in the Wakefield Diocese, and the clergy are, without doubt, kept fully occupied.

One of the local ringers told me that much of the future possibilities of the team depends upon these three reverend gentlemen, for otherwise there would not be sufficient members for regular ringing.

I believe that some theological colleges are giving elementary instruction in bell-ringing. This will no doubt result in an increase in clerical recruits in our belfries.

I would like to point this out as a 'striking' example of how the clergy are helping ringers in a busy industrial parish. Whether clerical or lay, are we not entrusted with one of the more important duties, namely, of calling people to worship and proclaiming to our parish that divine service is about to begin?—Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Elland, Yorks.

A WEEK-END IN FOUR COUNTIES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read on page 812 the writer's comments that any peal on the heavy five at Mudford should be non-conducted. Before the war I took part in a peal there and for about a week afterwards the conductor, my old friend, Bill Shute, appeared to be suffering from laryngitis and the rest of the band could hear the bells in their ears!—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

LETTERS—Continued

THOSE TON TENORS

Dear Sir,—In your issue of December 3rd 'M. E. E.' questions my published weight of 15 cwt. at Kingston, Somerset, but prefers local tradition of a ton.

This bell measures 42¼ inches in diameter, according to 'The Church Bells of Somerset' (and the late J. H. Shepherd's notes), and a bell of this size cannot possibly weigh anything like a ton—it would need to be well-nigh solid to do so. An experienced bellfounder estimates 13¼ cwt. as being more likely.

Local traditions are notoriously exaggerated where weights are concerned and it is not possible, as some ringers seem to think, to judge the weight of a bell merely by its 'go.'

Broadly speaking, it may be assumed that the precise weights (to the pound) given in 'The Book' are the authentic weights supplied by the founder and the approximate weights have been computed from the measurements. As, however, I used a scale of weights and measurements of modern bells the tendency may have been to overestimate in some cases rather than underestimate, a tendency which has been corrected as far as possible in the revised book now printing.

I am frequently met with 'You've got our tenor wrong, she is a lot heavier than you state,' etc., and as likely as not inquiries reveal that since tradition was established the bells have been away to the foundry and have been tuned and perhaps had the cannons removed and the exact weight has been obtained.

Even so it by no means follows that the bona fide weight given by a reputable bellfounder will be accepted. Indeed, I know one Yorkshire tower where if the tenor was weighed before their eyes the ringers would declare that the scales must be wrong!

I see also that 'Dove' is blamed for misleading Mr. Felstead in his article on peal ringing in Dorset, but since peals rung at St. John's, Surrey Road, have always been, and still are, recorded as being rung at 'Bournemouth, Hants—one was rung here only a few weeks ago—why 'The Book' should be blamed is not quite clear.

'Crockford' records this church as Bournemouth, Hants, but I have obtained a ruling from the Town Clerk, who states that while the greater part of the parish is in Bournemouth, and therefore in Hampshire, that portion which contains the church is situated within the Borough of Poole (Dorset).

In the new edition of the 'Guide' this tower will appear as Bournemouth, Dorset, with a cross-reference to Poole. Doubtless I shall be informed that Bournemouth is not in Dorset, but if I were to record the tower at St. John's, Poole, I should be told I had omitted St. John's, Bournemouth.

If any readers can suggest how otherwise to record a tower which is in one town in name and another town and county in actual fact I would welcome advice.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor, rung for this Guild at Hucknall, Notts, on May 27th, 1954, is false, and should be deleted from the records in the Analysis of Peals.—Yours sincerely.

C. GLENN,
Peal Sec., Southwell Diocesan Guild.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela I. Scrivens (first quarter) 1, Geraldine Carless 2, E. W. Blake 3, A. Jones 4, W. R. Carless (first 'inside') 5, D. A. Kaye 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Blake 8. Rung for Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Jones.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Winford on December 4th. Ringing took place on the fine ring of six (Mears, 1816; tenor 16 cwt) until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. A. J. H. Hobbs) conducted the Association form of service.

Ringers from Chew Magna, Clutton, Corston, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea, Timsbury, Winford, Wraxall, Wrington and Yatton 'signed the book' at the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea provided by the local ringers and their wives.

The Branch officers were all re-elected, these being:—Mr. H. W. Knight, chairman and Ringing Master; Messrs. L. Derrick and L. Pullin, Deputy Ringing Masters; and Mr. P. G. Yeo, secretary and representative on the General Committee.

The chairman announced that he had received an invitation from Mr. Bennett, of Clutton, asking if Clutton tower could be transferred to the Chew Deanery Branch. The meeting decided that, subject to the formal approval of the Frome Branch, this would be in order. A new member each from Clutton, Nailsea and Winford were duly elected and it was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next quarterly meeting (April) should be held at Backwell, with practice meetings at Ubley, Weston-in-Gordano and Clutton for January, February and March respectively. There being no other business, Mr. G. Yeo proposed votes of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the organist for her services, and to the ladies who prepared tea. M. J. H.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 11th. A special welcome was extended to Miss Marion Skinner, of Pinner, a former member of Christ Church band.

Those present were entertained to tea by Christ Church ringers and at the business meeting Dr. H. Craig was elected chairman in succession to Mr. W. Sidwell, who has left the district. All other Branch officers were re-elected and it was proposed that the next three meetings be held at Stratton-St. Margaret, Rodbourne Cheney and St. Mark's, Swindon. The secretary's report revealed a satisfactory state of affairs although there was a decline in peal ringing in the Branch area. Ringing at the meeting ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal. W. B. K.

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EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT

The annual dinner of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held on December 11th in Tunbridge Wells and proved to be the best ever. The recently overhauled bells at St. Peter's were available from 3 to 5.30 and everyone agreed that they now run perfectly and are much more audible in the belfry.

An excellent meal was served at the Culverden Arms. There were no visitors and no formalities except the loyal toast proposed by the chairman, Mr. E. J. Ladd, who afterwards spoke a few words of praise to the caterers and thanked everyone for their support.

In the meanwhile a parcel had been making its way round the tables and when it was opened by the recipient it was found to contain a toy trumpet, whereupon a wit got up and proposed a toast to Eddie Calvert.

When the tables had been cleared the company were entertained with dancing by Margaret Ladd, accompanied by her mother on the piano, and then, for nearly an hour, by Mr. Clarkson, from Tonbridge, who amused and mystified. The rest of the time was then passed away with method- and tune-ringing on the handbells. The arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. E. J. Ladd and A. F. Wellington, who are to be congratulated for making the event such a success. C. A. B.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

In spite of the dismal weather there was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Guild held at Llanstephan on December 11th. The Vicar, the Rev. J. T. Jenkins, was in the belfry to greet the members as they arrived and it was very nice to see the Vicar of Llanbadarn Fawr, the Rev. O. G. Rees and the Rev. E. A. B. Hughes, curate of Llanelly, among those present.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. T. Jenkins, officiated at the service and the lesson was read by the Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Harries, of Llanbadarn Fawr. The ringers were afterwards entertained to a very nice tea at the Central Cafe, about 70 members attending.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting and the usual touch on the handbells was given by the young ringers of the Llanelly Parish Church, and also a demonstration of lapping bells, a novelty to many of the members.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 14s. Two grants of £5 each were approved to Llanbadarn Fawr and Llanstephan and the next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Llanelly on Saturday, March 12th. The Vicar was thanked by Mr. C. H. Hawkins (secretary) seconded by Mr. E. J. Thomas (Carmarthen). C. H.

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EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

To some, the busy streets of any large city mingled with sight-seeing, studying of churches, etc., hold attractions. To others the countryside, with its woodlands, its landscapes and village churches, away from the smoke of diesel engines into the fresh air, makes a pleasant change. To those desiring the latter, few spots will be found to equal an area between Buckingham and Towcester. Churches may be scattered somewhat, but there is plenty to interest those who prefer the quiet.

Whittlebury has for centuries been a source of delight because of its parklands and its Royal forest, from which King Charles II. gave a thousand tons of timber to rebuild All Saints' Church, Northampton, after the Great Fire of 1666. Noted families have from time to time held residence at Whittlebury, including Sir Reginald Loder, who in 1887 was responsible for adding a new bell to four existing bells in this church and rehanging all in a new oak frame, the work by Messrs. Warners, of London—a firm which ceased to exist after rehanging the bells of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, about 1922.

Very little ringing activity has existed at Whittlebury during my 33 years as a ringer and only once have I rung there. I well remember finding most of the bells loose on the headstocks afterwards, especially the third. I cannot ever recall a Guild meeting at Whittlebury! The tenor of these five bells is eight cwt.

To the south we come into Bucks to the quiet but pleasant village of Lillingstone Lovell, with its old saddleback tower dating from 1210, and a church which still retains its old horse-box pews. At the end of the war I well remember visiting this church, to find four bells, all cast by Alexander Rigby, of Stamford, Lincs, dated 1693. So dangerous did their frame and fittings appear that I wrote the then Rector, pointing this out, at the same time advising a restoration and a new bell to make five. A subsequent Rector followed up the advice, but instead of a tenor a treble was added, which made them into a minor five (the tenor of these is 6¼ cwt.). Messrs. John Taylor and Co. carried out the work some two years ago, but a great misfortune has befallen their keen, youthful, new team of ringers since—the tower has cracked and ringing is suspended. Whether a tenor to make six will now ever be added, as they hoped, is a matter for the diocesan architect, who evidently could not have detected a crack, which it is thought must have been present at the time of the rehanging, in a steel frame for six. It is very unfortunate for Lillingstone Lovell, with few more than 100 souls, who did rally to raise the money with such enthusiasm.

At the time of penning these notes I am tempted to think of Lillingstone Lovell's famous racehorse, 'Wot-no-Sun'! Many days have passed since it shone, around Northampton at any rate!

In a park about a mile to the west is Lillingstone Dayrell (pronounced Darrell locally), whose church has a low tower with a flat leaded roof, no battlements or pinnacles, giving it a somewhat strange appearance. It contains three bells with a tenor of nine cwt. by Richard Chandler, of Drayton Parslow, Bucks, dated 1674, the second by Edward Hall, who took over the Chandlers' business, is dated 1726, and the treble, by Warners, of London, dated 1868. The old oak frame is for three bells only. Here again I advised a restoration, and, if possible, an augmentation, for dry rot and wood worm have taken toll of both frame and headstocks. Despite this, the Lovell lads have had Dayrell's three bells up and rung sixes on one or two occasions. Typical of so many churches I visit, I found leaflets detailing the history of the church in both places, but not a mention of the bells as a guide to bell archæologists.

Over the Bucks boundary, to Passenham, on the very edge of Northants is a church recently threatened with a closure, where I think the Historic Churches Preservation Trust should step in and do something. Stony Stratford and Wolverton are very nearby, and only low-lying meadowland for about a mile separates them, and possibly prevents housing expansion. Thirty years ago I remember going over this Village Hall and boating on the moat surrounding it. I was then but a treble ringer and could not resist finding out about the bells, which I found were rehung by Bowell, of Ipswich, in 1907, in existing oak frame, they at the same time recasting a pre-Reformation treble. The tenor here is said to be 17 cwt., but is only 46 inches in diameter across the lip. The tenors of Wootton (Northants) and Claybrooke (Leics) are both 46-inch bells and weigh 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb., and 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. respectively, and I am inclined to think this is nearer the true weight of Passenham's tenor, despite some people's story that 'she goes all 17 cwt.' I once visited Ashwell, in Rutland, where a 9 cwt. tenor 'went all 30 cwt.'!

However, a very interesting church with some of the old high pews is to be found at Passenham. The fourth is the most interesting bell, showing a unique inscription, 'A Trvsty Frende is Harde to Fynde, 1585.' It is a casting of Richard Benetlye, a travelling bellfounder, who, by means of temporary furnaces, cast all his bells on the spot. Benetlye was a native of Leicester, and possibly learned his trade under the Newcombe family of bellfounders. Other works of his can be seen in Rutland, at Seaton (1597), and several Midland parishes. When he cast this bell at Passenham, it is thought he must have been in a rather low spirited frame of mind—a somewhat sad man—hence the inscription.

Were he or the Attons of Buckingham alive to-day, I have an inclination that one of these would be able to divulge the secret of what happened to the four bells of Preston Deanery, near Northampton, which were sold between 1585 and 1622 by Jasper Hertwell, who during those 37 years occupied the Manor, plundered the church and sold the lead and the bells. In 1622 Charles Edmonds, who took this Manor, restored the church at Preston Deanery and installed one small bell, which Henry Penn, of Peterborough, recast in 1710, which still exists to this day in the old tower. This old tower is, inside, like a fuel cellar, used for storing coke.

Back to South Northants, Syresham is a steeple of which little is known to many ringers. I had an eye-opener when I visited this place back in the early '30's. There are five bells (tenor 8½ cwt.) in what is described as 'a weak steeple,' although it is of no great height, 60-70 feet at the outside.

Massive polished oak beams are built inside the tower from the ground up to the bell chamber in each corner. Upon these is built the oak bell frame, so that these carry all the weight and the tower actually only forms a casement (or shell). The back four bells hang one on each side of the tower, with the treble in a frame of its own above, set diagonal, so that its rope falls in the centre of the belfry, which is on the ground floor. The last rehanging here was in 1886. To-day the bells are totally unringable. At the time of my visit (one Sunday), the then churchwarden (who was himself a ringer) had the remarkable record of having served under 11 vicars. I have tried to persuade one or two in authority here to push for a restoration, and one day it may succeed.

Another steeple needing a bell restoration in this area is Evenley. Nothing has been done since 1865, when Mears rehung these five light bells (tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.), one of which has the historic distinction of being the first bell of the Bagley family, of Chacombe, nearby.

Henry Bagley, born in 1608, cast this bell at the age of 24—in 1632—the date to be seen on it. This Henry had several descendants of the same name, besides two Matthews and a William. The family carried on bellfounding at Chacombe, Exton, and elsewhere, until 1771, when it became extinct. The back six of the unrung eight bells at Easton Neston, near Towcester, were the last bells of the Bagleys. A new vicar of Towcester is hoping to persuade Lord Hesketh to allow Easton Neston's bells to be rung again. These six bells were augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1911. They have been unrung since the late '20's and are a ring of bells wasted.' The Hesketh family control the estate and are the patrons.

Whitfield, near to Syresham, has five bells rehung by Taylors in 1870. I cannot recall a meeting ever here, but some ringing interest of late has sprung up, although the belfry is anything but pleasant to ring in; ropes fall almost touching the walls. There are five bells (tenor 7 cwt.).

(To be continued)

A DAY IN SHROPSHIRE VILLAGES

A small band drawn from Allesley (Coventry) St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, and Little Aston, together with the writer, spent December 4th touring Shropshire villages.

At Burford it was discovered that the five bells here are hung 'dead' (Mr. Dove and others interested, please note). A local inhabitant at Tugford told us that this five had not been rung within living memory, and by the state of the frame and fittings we could well believe it. Not until nearly dinner time did we have our first ring, at Rushbury (5, 6 cwt. in B). Here the Vicar welcomed us but told us that the bells had not been rung for six years and that he himself had never heard them rung. After ascending the tower to ensure their safety, and one of our ropes had been fixed to the tenor, we managed some Grandsire on this somewhat tricky ground-floor ring, with a cracked 2nd.

There is a pleasant six at Hope Bowdler (9¼ cwt. in A) and an even better light 5½ cwt. six at Church Pulverbatch. They have recently been overhauled by Taylors and are a good job.

About three miles north of Shrewsbury is Leaton, with its broached five. These bells were considered by the two members of the band who had rung on every Shropshire five to be easily the best; they are a good ring by Taylors (tenor 14¼ cwt. in G) and some Stedman was enjoyed here. At Atcham we decided to check with the Vicar the report that the bells were unringable. He promptly informed us that this was not so and readily gave us permission to ring. Unfortunately the treble rope was broken but we enjoyed some well-struck Doubles on the back five (tenor 11 cwt. in G). This church is notable in being the only one in England dedicated to St. Eata.

The head ringer and his son welcomed us and joined in ringing with us at Albrighton. Here are quite a good six (tenor 11 cwt. in G). We found a pinnacled tower and spire rising 200 feet at Worfield, where the head ringer joined in some excellent Grandsire Doubles on this good six (tenor 15 cwt. in F). A good 'fall' ended the day's ringing. The band wish to express their sincere thanks to all incumbents and ringers who made them welcome.

OBITUARY

MR. F. J. RING

With great regret we record the passing of Mr. F. J. Ring, of Swanscombe, Kent, who died suddenly after a very short illness.

Mr. Ring, who was 68 years of age, was for many years leader and secretary of Swanscombe band. He followed his father as secretary of the band, thus constituting a record of 62 years of continuous service. A prominent Freemason, he was Immediate Past Master of the Anglo Saxons and also a member of the Lodge of Sympathy.

In Swanscombe Church there is a permanent memorial to his love of the church. He made and gave the beautifully carved oak screen which divides the vestry and ringing chamber from the main body of the church.

The funeral service in Swanscombe on Dec. 15th was attended by many mourners, including the local band and friends from nearby towers. The bells were rung half-muffled on Friday evening, and a half-muffled peal of Stedman, his favourite method, was rung on the Saturday. And so another stalwart of this church has passed to his higher reward. G. J. B.

REDEDICATION

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX

Reputed to be one of the most musical rings in Sussex, the bells of Withyham have just been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor. They have been fitted with new gudgeons and hung on ball bearings and the clappers have been rebushed. The organ, also, has been cleaned and overhauled, and on Sunday, December 12th, the completion of both jobs was celebrated by a thanksgiving service, which was preceded by an organ recital by Dr. A. W. Bunney, Director of Music, Tonbridge School.

The bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. R. Missen, Vicar of Coleman's Hatch, who gave them into the care of the Rector, the Rev. P. L. Scott, while an interesting address was given by the Rev. G. A. E. Cottam, curate of Wadhurst. After the service there was ringing by the local band and visitors under the direction of Mr. H. Vaughan, the Withyham captain.

VILLAGERS AFRAID?

The following headlines appeared in the Northampton 'Mercury and Herald' on December 17th:—'Syresham Villagers Afraid Bellringing Will Bring Down Their Tower.'

The village of Syresham, situated near Brackley, has but five bells with a 37 inch tenor weighing 8½ cwt., in one of the lowest broached steeples to be seen anywhere. Like Acle, Norfolk, the bells are hung almost independent of the tower, in an oak frame upon beams from the ground in each corner of the tower, which is a mere casement or shell.

The bells were last rehung (on oak headstocks) in 1886. They hang north, south, east and west, with the treble swinging diagonally in a frame on its own above the other four in the centre.

'Would these five light bells, if rehung, bring down the tower?' A visit by the Central Council Towers and Belfries Committee should supply the answer.

SAID 2,500 YEARS AGO

The Master said: To learn and to practise on occasion what one has learnt—is this not true pleasure? The coming of a friend from a far-off land—is this not true joy?

Refusal to instruct one who is competent to learn entails the waste of a man. Instruction of one who is incompetent to learn entails waste of words. The wise man is he who wastes neither men nor words.

From the 'Sayings of Confucius' (551—478 B.C.)

Submitted by Miss E. D. Overend, 49, Alexandra Road, Frome.

NORTH STONEHAM RINGERS

Preceded by supper, the annual meeting of the North Stoneham ringers was held at the Old Rectory Hotel, North Stoneham, near Eastleigh. The Rector (the Rev. H. Shail) presided at an attendance of 16 of the band. In his address he referred to the sound of the bells as a 'glimmering of sanity in a world becoming used to the scream of the jet engine and the crash of breaking through the sound barrier.'

Congratulations and good wishes were expressed to Mr. W. T. Tucker, who had celebrated his 78th birthday the day previous. Commenting on the year's activity the captain, Mr. R. A. Reed, said that the full ringing band now numbered 23 of mixed ages and ringing ability. To train the local band to peal standard had of necessity to be a slow task but the successful ringing of the first 720 for several of the band, and the equally successful quarter peal attempt that afternoon had been encouraging for all who took part, including himself.

Reporting on the financial position the treasurer and secretary, Mr. Norman Hayes, said that the Belfry Fund, after expenses, now stood at £41, nearly a quarter of which had been received from ringers' subscriptions. The steeplekeeper, Mr. C. Taylor, reported on the condition of the bells and the belfry.

Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted:—Mr. R. A. Reed, captain; Mr. N. Hayes, treasurer; Mr. L. W. Stead, secretary. Permanent officers were the Rector as president, and Mr. Taylor as steeplekeeper.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Cheltenham Branch

Nearly 40 members and visitors assembled at St. Mary's Church, Charlton Kings, on December 11th for the annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Ringing began on the eight bells at 3 p.m. and continued until 4 p.m. when a break was made for tea at which the ringers were cordially welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. Deakin.

This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Master of the Association, Mr. Leslie Barry. Officers elected for 1955 were Mr. C. Rouse, chairman, and Miss E. M. Bliss secretary; Mr. F. Nurden was re-elected representative on the Management Committee.

After the meeting the ringers returned to the church for a service conducted by the Vicar, who spoke of the importance of ringers playing an active part in the life of the church.

Further ringing, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major, took place until 8.30 p.m.

Australia's Oldest Bell

The oldest bell in Australia was cast 278 years ago and stands in the porch of St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, Perth. It was presented to the Benedictine Abbey at Compostella, Spain, in 1676 by one Maestro Bustamante and was brought to Australia in 1853.

According to J. E. M. H. in 'Ringing Towers' the inscription round the shoulder of the bells is: 'Sancta Hagata, I.H.S. Maria Ora Pro Nobis.' The lettering has a background of fine tracery of leaves. On the body of the bell are two medallions—one of a knight on horseback and the other a head of Our Blessed Lord. On the opposite side of the bell from these is a cross carried out in little individual star shapes rather like those which one can achieve with a cake-icing nozzle. Altogether it is a most noble old bell—rather longer and narrower than the present-day shape—and it would be interesting to hear the note and tone of it.

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ENGAGEMENTS

LEESE—SPENCE.—The engagement is announced between William L. B. Leese, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. S. Leese, of 24, Rollscourt Avenue, Herne Hill, S.E.24, and Eileen Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Spence, of 39, Morningfield Road, Aberdeen. 5581

MOORE—BRACEY.—The engagement is announced between Mr. John Moore, of Heston, Middlesex, and Miss Eileen Bracey, of Hethersett, Norfolk. 5582

SILVER WEDDING

BALL—BRINKWORTH.—On January 1st, 1930, at St. Mary's Church, Frampton-on-Severn, by the Rev. Lionel Ward, Henry Surman to Freda. Present address: New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Gloucester. 5594

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To all friends, far and near, old and new, greetings.—Charles Rouse, Cheltenham. 5578

Greetings for the New Year to friends everywhere from Shirley Rymer, Dudley, Worcs. 5575

To all our ringing friends with whom we have had such great times with on our tours round the counties of England, a happy and prosperous New Year.—N. S. T. G., Nailsea. 5573

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MISCELLANEOUS

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Change of officer: The hon. secretary is now E. H. Edge, of 6, Court Lane, Wolstanton, Stoke-on-Trent. Tel. Newcastle 66085. 5593

ROMSEY ABBEY.—No practice on Jan. 5th or during Lent, otherwise visitors welcome on first Wednesdays of the month.—C. T. Drew, 111, Winchester Road, Romsey, Hants. 5579

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Ripley (8), Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—Mary Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 5577

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting at Ely on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Election of officers at business meeting.—R. J Housden, Dis. Sec. 5543

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney on Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Don't forget your nominations for new members.—W. P. G. 5493

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Sevenoaks (8) on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5517

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting at Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, at 6 p.m., Jan. 1st. St. Martin's bells (12) available 4.30 p.m.—George E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: Springfield 1025. 5502

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Jan. 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; bring own food. All welcome.—N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 5532

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting Lindfield (8), Saturday, Jan. 1st.—Mrs. E. Rapley. 5597

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, Jan. 3rd, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5600

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's (8), Broad Street, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Abbey bells available after the meeting. Tea, on notification only, to Mr. G. Hawkins, 29, Coronation Avenue, Oldfield Park, Bath. 5542

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 5583

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 3. Tea and business meeting in the Memorial Hall 5.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 5576

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Silverton, Saturday, Jan 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 Names for tea to A. G. Selley, 3, Exeter Road, Silverton.—W. Ware, Hon. Sec. 5506

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), Jan. 8th. Names for tea to H. Vaughan, 17, Balls Green, Withyham, Hartfield. — C. A. Bassett. 5601

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells: R.C. 2-3 p.m.; Great St. Andrew's 3-4.30 p.m. and service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road. St. Mary's bells after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5587

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Annual general meeting, Brentwood, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Sitch, Angle Cottage, Priests' Lane, Shenfield. 5531

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6) Jan. 8th. Tea. — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 5586

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross, Jan. 8th, from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea (Central Cafe) 4.30. Names for tea to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 5544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Headcorn, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5569

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland, St. Andrew's, Jan. 8th. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by Branch annual meeting. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 5th.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland. 5572

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business 6.15. Election of Ringing Master, nominations to be given at meeting. Please send names for tea, by Jan. 5th, to B. Heginbottom, 4, Parkside, Whitworth.—F. Pritchard. 5590

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Second annual meeting, Darlington, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. at St. Cuthbert's and St. John's. Service, St. Cuthbert's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing, Holy Trinity, in evening. Names for tea, by Thursday, Jan. 6th, to Mrs. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington. Special bus will leave Central Garage, Newcastle, at 2 p.m. There are still a few seats vacant on this bus. Anyone interested, please contact Mrs. N. I. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 5553

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual, Jan. 8th, Loughborough Parish Church, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Bellfoundry Ringing Room, 5. Names, by Jan. 4th, to Mr. P. Taylor, Bellfoundry House.—C. W. Hall. 5556

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Leicester, on Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Schoolrooms. Names, by Jan. 5th, to J. Bennett, 41, Valence Road, Leicester. St. Margaret's possibly available during evening.—5598

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Annual meeting at Sleaford (8) on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Tea for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mrs. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5580

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Next meeting, Fishtoft, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. All requiring tea must notify me by Monday, Jan. 3rd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 5603

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 8th, St. Margaret's (not St. Andrew's), Uxbridge. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hut, Belmont Road. Bells (8) from 3. Hillingdon (10) after tea. Every tower represented, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 5568

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Longton, Sat., Jan. 8th. Own arrangements for tea; cafes near tower.—E. H. Edge. 5592

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A.G.M. at East Haddon. Jan. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Red Lion Hotel 4.45 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Jan. 5th.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5589

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Swalcliffe (6), Jan. 8th. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West. Phone: Adderbury 350. 5535

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting at Oundle (8), Jan. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Brereton Rooms. Names for tea, by Jan. 1st, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 5550

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Bushbury, Wolverhampton, Jan. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 5th, to Mr. H. Harrison, 70, Sandon Road, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton. 5574

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 8th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) available from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.15. Tea (3s. each) at 5 p.m. at Tudor Cafe, only for those who notify by 6th, Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 5595

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Angmering (6), on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5605

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual District meeting, Jan. 8th. Service in St. Mary's Chantry 4.15. Tea in Chantry Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at St. Michael's 2.30 to 4 and after meeting. Names for tea, by Jan. 4th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 5599

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, Burton, All Saints', Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea in All Saints' Schoolroom 4.45, followed by meeting. Parish Church bells available after meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton. Overseale 264. 5591

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Vicarage Room at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names or numbers for tea must be sent on or before Wednesday, Jan. 12th, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 5596

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Tea will be free to current Branch members. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to D. Haynes, 5, London Road, Kettering. 5588

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, January 15th. Bells available: St. Giles', Cripplegate (City) (12), 2.30–4 p.m.: St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Martin's Canteen, followed by meeting in Vestry Hall. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 11th, please, to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5526

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5602

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lifton on Jan. 22nd. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5548

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—**Important Preliminary Notice.**—The annual general meeting of the Kent Branch will be held at Canterbury Cathedral on Jan. 22nd, Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. and Evensong at 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names, by Jan. 15th, please, to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. All ladies welcome, gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 5585

HONITON, DEVON.—On Dec. 19th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Webb 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, B. Tozer 6. For morning service.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints): M. Baker 1, Gwenda A. Davies 2, W. G. Wright 3, C. E. Hill 4, B. E. Shedell (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to Gwenda A. Davis, who is leaving the district.

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WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Rye 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, Miss A. Vine 3, A. C. Rye 4, P. J. Rye 5, J. F. Penfold 6, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, H. E. Axon 8. Rung for carol service, also a 63rd birthday compliment to H. E. Axon.

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